

## Wave of enthusiasm greets Scheer in Vaughan

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Andrew Scheer's visit to Vaughan last week sparked a massive wave of enthusiasm from Conservative candidates across the GTA.

The Kleinburg-area Jan Paderewski Park was packed with a sea of blue, along with Toronto and national media, to hear the Conservative leader kick off the federal election campaign in Ontario.

His main message is one of optimism, and a vow to put more money back in the pockets of hard-working Canadians.

He said he "can't wait to take our plan across the country" and fight for Canadian jobs. He's adamant about helping the middle class, acknowledging today's essentials are more expensive for average families. Under the current federal government, he sees even higher taxes to come.

It's not average citizens who get ahead under Justin Trudeau, but rather "Liberal insiders." He noted Canadians have had four years of the Trudeau leadership, which featured fired "whistle blowers" and an RCMP investigation.

"He's (Trudeau) lost the moral ability to govern," he said. Scheer is admittedly an optimist and some say he smiles too much.

"It's hard not to smile when you have amazing candidates like Anna Roberts (King-Vaughan) and an amazing and diverse group of candidates across the GTA and Canada. It's hard not to smile when you have the right plan."

He told the enthusiastic crowd numbering well over 500 that it's time "for you to have a government that finally gets it," especially after "four years of being neglected and ignored."

He stressed that citizens are just getting by and they want a break. Middle class Canadians are struggling and doing the best they can. They "deserve a government that will help ... we have a plan to ... put more money back in your pocket."

He said their first order of business is to cancel the carbon tax. He also vows to remove the HST on necessities like home heating and energy costs. He also promises to provide tax-free EI benefits to parents on parental leave.

Under Trudeau, Canada has become a country of "no," and Scheer said under his leadership, it will be a country of "yes, yes to big projects like the pipeline, to get off of foreign oil once and for all." He also pledges to fight climate change and advocate for green technology. He would also ban the dumping of raw sewage into our rivers, lakes and oceans. "He will ensure stable funding for health and social services."