



September 30, 2011

Mr. Harry Eagleshan
Vice President
Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods – Ontario
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Dear Mr. Eagleshan,

Thank you for your survey and for the opportunity to tell you about the ways *changebook* offers to break traffic gridlock and address municipal planning and infrastructure issues.

I have long championed the Canadian value of home ownership. I believe that helping families afford homes is essential to building strong neighbourhoods. As Premier, I will continue to make it a priority.

You asked about planning reform. When it comes to building strong communities and neighbourhoods, Dalton McGuinty has repeatedly shown that he is out of touch and that he is uninterested in the wishes of municipal officials directly elected by the families living in their communities. We will restore the local decision-making powers that were taken away by the Dalton McGuinty Liberals. We will end the constant provincial tinkering and delays in local official plans.

Like any parent, I take it personally when I get stuck in congested traffic when I am trying to drive home to see my family. An Ontario PC government will invest \$35 billion in infrastructure, with a significant portion going towards breaking gridlock and moving people and goods more quickly and efficiently.

With respect to the Ontario Municipal Board, there will always be a role for an independent body to adjudicate planning issues. We will review the OMB to ensure it is accomplishing this goal in an effective and efficient manner.

In addition, I will appoint a Minister responsible for cutting red tape and for reducing the regulatory burden by a minimum of 30%. As our government reviews forms, legislation, and regulations pertaining to planning and development issues, we will welcome your organization to share its advice.

Families and seniors cannot afford another four years of Dalton McGuinty. We need change.

To make life more affordable, we're going to scrap the eco taxes and leave more money in the household budget. We will also lower the overall tax burden on middle-class families by reducing income taxes by 5% on the first \$75,000 in taxable income, saving a middle-class taxpayer \$258 each year. We will change the tax system to allow all couples to share up to \$50,000 of their income for tax purposes, which could save a middle-class family up to \$1,400 per year in income taxes.



And to provide relief on the household essentials, we're going to remove the HST from home hydro and heating bills and take the Debt Retirement Charge off of residential hydro bills. Taken together, our home energy relief measures will make the costs of homeownership more affordable and give Ontario families \$275 in yearly relief from rising energy bills.

In order to keep our neighbourhoods safe, we will establish a registry to allow realtors and future homeowners to know whether or not a property was ever used as a grow op or meth lab

To read more about the change we're proposing for Ontario families, I encourage you to visit www.changebook.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader