

Election 2008

YORK: Carbon tax a focus of several candidates

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"We need to decide if we want and activist, forward looking government that believes there is a role in market regulation, social programs, and stimulating job growth in emerging markets. This is about nation building."

Moses also discussed the Liberals' proposed carbon tax.

"We have to work together," she said. "We are proposing a Green Shift. We're looking ahead at the future, in terms of jobs and the economy. The shift is going to tax the things that are bad for the environment,

and reward things that are good. It is important we take action. Make the polluters pay, and give yourself the tax breaks."

Others also say a carbon tax would be beneficial for residents and the economy.

"The Green Party has fully integrated policies that take into account the economy, the environment and social justice," said Dewar.

"You cannot solve problems simply by throwing money at them, a balanced budget requires a balanced approach. Canada needs the Green Party to ensure open and honest dialogue. The Conservatives are falsely

claiming a carbon tax would hurt our economy and increase prices, while ignoring the benefits that reduced income and corporate taxes will provide. Every credible economist knows the most effective way to reduce air pollution is with a carbon tax."

However, Van Loan says a carbon tax would do the exact opposite.

"This election, you have a clear choice. With an uncertain economic time, do we stick with people like (Prime Minister) Stephen Harper, who have controlled spending and delivered the only balanced budget in the G7

countries and continue to pay down debt, or do we take a chance on a risky scheme? A new carbon tax would drive up heating and hydro costs, and everything you buy in a store."

If re-elected, the Conservatives would continue their investment in Lake Simcoe clean-up, and control government spending, said Van Loan.

"When we became government, we laid out a clear plan of what we were going to do," he said. "We have been delivering results on lowering taxes. We've introduced a universal child care benefit, and delivered on

tackling crime."

But the economy and government need complete restructuring, said Gunn.

The Heritage Party would offer interest free loans to lower tier governments to repair infrastructure, and reduce federal debt if elected, she said.

"After the Second World War, the government was concerned about the economy and the veterans returning unemployed," said Gunn. "The government ordered the Bank of Canada to grant interest free loans to municipalities and provinces to build their infrastructure. This launched the biggest

building boom in Canadian history. It's time for this generation to take care of leaving future generations with a healthy infrastructure."

Pisani says his party is calling for a reform of the current democratic process, and accountability within government.

"We're standing here for Canadians," he said. "I can't support a dictatorship. Across this nation, you're finding provinces that are not equal.

"(The federal government) is crating a situation where Ontario will not have equal representation for our population."

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