



RE-ELECT
Jim Flaherty
 WHITBY-OSHAWA



It has been a privilege to serve the people of Whitby-Oshawa over the past two and a half years. You have placed your trust in me. You have placed trust in our government and we have worked hard to live up to that trust.

Our government has made considerable progress, reducing the tax burden for individuals, families and businesses, lowering the national debt and controlling government spending. But in this period of global economic uncertainty we must continue to manage the economy responsibly and prudently.

As I seek a second term as Member of Parliament for Whitby-Oshawa, I ask for your support so we can build upon the progress we have made together.

Sincerely,

Jim Flaherty



Jim makes the GST announcement official.

Reducing the Tax Burden on Individuals, families and businesses

- We have introduced over 100 measures that reduce or eliminate taxes
- Total savings (of Conservative measures to date, including the Universal Child Care Benefit) for a typical working family are \$3,680 per year.
- We have reduced the GST from 7 per cent to 5 per cent. The savings for Canadians are significant:
 - A family purchasing a new \$300,000 home in Oshawa will save \$3,840 in GST.
 - A family spending \$10,000 on home renovations will save \$200 in GST.
 - A family spending \$30,000 on a new vehicle will save \$600 in GST.

- As a result of our two-percentage point reduction in the GST, people living in Oshawa, Whitby and throughout Durham Region will save an additional \$210 million each and every year.



- We are introducing the Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) on January 1, 2009. Under the Account

all investment income, including capital gains, will be exempt from any tax, even when withdrawn.



Construction has begun on "The Automotive Centre of Excellence" at VOIT.

Building Durham Region

- We have made the federal gas tax fund permanent. In 2008-09:
 - Durham Region receives \$8.2 million
 - City of Oshawa receives \$2.2 million
 - Town of Whitby receives \$1.4 million
- We are re-establishing the rail link between the City of Peterborough and Toronto's Union Station, with stops in communities such as Myrtle Station.
- We have also set aside nearly \$1 billion for our GTA transportation plan entitled FLOW. It includes investments in Durham Transit, the widening of Highway 7 in Durham Region and the extension of Highway 407 east to Highway 35/115.
- We are providing \$15 million for the Abilities Centre Durham, a recreation, athletic and performing arts facility that will be fully accessible to all persons with a varying degree of abilities and challenges.

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Jim makes federal gas tax funding permanent.



Jim announces federal funding for Durham Transit.



Jim hosts his annual Canada Day celebration.



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Jim with his wife Christine, triplet boys, John, Galen and Quinn and Guinness the dog.

Supporting our Families

- We are providing families \$1,200 per year for every child under age six as part of Canada's Universal Child Care Plan.
- We are providing a \$2,000 Child Tax Credit, supporting more than three million Canadian families.
- We are providing a Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) to help people over the welfare wall.
- We introduced the Registered Disabilities Savings Plan (RDSP) to help ensure the long-term financial security of Canadians with severe disabilities. This is the first of its kind in Canada.

Supporting our Seniors

- For the first time in Canadian history we are allowing Pension Income Splitting for seniors and pensioners. This year nearly 820,000 people split their pensions.



- We have increased senior's Guaranteed Income Supplement to \$3,500.
- We have increased the RRSP/RPP maturation age limit to 71 years of age.

Supporting Local Business

- We are providing an accelerated capital cost allowance allowing manufacturing businesses to fully write off investments in machinery and equipment.
- We are providing a \$1 billion Community Development Trust to help communities and workers in areas highly dependent on struggling industries. More than \$357 million of this funding will flow directly to Ontario.
- We have unveiled an "Automotive Action Plan" to help upgrade the industry for the 21st century, which includes investing in a new Automotive Innovation Fund of \$250 million over five years.
- We are being flexible with the government's existing investments — and the result is a \$290 million investment in GM which will include a commitment to produce Canada's first hybrid vehicle in Oshawa.

Supporting Safe Neighborhoods

- We are providing \$400 million to hire 2,500 front-line police officers across Canada.
- We are providing \$20 million to prevent youth crime.



- We are providing \$6 million per year to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking of children.
- We are providing \$26 million to support victims of crime.