



NORTH HALTON'S ONLY TRULY INDEPENDENT DAILY MULTIMEDIA NEWSGROUP

Reclaiming our community, one story at a time.

[HERALD ARCHIVES](#)

[COMMUNITY CALENDAR](#)

[LINKS](#)

[SEARCH](#)

Stephane Dion's new "Special Advisor"

Posted on Tuesday, November 20 @ 14:19:20 EST by [editor](#)

Halton: MP Garth Turner has recently been assigned two key roles by Liberal Leader Stephane Dion, taking on the title of Special Advisor, in anticipation of the new session of Parliament and a possible fall national election.

Garth Turner, MP for Halton, will "build on the success of his summer tour and take on responsibility as the Leader's Special Advisor for Riding and Constituency Outreach, a key political and fundraising role." Mr. Dion said.

The decision made by the opposition leader is designed to ensure the Liberal Party will leverage all of the expertise and experience of its talented team to maintain a strong focus on making Parliament work. The House of Commons resumes sitting on October 16th.

Garth held public Town Hall meetings across Ontario and four western provinces this past summer listening to Canadians and taking their concerns, along with those from the people of Halton, to Ottawa. As well, Garth has been appointed to the Liberal Party's powerful Priorities and Planning Committee, chaired by Mr. Dion and vice-chaired by Deputy Leader Michael Ignatieff.

The Priorities and Planning Committee provides key political, policy development and strategic planning advice to the Leader of the Official Opposition. As such, it is the primary planning and strategic decision-making body for the Liberal Party of Canada's caucus in the Parliament of Canada.

"The confidence shown in me is deeply appreciated," Turner says, "particularly since I have been with the Liberal caucus a relatively short time. It is further proof Stephane Dion understands what leadership is - working with the skills of those around him, instead of trying to run a one-man band. It fills me with confidence this is the kind of man who will excel in leading Canada."

Garth Turner joined the federal Liberal caucus in February, 2007, four months after being ejected from the Conservative caucus, for being outspoken in his criticism of Stephen Harper's handling of the environment, the appointment to cabinet of David Emerson and issues of middle class taxation. Since then he has been a champion for many of those Canadians the Conservative government has betrayed, including two million income trust investors. He was also instrumental in bringing the issues of pension-splitting and income-splitting to Parliament. Thanks to his efforts, retired Canadian couples are now able to share their pension income and thereby reduce tax.

Garth Turner is also a leading populist in Parliament. Since being elected the second time in January of 2006, he has held more than 55 Town Hall meetings, and is the only MP to have an interactive online blog which has been visited by millions of Canadians.

Turner has also served as a federal Minister of National Revenue and ran for the leadership of the PC Party of Canada in 1993. He is also a best-selling personal finance author, and career broadcaster, columnist and media entrepreneur. He has served as a director of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, upholding and protecting Canada's environmental laws.

This shuffle comes one week before Parliament reconvenes for its second session, and ensures that the Liberal Party will be best equipped to address the priorities of all Canadians