



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

### **TIM HUDAK TALKS CHANGE TO A FULL HOUSE IN DURHAM REGION**

(DURHAM REGION) – Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak talked about his government’s plan for change and tax relief at an Industry Luncheon hosted by the Durham Region Home Builders’ Association (DRHBA) on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Oshawa.

Mr. Hudak outlined his party’s commitments through his ‘Changebook’ platform including lowering income taxes and eliminating HST from hydro and home heating bills; investing in health care and education; and cleaning up unnecessary waste in government.

“Our process will be straight forward. If it works, leave it alone. If it’s broken, fix it. If it cannot justify its existence, it goes,” Mr. Hudak told the 170 guests at the luncheon, and added, “We say it’s time for change. Change that gives families the relief they need, the hope they deserve, and the time together they cherish.”

The Leader mentioned that the Toronto area has been rated with having the worst traffic in North America.

“Whether you’re driving from Oshawa to a business meeting in the city or trying to move equipment from one job site to the next, traffic is a drain on your time, and your money,” explained Mr. Hudak. “I’m a new Dad who sits in traffic like everyone else. For me, traffic jams are personal. They are time stolen from my wife Debbie and our daughter Miller.”

He said his government will invest more than \$35 billion in new infrastructure with a majority of that amount going towards transportation.

Jeff Goldman, President of the Durham Region Home Builders’ Association, said there are many issues affecting Durham Region and in particular, the new home building industry, that he hopes the next Premier of Ontario will work together to solve.

“Durham Region should not be regarded as the poor cousin of those municipalities to the west. No longer are we the one-trick automobile manufacturing pony that also happens to supply bedrooms for the neighbouring metropolis,” said Mr. Goldman. “We are a Region whose time has come. Not only has the manufacturing sector become revitalized, but the infusion of a knowledge-based economy powered by investments in the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Durham College, Trent University. Ontario Power Generation, R and D Facilities at General Motors, Centres of Excellence at Lakeridge

Health, alternative energy research and innovation have made Durham Region a leader in Ontario's brain trust. These coupled with our long and strong history of agricultural production, proximity to markets, harbours, shorelines, natural beauty and recreational opportunities make us shine."

But in order to make a good Region great, Mr. Goldman said we need the tools to ensure its prosperity.

"Give us those tools—get the 407 built to the 35/115 as soon as possible, resolve the issues with the federal government regarding the new Darlington nuclear build now, treat us with the respect we deserve and remember, that when the sun rises over the Greater Golden Horseshoe, it rises first in Durham Region."

To thank Mr. Hudak for speaking, The Durham Region Home Builders' Association made in donation in his honour to Habitat for Humanity Durham for its new Oshawa building project.

Founded in 1953, the Durham Region Home Builders' Association represents over 165 member companies comprised of builder, developer, supplier, contractor and professional members representing more than 4,500 employees who share a common interest, concern and a genuine passion for the home building industry and for their customers.

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