

PC candidate Parsa promises 'positive message'



By Brock Weir

Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill PC candidate Michael Parsa is promising to take a 'positive message' to voters ahead of the June 7 election.

Mr. Parsa was joined by a host of dignitaries on Saturday morning as he officially cut the ribbon on his Oak Ridges campaign office, which is located on the northeast corner of Yonge Street and King Road.

'I see the excitement in this room now and I see the excitement at the doors and I see it all across this riding and the Province,' Mr. Parsa told supporters. 'A lot of it has to do because of not just our base, but great leadership at the party now thanks to Doug Ford. It is very important to note he has been leader just under two months and came in under very difficult times, he took the party and now it looks like we went through no issues. Everybody is united, everyone is focused and we are all going out every single day to make sure that we give Ontarians a better choice after June 7.'

'I know these are exciting times, these are good times, it is great to be a progressive conservative these days. I just have to point out to you guys: it wasn't like this a long time ago. I mention that to you because I want us to remain humble, I want us to work hard every single day and not take anything for granted.'

A similar message was delivered by former Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees, who was on hand to formally introduce the candidate at Saturday's launch.

Speaking of PC leader Doug Ford, Mr. Klees said the leader is a man with a key understanding of Ontarians.

'He knows what it is like to have people and family who have challenges and social challenges and medical challenges,' said Mr. Klees. 'He was a man who always stood with his family. He is a man who stands with his community. As he is going across the Province talking about the need to return accountability and transparency and passion to our Province and to government, I can tell you it is resonating. It doesn't matter if it is Northern Ontario or South West Ontario, Doug is making an impact. That is why there is hope for our great province.'

This hope, added Mr. Parsa, can already be seen.

'When we knock on doors we're hearing these messages, whether they are traditional Liberal supporters, whether they are New Canadians voting for the first time, and whether they are supporters of our party: all of them are unhappy and all of them are looking for change,' said Mr. Parsa. 'The reason they are looking for change is we now have a government that has been in power for 15 years and, quite frankly, as the leader posed to the premier, she lost her way. She lost her way because they have forgotten what public representation is all about. They forgot that when you go into office it is about representing the people, and your friends, your insiders and filling their pocket.'

'This Premier has not done anything about the average citizen and that is what we're going to change. We are making a promise to the people that we are going to listen to you, I am making a pledge that I will listen to you, every single one of you, and we are going to turn this province around, I promise you.'