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Hamilton Candidates Join Green Party Whistle Stop Tour in Toronto

Hamilton Green Party Candidates Join Green Leader Elizabeth May on Whistle Stop Tour

Hamilton, Ontario, September 25th, 2008 - Elizabeth May rolls into Toronto tomorrow to conclude the first leg of her Whistle Stop tour (<http://www.greentrain.ca>) that began in Vancouver on Sunday. May will be met in Parry Sound by Hamilton's John Livingstone (Hamilton Centre), Stephen Brotherston (Hamilton Mountain), Peter Ormond (Ancaster Dundas Flamborough Westdale) and David Hart Dyke (Hamilton East - Stoney Creek). Their bios are available on the Hamilton Green Party website <http://www.greenpartyhamilton.ca>.

These local candidates will travel with May to Toronto and attend the campaign event at 8pm at the Hockey Hall of Fame. This rally gives Green Party members and supporters the opportunity to greet and meet Elizabeth and their local candidates.

The trip is the first cross-country whistle-stop campaign tour since Diefenbaker's trips of the 1960s, and Trudeaus's tour in Eastern Canada during the 1974 campaign. May is using what she's described as the simpler, "more democratic" feel of Diefenbaker's era to imply that the new political system is broken. It also allows her to visit smaller communities that are often overlooked by other leaders.

Rail travel requires less fuel than traveling by jet, which means her campaign will release fewer emissions into the atmosphere. It also highlights the need to upgrade Canada's rail system, and draws attention to the Green Party's platform calling for \$1 billion for rail improvements.

As May pointed out in Kamloops, "When we really make history is when we get to Parliament, and we are able to change transportation policy in this country to ensure we have access to modern, high-speed trains. If we had access to Canadian-made Bombardier trains that people do in China and Spain and other advanced countries ... the trip from coast to coast would be 18 hours instead of five days."

After Wednesday's Toronto rally, the Hamilton Greens will be hosting a welcome home rally at the Hamilton GO Station (located at Hunter Street East and Hughson Street South) Thursday at 10 AM. Come out and catch the Green Wave!

For more information on Elizabeth May and the Hamilton Green Party, please visit <http://www.greenpartyhamilton.ca> , or contact John Livingstone : hamiltoncentre@greenparty.ca ; or Sylvia Brade: 905.522.4261

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