

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May Confirms "Strategic Voting Makes no Sense"

HAMILTON, ON September 26, 2008 – Green Party Leader Elizabeth May confirms her long standing view that strategic voting makes no sense, and urges all Canadians to vote for a Green Party candidate in the October 14th federal election.

May, on a successful whistle-stop train tour that has demonstrated the rapidly growing support for the Green Party says it is crucial for the future of Canada, and the world, that Stephen Harper's Conservatives be defeated.

The best way to achieve that goal, she says, is to elect as many Green Party candidates as possible to the House of Commons.

May is responding to a media report that suggests she is proposing that Canadians vote strategically.

"I was talking in broad terms about the flaws in the current first-past-the-post electoral system, and some ways in which we might cope with them until the system is fixed through proportional representations," May says. "Under the present circumstances, we might need some creative thinking.

"It was a long discussion about issues and most definitely not a prescription for the current campaign.

"As I have said time and again, including all during this train tour, strategic voting does not make sense. On top of that, there is no possibility of a deal with any of the other parties.

"Every Green Party candidate is working as hard as possible to earn the votes of everyone in their riding, and they are all campaigning to win."

John Livingstone, Green Party candidate for Hamilton Centre affirms Mays' position on strategic voting, "Strategic voting will never result in electing the most effective leaders. Every time you vote strategically, you are settling for second best. If you want change then vote for change. The only wasted vote is a vote that isn't cast. Vote for what you believe in. Vote for the change you want see."

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