

Abbott:

Mississauga - Liberal Party

Nov 9 - 11 PM

Grits vital to unity

The Liberal Party is the only party that can keep Canada together, according to Mississauga MP Tony Abbott, federal minister of state for small business.

At the annual meeting of the Mississauga South Federal Liberal Association, Abbott repeated the "national-unity" refrain which has appeared so often in his speeches over the past year. "The Liberal Party is the only party in Canada which has a genuine rapport and ability to harness our two great founding peoples together," he said.

Describing Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as a "tried and steady leader," Abbott forecast that "Canadians are going to look at (Progressive Conservative leader) Joe Clark as unready and unfit to carry the heavy burden of governing this country."

He said if the Tories were to win the next election as a minority they would likely elect "almost no members from Quebec, which would be a greater tragedy than the election of the Parti Quebecois government a year ago."

At the meeting, the Mississauga South Liberals elected the following officers:

President, Dan Steele; executive vice-president, Pat Coates; secretary, Joan Reid; treasurer, Al Laurin; vice-presidents, Phyllis Conton, Ben Brands, Charles (Slim)

Streek, Mike Garvey, Al Schulman, Rosemary Stark, Jackie Fraser, Dr. S. Holling; directors, Peggy Holloway, Roy MacLaren, Carl Weinsheimer, Mike Weir, Al O'Marra Sr., Dermot

Dunwoody, Bernadette Gerol, Phyllis MacLeod, Wally Deakon, John Hamilton, David Brown, Wanza Robertson, Al O'Marra Jr., Donna Dale, Dr. Martin Dobkin, Wayne Williams, Charles Howard.