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Can Bug PARRISH, Carolyn
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Mississauga West MP Carolyn Parrish has done it again.

In her career as a school trustee, a would-be city councillor and now an MP, Parrish has always demonstrated a flair for the dramatic that has garnered big headlines.

Unfortunately, she also has demonstrated a flair for changing positions on major issues that has earned her a reputation as a political quick-change artist.

It's unlikely she'll be able to top her latest 180 degree switch, however. When it was announced that she would chair a Liberal caucus committee studying expansion of the airport issue in February, Parrish told everyone who'd listen that the review meant the beginning of the end of the new runways.

She was strongly criticized in many quarters for giving her opinion on the outcome of the review before the committee even began its work. In fact, she was labeled "an anti-airport-expansion crank" by one Toronto newspaper columnist. But those folks in Toronto don't know our Carolyn.

Despite running last October on a platform to kill the runways, and despite pronouncements four months ago that new runways would be built "over my dead body", it seems Parrish has now reconsidered.

As an advocate of Pearson expansion, we are pleased at Parrish's change of heart. But it's unlikely the thousands of Mississauga West residents who voted for her in part because of her stand on airport expansion (the number-one local issue in the riding) will have the same reaction. They voted for Carolyn Parrish, but they got Bob Horner's airport platform.

MP Parrish has the right to change her mind. The constituents of her riding also have the right to pass judgment on a politician who says one thing about the key issue during an election campaign, and the opposite thing eight months later.