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Campaign contributions roll in for Singh

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Local New Democrat Jagmeet Singh may have been late jumping into the party's federal leadership race, but his campaign has quickly gathered wide support.

According to Elections Canada's latest release of financial statements for the party, Singh brought in more contributions in the last quarter than all three of his competitors combined.

From April to June, his campaign raised \$353,944. An especially remarkable fundraising showing considering the Bramalea-Gore-Malton MPP did not officially enter the race until mid-May.

Other leadership candidates Timmins MP Charlie Angus raised \$123,574, Manitoba MP Niki Ashton received \$70,124 in contributions and Quebec MP Guy Caron brought in \$46,970 during the same period.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2 New Democrat MP Alistair MacGregor also publicly endorsed Singh for leader.

"I'm endorsing Jagmeet Singh to be the next leader of the NDP because I think he has a unique ability to inspire a new generation of Canadians away from the cynical, status quo policies of the Liberals and Conservatives," said MacGregor.

Balloting in the leadership race to re-



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Jagmeet Singh, MPP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton, speaks to the crowd at Bombay Place last Monday night where he announced that he was seeking the leadership of the federal NDP party.

place Thomas Mulcair is set to open in September and culminate in mid-October.

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