



## Sir John A.'s "progressive Conservative" advice to new CPC Leader The Progressive Canadian Party

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**Niagara Falls, ON** - Progressive Conservative MP in the 29th Parliament Joe Hueglin and, since the passing of the Hon. Sinclair Stevens, Leader of the Progressive Canadian Party, offers congratulations and advice to Andrew Scheer on his becoming the new leader of the CPC.

Mr. Hueglin outlined the challenge for Mr. Scheer. "Unite the Right" in December, 2003 was a clear failure. Conservatism is more dynamic and progressive, balancing continuity and change, than any ideological party could ever be. After a decade and a half, it is clear that "Unite the Right" was about the exclusion of Progressive Conservatives and stealing Tory branding. "The challenge", Hueglin continued, "for any party calling itself "Tory" in Canada is not only to embrace "*every person desirous of being called a progressive Conservative*"

" as Sir John A. Macdonald described the Tory party in an 1854 letter (see attached), but also to embrace 21st century realities which resist dogma and ideology written in stone."

"We welcome Andrew Scheer as the new Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition and hope that he will be forward-thinking enough to join with

Progressive Canadians who continue the principles of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada in building an ever stronger future for Canada," Mr. Hueglin continued.

Speaking as the PC Party candidate-of-record for South Surrey-White Rock riding in B.C., Brian Marlatt stressed that, "Tory Democracy and Tory Principles, from Edmund Burke in the 18th century through Benjamin Disraeli at the time of Confederation and as Sir John A. Macdonald knew them, are today those embraced by the continuing true Tory party. And they are: strengthening our institutions as the means to balance continuity and change and maintaining both progressive social policy and fiscal responsibility in the service of all Canadians ... not just of a privileged few or of populist movements pretending to be democracy."

"Progressive Canadians are "progressive-Conservatives" who have always been about nation-building. We hope and trust that Andrew Scheer will direct his party according to these genuine Tory and conservative principles." Mr. Hueglin concluded.

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