



September 21, 2011

Dear Members of the Ontario Federation of Cottagers' Association,

Thank you for your letter about the issues facing cottage owners in Ontario, and for giving me the opportunity to tell you about the ways *changebook* and *changebookNorth* will support and protect cottagers. Please find *changebook* and *changebookNorth* in their entirety at www.changebook.ca and www.changebookNorth.ca

Cottage ownership is a proud and cherished Ontario tradition, and offers an opportunity for Ontario families to appreciate the beauty, serenity and diversity of this great province. More importantly, a cottage represents a significant investment, both in your own families' equity, and in the growth of our rural communities.

Problems with the property assessment process are long-standing, and so is the McGuinty government's failure to take action to address them. More than four years ago, I rose in the Legislature to call on the government to address problems with MPAC and with its inaccurate assessments.

More recently, in December 2010, the Auditor General noted that one out of every eight homes has a property assessment that is more than 20 per cent off of the actual value of the home. He went on to say that his office found many instances where there were significant differences between MPAC's market value assessments and the actual selling prices of homes. Following the release of the report, I again called on Dalton McGuinty to address this costly problem and to take action to fix the problems at MPAC. Unfortunately, he chose to do nothing.

An Ontario PC government will make cottage ownership more affordable by reducing the tax burden on Ontario families. We will do away with Dalton McGuinty's sneaky eco-taxes and remove the HST on home heating and hydro bills, and we'll take the DRC off home hydro bills.

Dalton McGuinty's Liberals have made it harder and harder to enjoy our province for recreational purposes, especially our trails.

An Ontario PC government will open Ontario's trails to public use. We'll also ensure 100% of fishing and hunting licence revenue is dedicated to conservation so that these pastimes can be enjoyed by present and future generations. And we'll improve provincial parks for Ontario families through a new invest of \$10 million to make them even more enjoyable and accessible.



We appreciate your support, and look forward to continuing our dialogue. To read more about the change we're proposing, please visit www.changebook.ca and www.changebookNorth.ca, or contact your local Ontario PC candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader