
News Release

MP Gerry Byrne extends appreciation to all municipal candidates

(September 30, 2009) -- Ottawa, ON – Liberal Commons member for Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte, Gerry Byrne, offered his personal congratulations and appreciation to all who participated and to all who voted in Tuesday's municipal elections.

“A huge community service is done by all those who offer themselves for public office regardless of their final result at the polls”, Byrne said. “It takes courage to run and our system of democracy depends on contests of ideas and policies to advance the public interest. Running for office is a demanding and rewarding task in and of itself and I applaud anyone who takes on such a challenge”.

“To those who were not successful, I offer my continued support and encouragement to continue to be active in public life. To those who successfully met the test of public office by securing the support of the majority of their constituents, I offer you an open door to work together advancing the needs and opportunities of the people and communities of Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte. I look forward to working with each and every one of our elected, municipal leaders.”

Byrne thanked those who exercised their franchise and cast their ballot for those who will represent them at the municipal level.

“Voting is the most essential component of any democracy”, Byrne said. “To those who got out and participated, you have contributed greatly to the democratic institution. You have done your job.”

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