# BURLINGTON Chamber of Commerce

## CHAMBER SURVEY 2008 FEDERAL ELECTION

Survey conducted: September 2, 2008 207 Survey Responses

1. Which issues would you like to see the Burlington candidates address during this election campaign? (Respondents were allowed to choose more than one issue. Numbers represent what percentage of respondents chose that issue.)

HealthCare	60.9%
Taxation	54.1%
Environment	51.2%
Energy	40.1%
Transfer Payments to Province	38.2%
Transportation & Borders	31.9%
Federal Finances	28.5%
Education	27.5%
Justice	23.7%
Agriculture	10.1%
Other	18.4%

#### Other:

- · Bills C-51 & C-52
- · Child Care, Equality and Human Rights, Foreign Policy and Peace
- Economy & Jobs
- · Employment & Job Losses in Manufacturing
- · Family Law
- · Federalism-Restructuring
- Fixed election date law
- · Gas prices
- · Get control of inflation, especially to single baby boomers. Help us out!
- Get our troops out of Afghanistan
- Harper hidden agenda, democracy being destroyed, media control over election debates.
- · Housing development
- Immigration
- Infrastructure
- Morality
- · Municipal Finance & Infrastructure funding
- · Native treaty Renewal, Resolve Indian Issues regarding land issues
- · Open government
- Pay down National Debt
- · Protection of our resources and corporations from sale to foreigners
- Social programs
- Tourism
- · Violence against women and poverty!
- · Why an election?
- · Women's Issues

### 2. What should the TOP priority of the new federal government be?

HealthCare	21.7%
Keeping campaign promises	15.9%
Taxation	15.0%
Environment	13.0%
Federal Finances	6.3%
Education	4.3%
Energy	3.4%
Transfer Payments to Province	3.4%
Justice	2.4%
Transportation & Borders	1.4%
Agriculture	1.1%
Other	6.8%

#### Other:

- · Anti violence and poverty
- · Bill C-51 & C-52 and abolishing it!
- · Child care and children's mental health
- · Employment, Job losses in manufacturing
- · Canadian Economy
- · Pay down National debt
- · Economic Growth
- Helping the baby boomers with employment status, which are single, and not helping immigrants, treat Canadian Born with respect, also company downsizing, baby boomers starting at lower wages again not fair. Get onto of gas prices immediately!
- · Violence against women and poverty!

#### 3. When you vote, which is your voting priority?

Party Policies	34.8%
Party	28.9%
Local Candidate	20.3%
Party Leader	12.6%

## 4. For which party will you vote in the October 14 election?

Don't Know	36.7%
Conservative Party	25.1%
Liberal Party	15.9%
It's not your business	7.7%
Green Party	6.8%
New Democratic Party	2.4%
I won't be voting	0%
Other	1.9%

#### Other:

· Green or NDP