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**JOHN YAKABUSKI, MPP**  
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## **MPP Yakabuski Is Listening, Appreciates Input From Constituents**

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, held the first of several policy development sessions Thursday night. The meeting was in Cobden with representatives from agriculture, business and Municipal Government, focusing on Agriculture and Rural Development issues.

John Yakabuski serves on three key Ontario P.C. Policy Task Forces. They are in the process of developing a plan of action to be implemented if the Progressive Conservatives are elected to govern in 2007.

MPP Yakabuski said, "Thursday night we took an important step toward implementing many of the great ideas people have and I appreciate all the information and perspectives discussed around the table."

Yakabuski continued, "The McGuinty government has clearly forgotten about Rural Ontario, however, we hope to develop a platform that has a clear focus on Agriculture and Rural Development and that will restore integrity, transparency and trust as we move forward to the next provincial election."

"As a representative from rural Ontario I believe that I must be vocal about our needs. Those of us living and working in rural Ontario make a large contribution to the economic and social makeup of our great province. It is imperative that as we move forward we ensure that rural concerns are a priority and that our policies reflect that," he added.

This Fall additional sessions will be held in various parts of the Riding to gather further input and ideas on Energy, the Environment and the Lumber Industry.

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