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Yakabuski Reappointed Energy Critic in PC Shadow Cabinet

Queen's Park – Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski will continue his senior role in the Progressive Conservative Caucus shadow cabinet, Leader John Tory announced last week. Yakabuski, appointed to role of Energy Critic in August of 2005, will continue the good work he has begun in this position Tory affirmed, as he and the PC Caucus work to hold the McGuinty Liberal government accountable.

In his comments Yakabuski noted that he was pleased with his Leader John Tory's decision, noting that the energy portfolio is a dynamic and complex file requiring critical analysis on a regular basis, a challenge he is honoured to meet. Yakabuski's continued advocacy as energy critic recognizes the leadership role he has played as part of the PC Team while holding Premier McGuinty to account for failed energy policies and his government's disregard for ensuring Ontario's adequate and abundant energy supply in the future.

"I will continue to work hard for the people of Ontario and most importantly, my constituents in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke in this role," Yakabuski said. "Time and again, this government fails to recognize that Ontario is facing an energy crisis, and still, their negligent approach to the file is hurting everyone including large and small business owners, local industry, homeowners, and perhaps most importantly, our children, and the situation they will inherit if energy demand in the future cannot be met."

As Energy Critic, Yakabuski has pushed for the development of sustainable and reliable energy policies for all Ontarians and has criticized the government for its failed coal plant closure promise. Yakabuski has also been a tireless advocate for fair and affordable energy rates for all. He noted that the McGuinty government's failure to devise a plan to ensure that rates remain affordable, has harmed small business in his riding and has had a negative impact on many Ontarians who struggle to pay their electricity bills from month to month.

PC Party Leader John Tory said yesterday that he is confident Yakabuski will continue to do a great job holding the McGuinty Liberals to task and continuing to advocate for solutions that will ensure that the lights stay on in Ontario over the long term.

“John Yakabuski has earned the respect of stakeholders and citizens on all sides of the energy file. He knows that a head in the sand approach like we’ve seen from the McGuinty government will cause an existing energy crisis to deepen in Ontario and that will cost us jobs and investment. He will be pushing the Liberals to act, to stop the gimmicks and political schemes and to get on with securing our energy future, including a solid, responsible commitment to renewable and nuclear power.”

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