



Legislative Assembly

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Yakabuski will not seek Leadership of Ontario PC Party

(Toronto) Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski announced today that he will not seek the Leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party at this time.

“After careful consideration and much discussion with those closest to me, I have decided that I will not seek the position of Leader of our party,” Yakabuski said.

“The commitment that will be required to lead our party through the next two years and to victory in 2011 would have necessitated my absence from my constituency and my family for prolonged periods of time; something that I do not feel prepared to do given the physical distance of my home in Barry’s Bay and the demands of travel that would involve.” Yakabuski said.

Yakabuski noted that he was honoured to receive the backing of numerous constituents, stakeholders, and others who encouraged him to seek this position and thanked them for their support.

He maintained that his focus will continue to be the people of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and those who are counting on him to ensure their voices are heard at Queen’s Park.