



HELEN KENNEDY CAMPAIGN UPDATE – May 24th, 2006

Dear friends,

On May 23rd, we witnessed a miracle in Ward 20. Last night, at least a thousand people from all the neighbourhoods of Ward 20, and from communities across Toronto, came to Trinity St. Paul's United Church to participate in our NDP nomination meeting. More than 600 people cast ballots for their choice to represent progressive voters at City Hall. Supporters from both our campaign and from Tam Goossen's showed their vigor and enthusiasm for their candidates in this vital council race, in a stunning display of grass-roots democracy at its finest. For so many people to come out and take a direct role in a municipal nomination was breathtaking and completely unprecedented. I couldn't be happier to have seen so many people care so deeply about their community.

Though the contest was very close, in the end, you chose to place your trust in me, and give me honour and great privilege of representing progressive voters in Ward 20 in the municipal elections this November. I want to thank each and every one of you who came out last night to give me your support and encouragement - we could not have done it without you. I also want to thank Tam Goossen, her campaign team and her supporters for their dedication and their commitment to a just and prosperous Toronto. They ran a fantastic campaign and deserve recognition for their efforts.

With this first hurdle cleared, we can now begin to look ahead to November. There are several strong and high-profile candidates for this council seat already, and the campaign will be a true test of our strength and resolve. While some of the other candidates may have deeper pockets or higher profiles, we have something none of them can touch: a large and enthusiastic team of engaged citizens, people who love their neighbourhoods and their city and are willing to fight for them. There is still so much to be done, from closing the Island Airport, to keeping the entertainment district safe for residents, to cleaning our streets and making our environment healthy. We all have an opportunity and a responsibility to come together and protect the things we love about our city. After last night's meeting, I am more confident than ever in the ability of a small group of dedicated citizens to change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for your trust and your support. Together, we can carry the momentum from last night all the way to City Hall.

Cheers,
Helen Kennedy.

Check out media coverage on the May 23 event:

[680 News](#)

[Globe and Mail](#)

[Pulse 24 \(with live video clip\)](#)

[Singtao Daily](#)

[Toronto Star](#)

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead