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PETER POLITIS RUNS FOR PC PARTY OF ONTARIO NOMINATION IN TIMISKAMING-COCHRANE

Cochrane, Ontario - April 10, 2013: – Peter Politis is the current Mayor of Cochrane Ontario and widely considered a champion of rethinking how the North and northerners themselves can take better control of their futures. He has been active in challenging decisions that regress northern affairs and stray away from continuing to build and develop the North. “Northern Ontario has really only been opened up for about 100 years. In reality it’s still a frontier that is vastly under realized and I believe we need to be planning the continued development to attract more investment, not divesting key infrastructure needed to do this like the ONTC and Ontera, while treating the region that represents about 90% of the provinces geography as though it is a burden on the other 10%”.

When asked why he has finally decided to run when historically he had been turning down previous overtures from Queens Park to do so, he said, “Tim Hudak himself asked me to run and after many discussions and much dialogue, I accepted. The leader himself and the PC Party committed to working with me on creating policies in the North that would be a game changer and change Northern Ontario forever. I’m absolutely thrilled to have an opportunity to ask the people of the region for their support in doing just that”.

Peter has played a key role on the Northern Advisory Committee and was a member of the steering group that developed the current Northern Growth Plan Model the committee has proposed to the government. He is currently the lead on the active North Eastern Ontario Municipal Association Northern Governance Evaluation Committee, and continues to actively advocate the need for northerners at public events to regain their hope while seeing that their futures truly are theirs to determine.

Peter has been awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for his commitment to his community and country while also being nominated for the Premiers Award for most outstanding college graduate in Ontario in the business category. He’s known for having a flair for innovation and for looking for solutions to challenges where least expected. Having spent three nights as a member of the Ten Men In a Tent event to draw attention and awareness to the growing concern of homelessness, Peter is just as passionate about people and the social challenges they face, as he is about the economy and development of our way of life. “While we build and create our region we cannot lose sight of the needs of people in this planning. It’s incumbent upon us to find the solutions, even reinventing some of the current approaches, to making sure people have every opportunity of having their needs in life realized. We can’t lose sight of the “Progressive” side of “Progressive Conservative” recognizing that the whole reason we are here to begin with are the people and they’re ability to drive the economy and our way of life.

While being Mayor of one of the fastest growing towns in the North, Peter also operates For Evergreen Innovative Strategies Inc. in Cochrane, while managing several properties with his wife Linda. Between Peter and Linda they have three children (Jessie, Sammy and Johnny) along with four active grand children (Ariana, Leah, Mason and Tyler). Away from work Peter has embraced the northern way of life from raising horses on his hobby farm, to spending time in the bush, to coaching hockey and to being a tireless community volunteer.

“Northern Ontario matters, northerners matter and together it’s time for us to start breaking trail again”.

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SHORT BIO



Mayor Peter Politis is a passionate Northerner who has an affinity for bringing all Northerner's together (including First Nations communities and municipalities) to organize themselves collaboratively, taking direct charge of their own destinies. Committed to not only building a proud Northern Ontario, but one that is growing and flourishing for generations to come. Mayor Politis hopes that his seat as Mayor will lend itself well to these goals.

As Senior Consultant at For Evergreen Innovative Strategies, Mayor Politis has specialized in aboriginal negotiation, mediation and business development for over seventeen years. His uncommon insights and trademark flare for innovation consistently break barriers and pioneer breakthrough agreements and sustainable partnerships between government, industry, municipality and the aboriginal community across Canada.

His accomplishments clearly demonstrate his affinity for finding creative & innovate solutions to the most difficult barriers where least expected and in some cases even where those before have failed. He is an agent of change who understands that great organizations are always reinventing themselves. Attending some of the most prestigious institutions in the world like Harvard University, he has extensive experience and training in key disciplines such as negotiations, facilitation, people management, business & strategic planning, brainstorming and risk management. He was recently recognized for his creative accomplishments by being nominated for a prestigious Premiers Award for most outstanding college graduate in Ontario under the business category and received the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for his voluntary commitment to his community and Canada. His experience, unique insights, & uncommon approach has played a crucial role in establishing his impressive track record of advancing aboriginal partnerships and economic development relationships to date.

As the Mayor of Cochrane, Ontario he leads the growth and development of one of the fastest growing communities in Northern Ontario. He maintains a passion for the preservation of the northern way of life and stays actively involved in key regional initiatives like, the Northern Growth Plan and the creation of a northern specific lobbying initiative that will give northerners a voice. In the public arena, Mayor Politis is quickly developing the same reputation of having a flare for finding innovative solutions where least expected to the challenges facing Cochrane and Northern Ontario, that he's renowned for in his private practice.

His combination of commercial industrial experience, political experience and strategic thinking, along with his straight talking style, have played an important role in his accomplishments to date and will undoubtedly play a key role in the accomplishments that lie ahead.

"If you want there to be a difference in the world, sometimes you have to become that difference"

- Mayor Peter Politis