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FREDERICTON GOES BLUE



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CANADA DOES TOO

Tories land minority, Fredericton riding

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After 15 years of Liberal representation, New Brunswick's capital city is about to be painted Tory blue.

Conservative Keith Ashfield has claimed the Fredericton seat in Parliament, while Canada will see another Conservative minority government, with Stephen Harper returning as Prime Minister.

Unofficial election results from Elections Canada on Tuesday night showed Ashfield taking the position with 17,968 votes, followed distantly behind by Liberal David Innes with 13,316 votes.

NDP candidate Jesse Travis came in third with 6440 votes, followed by Green candidate Mary Lou Babineau at 4273 votes and Canadian Action Party candidate Ben Kelly with 168 votes.

Kelly, a UNB student, believes Ashfield will be good for the position, though he doesn't support the Conservative party.

"I think he'll do a pretty good job, but what he stands for, I don't agree with," said Kelly.

Kelly said he entered the race knowing he wouldn't take the seat.

"I knew I wasn't going to win when I started running. I wanted to talk about things other parties weren't talking

about. I love this country. I consider myself a very proud Canadian. I'd like to keep it the way I grew to know it."

Student Beth Giesbrecht feels that the student vote was obscured due to difficulties in proving what riding they could vote in.

"A lot of people couldn't prove their address today," she said. "Young people could have had a big impact, and they didn't necessarily. I think young people need a better say because I'm pretty sure this isn't how it would have turned out."

Miles Clayden, who co-organized the Rock the Vote concert at the Cellar following the election, said he's disappointed with the results.

"I think it's a travesty," he said. "I think the Conservatives don't actually represent the mindset of Canadians and that if 35% of elderly people had voted instead of 35% of university students, then we'd see a very different result..."

A low percentage of our demographic voted, and so politicians won't feel like public policy needs to represent our interests."

Laura Keating, a Renaissance College alumna, said the election results were not surprising.

"People didn't believe in Dion... I think he brought out the Carbon Tax a little too early. That sunk him."



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(Above) Prime Minister Stephen Harper greets Fredericton MP-elect Keith Ashfield at a last-minute campaign stop on Monday. (Below) Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion, foreground, speaks to a local crowd on Monday; local Liberal candidate David Innes appears back left.

Thursday 16th

Live Entertainment with Dr. Zoo
Show time 10pm -12am
\$8.50 Brew Master Sampler
Alpine, Coors, Keith's
Beat the Clock starting at 9pm



Kitchen Open 4pm -12am
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri (12), Sat
"Your Bar -Your Campus"

Saturday 18th

Budweiser DJ Series
"Famous Players"
DJ's Double A & Gordski
\$9.75 Chicken Nachos
Super H.H. - 11pm -12am