

Munro 'saddened' by Liberal majority

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Julia Munro has survived to fight another day.

And fight she will.

Munro was re-elected as MPP for York-Simcoe, her sixth victory since first being elected in 1995. While her victory is a testament to solid PC support in the riding, the win was bittersweet, in light of the Liberal majority at Queen's Park.

Party faithful were ecstatic at the news during the victory party at Don Cherry's in Bradford Thursday night. One supporter noted this campaign was the "hardest work, but the best win."

Munro won her seat with 19,012 votes and a 40.4% share, outpacing Liberal challenger Lorelea Carruthers by 2,772 votes.

Munro said she was "excited" at her victory, but was quick to note the reality is this Liberal government lacks fiscal discipline, and Ontarians are left with more of the same.

The issues that led to this election remain the same and Kathleen Wynne "doesn't provide any stability."

PC Leader Tim Hudak, she said, had an "honest platform" designed to help people of all ages and backgrounds. PCs will strive to continue to demonstrate the wisdom of this platform, that wasn't fully explored during the campaign. The job cuts that drew attention and criticism were largely due to attrition, Munro pointed out and not handing out "pink slips." But that message wasn't delivered succinctly.

Infrastructure deficiencies remain across the province and the Liberals will continue to raise taxes and spend money.

She and her colleagues will remain vigilant and steadfast in their principles.

"We have a job to do," she vowed.

The PCs, she observed, built this province and "will one day come back!"

Munro had nothing but praise for her campaign team and countless volunteers.

"I've never had so many (people) helping," she said. Many walked miles to deliver the message to constituents and others spent countless hours on the phone.

It was an "amazing group of people" who made her job much easier.