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Fedeli starts campaign; Vows his party will address 'hallway health crisis'

Vic Fedeli officially kicked off his re-election campaign in Nipissing Friday with the opening of his headquarters amid a crowd of supporters.

The Progressive Conservative incumbent, who's seeking a third term in office, highlighted key planks in the Tory platform and promised his supporters that "help is on the way.

"We've got a great message for the people for Ontario," said Fedeli, noting the PCs plan to put more money back in the pockets of residents and to clean up the hydro "mess" created by the Liberals.

He pointed to "bogus" accounting by the Liberals in reference to a dramatically understated deficit projection of billions of dollars, promising that the Tories will restore government trust and accountability.

He says the PCs also will focus on creating sustainable jobs and addressing the "hallway health crisis" in Ontario by creating 15,000 new long-term beds within five years, and 30,000 over the next 10.

He highlighted a 20 per cent tax cut for the province's middle class, which the party says will save individuals up to \$786 annually, as well as a corporate tax cut to 10.5 per cent from 11.5.

Fedeli also reiterated the party's commitment to reduce hydro rates by an additional 12 per cent on top of the relief already provided under the Liberals'Fair Hydro Plan.

Asked about how the Tories would finance their campaign promises in light of the provincial deficit, Fedeli pointed to government efficiencies and improvements to the economy resulting from planned PC initiatives.

He suggested the Liberal budget already includes \$14.4 billion worth of annualized efficiencies over four years.

"If a spend-thrift government like the Liberals think there is \$14.4 billion in efficiencies, surely Doug Ford and the PCs can find the four cents on every dollar," said Fedeli.

As further evidence the needed savings can be found, Fedeli pointed to a December report by the auditor general that looked only at 14 areas which, he suggested, found \$1 billion worth of efficiencies that could be achieved without cuts.

"If you look at that side of it and you look at a better economy with corporate tax cuts, you'll have job creation and you'll have more revenue coming in, as well," he said.

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