



# "Morning in the PC party," an upbeat Vic Fedeli says

Antonella Artuso

More from Antonella Artuso

**Published:**

February 27, 2018

**Updated:**

February 27, 2018 6:00 PM EST

**Filed Under:**

[Toronto SUN](#) > [News](#) >

[Ontario](#)



## RELATED

**COLUMNISTS**

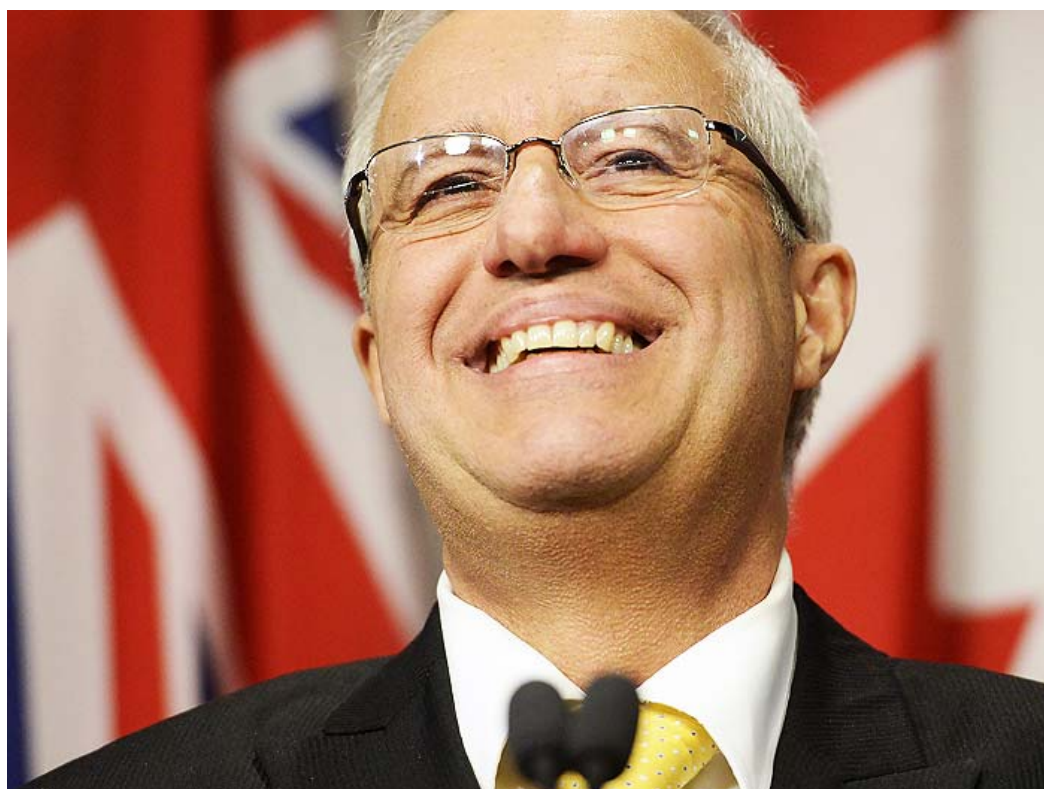
**MACLEOD:**

Ontario lags  
B.C. in education choice and  
results



**NEWS**

"Morning in  
the PC party,"  
an upbeat Vic Fedeli says



Ontario PC party interim leader Vic Fedeli (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Nathan Denette)

The day after Patrick Brown's departure from the Ontario PC leadership contest, contender Caroline Mulroney promised to establish an ethics advisor and sexual harassment committee if she's elected leader.

"We must reform and re-invigorate the management of our party,"

NEWS

PCs ready to 'move on' but Fedeli mum on Brown details



NEWS

Sentencing date set for Liberal aide in gas plants scandal



Mulroney said in a statement Tuesday. "We must put in place the checks and balances necessary to ensure that our party is ready and seen to be ready to lead."

Mulroney said she would establish an expert committee to develop a sexual harassment policy and a stronger vetting process for candidates, senior staff and party executive members.



Ontario PC Leadership candidate Caroline Mulroney THE CANADIAN PRESS/Chris Young

She also vowed a more transparent and fair nomination process and tighter spending rules for major party and campaign expenditures.

Brown is attempting to clear his name, following allegations of sexual misconduct, nomination tampering and fiscal improprieties.

Brown has denied all wrongdoing, but stepped down from the leadership race Monday after what he said was an unrelenting smear campaign by his political enemies that was taking a toll on his family and friends.

An upbeat PC interim leader Vic Fedeli said the party can now move on from its focus on any one individual and turn its attention to defeating Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberal Party in this June's general election.

"It's morning in the PC Party," Fedeli said Monday.

Doug Ford was in Bala, Ont., where he vowed — if elected premier — to hold an investigation into a hydro generation plant that he said threatens the Muskoka Watershed.

"This project stinks of political interests and insider deals," Ford said in a statement. "I want to know who is benefiting from this project and at what cost to local residents and the local environment."



Ontario Conservative Party leadership candidate Doug Ford. (Stan Behal/Toronto Sun)

Ontario Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault countered he was not surprised that an Ontario PC leadership candidate opposes the clean energy project.

"As a self-described 'sound businessman', we're troubled by the fact that Doug Ford would recklessly tear up a contract, where an agreement had already been signed – a

harmful signal to businesses looking to invest in Ontario," Thibeault said in a statement. "And not just that, cancelling contracts would leave the province dealing with major lawsuits and penalties and likely increase electricity rates due to these costs."

Mulroney and Ford will be joined by fellow leadership candidates Christine Elliott and Tanya Granic Allen for a debate Wednesday night.

Ontario PC Leadership candidates top tweets:

Doug Ford: "I'll tell you what my new policy is for Cap & Trade. We're gonna CAP ALL TAXES and we're gonna TRADE Kathleen Wynne."

Caroline Mulroney: "We must reform and re-invigorate the management of our party. That's why as party leader, one my five priorities will be to modernize the party."

Christine Elliott: "I can't wait to audit Kathleen Wynne's spending!"

Tanya Granic Allen: "I will be the PC Party leader who will oppose politically-correct censorship."