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FMC Report on Election 2006

An Analysis of the Canadian Federal Election Results from Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP

Election Results

On January 23rd, 2006, Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party of Canada were elected as the new minority government of Canada. Changes to the standings in the House of Commons are reflected in the chart below.

Party	2006 results (unofficial)	Pre-election seats
Conservative	124	98
Liberal	103	133
NDP	29	18
Bloc Quebecois	51	53
Other	1	6
Total	308	308

Election Analysis

After 12 years of Liberal government, Canada has changed course and elected the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) in a minority Parliament. Stephen Harper will replace Paul Martin as Prime Minister within the next few weeks when a new Cabinet and government will be sworn in. Paul Martin also announced immediately after the election results were known that he would resign as leader of the Liberal party.

From the perspective of Canada's major trading partners, including the United States, the change in government will have an impact in several key policy areas, although the fact of a minority government with a narrower margin of victory than had been predicted, will make it very challenging for the Conservatives to implement some of the policy changes they had planned.

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Key Conservative Platform Initiatives

A summary of the key policy initiatives from the Conservative Party platform follows.

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Briefing to Follow

Stephen Harper will be sworn in as Canada's Prime Minister in the next 2 to 3 weeks. At that time, he will select a new Cabinet. Parliament will convene sometime later with a Throne Speech that will outline the government's priorities and agenda.

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Our team combines a solid understanding of the objectives and agendas of government with extensive experience in politics at all levels and with both principal parties in Canada.

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Congratulations

FMC would like to congratulate two of our lawyers who were elected to the House of Commons. Jim Prentice was elected as a Conservative Member of Parliament for Calgary North Centre (Alberta) and Peter Van Loan was elected as a Conservative member of Parliament for York Simcoe (Ontario).

We also wish to extend our congratulations to two of our lawyers who let their names stand as candidates in this election, but were unsuccessful - Andrew Hladyshevsky who ran as a Liberal in Edmonton Strathcona and Richard Mahoney who ran as a Liberal in Ottawa Centre.

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If you have any questions or would like any further information relating to the change of government or its likely impact on you, please contact a member of our Public Policy Group.

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