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**Frank Valeriote, M.P.
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Frank Valeriote Hosts Food Summit and Water Roundtable on April 14

The Liberal Food Caucus is continuing its discussion in Guelph to gather input and recommendations for a comprehensive food policy that will ensure our food sources are accessible, affordable and safe. Liberal Food Caucus Chair Kirsty Duncan and Health Critic Carolyn Bennett will be meeting with Guelph M.P. Frank Valeriote and local stakeholders on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Flanders Room.

“We want to listen to Canadian’s suggestion on the essential ingredients of a comprehensive food policy,” said Duncan. “Besides having access to high-quality and affordable food, Canadians want to be ensured our food supply is environmentally sustainable, health promoting, and is producer and consumer focused.”

“Guelph is known as the leading research University in Canada and is undeniably a leader in agriculture, food technology and food safety. Our contribution is critical to the development of such a national strategy,” said Guelph M.P. Frank Valeriote.

The Food Summit will be followed by a separate roundtable discussion on Canadian water issues with Liberal Water Critic Francis Scarpaleggia at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Flanders Room, at 7:00 pm.

“Food and Water issues cross all jurisdictions and affect all Canadians,” said Valeriote. “Guelph is a city with a proud agricultural and environmental tradition and the input of our local leaders in these fields will be invaluable to the development of a comprehensive national strategy for these critical public policy areas.”

The meetings will be open to the media, and are otherwise by invitation only.

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