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Why no one fights for T.O. Grit domination's a foregone conclusion, Tory says

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The dinner-hour-door-knocking, baby-kissing, promise-making season is practically here.

Federal candidates across the GTA are on high alert as everyone waits for Prime Minister Stephen Harper to call an election -- the most likely date being Oct. 14.

The Liberal party, which holds the majority of GTA seats, has nominated candidates for most ridings in the area with the notable exception of Whitby-Oshawa, which is held by Conservative Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

If the candidates don't yet have a campaign office, they've got their eye on one.

"They've been ready to go for quite a while," said Landon Tresise, senior manager of political operations for the Ontario wing of the federal Liberal Party.

"It's not being called for sure but we're working on the assumption that it doesn't look too plausible that Mr. Harper isn't going to call it."

Karl Belanger, a spokesman for NDP Leader Jack Layton, said the party is putting the campaign teams together.

"Signs are ready," Belanger said.

The NDP have nominated candidates in about half of Toronto ridings with plans to fill the remaining gaps shortly.

Conservative Party organizers have been making calls, rounding up the regular

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party campaigners.

Another sign of a federal election -- Premier Dalton McGuinty has served notice that he will be looking for more fiscal fairness from the federal government, an issue he regularly raises during the election period.

At City Hall next week, councillors will ask to relaunch Mayor David Miller's unsuccessful "One Cent Now" campaign to urge federal candidates to hand over 1 cents of the 5 cents GST to cities.

"A new relationship is now required due to Toronto's and other cities' growing infrastructure deficit, need for sustainable funding for public transportation and other city-wide initiatives," says a motion by Toronto Councillor Michael Walker. "The federal government has not recognized the requests made by Mayor Miller ... A strong endorsement by city council would show the federal government that this is not a unilateral campaign of the mayor's but is a serious request from the City of Toronto, Canada's largest city."

Ryerson University journalism professor April Lindgren said urban issues have not received the attention they deserve in past federal campaigns, and she doesn't hold out much hope that issues important to Torontonians will fare any better this time around.

Local politicians will undoubtedly seek commitments from federal candidates to deal with GTA issues like gridlock and air pollution, she said.

"But it's like a one-way dialogue," Lindgren said.

The federal Conservative Party is reluctant to invest too much in an area that Liberals dominate politically with little effort, she said.

"And the Liberals can't lose so they're offering nothing," Lindgren said.

One veteran Conservative campaigner said he always knew when federal Liberal governments were calling an election because they would suddenly start talking about national daycare, homecare, pharmacare and redeveloping the Toronto Waterfront.

Nothing much may have come of the promises but the strategy never failed to impress Toronto voters, he said.

"My experience with Toronto campaigns is one of frustration," the Conservative admitted. "Its like Ground Hog Day over and over again -- with the image of Lucy holding the football for Charlie Brown to kick."

The federal NDP has much higher hopes for Toronto.

A seasoned organizer said the campaign teams are still pretty much in place from the fall's provincial election.

"Even though people may be a bit tired, they kept the rhythm of the campaign," she said. "We've never been off the war footing; we've never stopped organizing."

The party is known for its election groundwork so the campaigns of incumbents and promising candidates is always in place when the writ drops.

But this time around even "tier two" campaign teams are ready to go in the Toronto area, with or without a candidate, she said.

WHERE ARE THE LEAFLETS?

The source said she has not noticed the usual deluge of pre-election leaflets and phone calls from Liberal Party candidates, who are mostly incumbents.

Conservatives tend to do a lot of election work on the phone, identifying their voters before the big day.

SES Research pollster Nik Nanos said the national campaigns will focus their limited

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time, resources and election promises on the so-called swing ridings.

Toronto will always get attention from politicians because it's the centre of media in the country but its steadfast voting pattern means the national battle will be fought elsewhere.

Even when the federal Conservatives focus in on Toronto crime, as they did during the last federal campaign, they're playing to potential swing suburban ridings in 905 and elsewhere in Canada, he said.

"It loses political attention," Nanos said of the city. "You're already in the bag, so to speak."

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