

Report from Beaches–East York

Here's a picture of MPP Arthur Potts, Robin Wardlaw, Murray Lumley and Rev. Tim Reimer (both of Danforth Mennonite Church) from our meeting this week.

Mr. Potts was very sympathetic to the issues of poverty (and extreme poverty), knows the social determinants of health, feels Beaches-East York is ready to hear about raising taxes at last to pay for this kind of budget item, but wouldn't commit himself to the \$1B.

He will be in Australia for the caucus budget briefing, unfortunately, but asked for the Backgrounder document in electronic form. (I gave it to him in advance in paper form.) He is impressed with it, and wants to circulate it to the Toronto Liberal caucus, if I understood him correctly. His sense is that the "keep the freeze on taxes" portion of the caucus will carry the day this time.

