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## Ball on the Job



Dwight Ball says today is just another day at work, but officially it marks his first day as the province's newest Liberal Leader. The MHA for Humber Valley takes over for Kevin Aylward who was unsuccessful in winning a seat in the fall election. Ball says January 3rd is just a date on a calendar. He says it's really just a transition day, and there's no big decisions to be made today. He says the work began months ago and today will be just like any other.

Liberal MP Gerry Byrne says he's impressed with the new interim leader of the provincial Liberal Party. Byrne says he supported former leader Kevin Aylward, who led the party to an increased number of seats in the provincial election, despite being on the job for just a few weeks. But he says Dwight Ball is a strong, decisive and compassionate leader. Byrne says the provincial party is in good hands.

The Liberal Party says holding off on a leadership convention is about building momentum going into 2015. President Judy Morrow says jumping into a convention wouldn't be wise and so the board has decided the leadership competition will not be held in 2012. Critics have said holding off, could cost the party its opposition status. But Morrow says she's comfortable with the decision that has been made. She says there's arguments for either side, but she

has great confidence in Dwight Ball. Morrow says he now has the time to take the party and run with it.