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YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

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Dear Constituents,

It has been a very busy spring in Ottawa. While countries around the world continue to face ramifications from the global economic crisis, here in Canada we are turning the corner. In fact, our 2010 Budget lays out a plan to get back to balanced budgets much sooner than almost any other industrialized country in the world.

On the world stage, we are playing a growing leadership role in regions as diverse and challenging as Afghanistan and Haiti, and as host to both the G8 and G20 Summits.

We also continue to strengthen our criminal justice system, introducing, among other measures, legislation to get tougher on white collar crime, to tackle the growing problem of auto theft, and to end the practice of issuing automatic pardons to convicted sex offenders.

As your MP, I value your feedback on these and other important issues. I encourage you to take the time fill out the feedback card on page three of this newsletter, send me an e-mail, or attend one of our constituent roundtables (call 780-495-2149 for details). As well, I am now on Twitter, where you can follow me @MikeLakeMP.

I very much look forward to hearing from you, and wish you and your families all the best as you enjoy your summer together!

Mike.



Mike and the Prime Minister exchange ideas during a meeting in the Prime Minister's office

World Autism Awareness Day

Mike's Statement in the House of Commons

April 1, 2010

Ottawa

"Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the third World Autism Awareness Day. Twelve years ago today, my son Jaden was diagnosed with autism. For the last two years on this day, I have shared Jaden's story, but this time I want to focus on his 10-year-old sister, Jenae.

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Mike looks on as his 10-year-old daughter Jenae (now 11) shares a story with Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq

Strengthening the Justice System

Government Introduces Amendments to Strengthen Young Offenders Legislation

Ottawa

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Rob Nicholson, Canada's Minister of Justice was joined by Minister Christian Paradis and Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu to announce legislative amendments that would strengthen the way the young offenders system deals with violent and repeat young offenders.

"These amendments are entitled Sébastien's Law, in memory of Sébastien Lacasse, and to honour the dedication of his parents, Line and Luc," said Minister Paradis. "The Lacasse family and other courageous families have worked tirelessly as advocates for the rights of victims, to make a difference in the lives of others. In bringing forward these amendments we are acknowledging all Canadian families who have lost loved ones in crimes involving youth violence."

The proposed amendments to the young offenders legislation would:

- make the protection of Canadian communities a primary goal;
- simplify the rules to keep violent and repeat young offenders off the streets while awaiting trial, when necessary to protect society;
- require the Crown to consider seeking adult sentences for youth convicted of the most serious crimes – murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and aggravated assault;

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Mike’s 14-year-old son, Jaden gives Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq a high-five to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day 2010

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As with many siblings of people with autism, our family's attention often seems to be on someone else, and yet Jenae never complains. She sees the good in her brother, often pointing out, for example, that Jaden never fights with her like her friends' brothers do. When she was five, she described their relationship this way: ‘I’m Jaden's little sister, but sometimes I’m like his big sister.’

She is Jaden's guardian, his helper, his teacher and his friend. Jenae's name is Hebrew for ‘God has replied’ and there are countless others all across this country just like her: people like Josh Bortolotti, Jeanette Holden and the member for Sydney-Victoria (Liberal MP Mark Eyking).

They are answers to prayers both spoken and unspoken, and we thank God for them today on behalf of those who may not be able to say it themselves.”

Links to the video on YouTube, as well as interviews with Mike and Jaden on CTV and CBC, can be found on Mike’s website: www.MikeLake.ca

Remembering Vimy Ridge

On Friday, April 9, 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper attended a special commemorative ceremony at the National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier honouring the Canadian men and women who served in the First World War. The ceremony, held on Vimy Ridge Day, also marked the recent passing of John “Jack” Babcock, Canada’s last known First World War Veteran.

“Today, we pay homage to the generation whose fearlessness in battle and selflessness in intention defined our young nation in the eyes of the world,” said the Prime Minister. “They risked their lives so the people of Europe could live with the same peace and freedom that had taken such deep root in Canada.” Between 1914 and 1918, more than 650,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the First World War. Of these, more than 170,000 were injured and more than 68,000 lost their lives. The extraordinary achievements of Canadian troops and Canada’s contribution to the First World War resulted in Canada’s emergence as a sovereign nation.

“With the passing of John ‘Jack’ Babcock earlier this year, Canada sadly lost its last living link to that generation,” added the Prime Minister. “While those Canadians who fought in that epic struggle may now have passed from the face of the earth, their legacy lives on all around us.”



Prime Minister Stephen Harper remembers our World War I veterans at a memorial commemorating Vimy Ridge Day.

Strengthening the Justice System

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- enable the courts to impose more appropriate sentences on other violent and repeat offenders, as necessary in individual cases – to use existing sanctions in a way that would discourage an individual from offending again; to use a pattern of escalating criminal activity to seek a custodial sentence when necessary; to impose a custodial sentence for reckless behaviour that puts the lives and safety of others at risk; and
- require the courts to publish the name of a violent young offender when necessary for the protection of society.

Regarding the requirement to consider adult sentences for youth convicted of the most serious crimes, the provinces and territories will still have the discretion to set the age at which this requirement would apply.

The amendments would also ensure that offenders under the age of 18 who are sentenced to custody will be placed in youth facilities only, even if they receive an adult sentence.

“Our government is proud to stand up for the rights of victims and law-abiding citizens,” said Senator Boisvenu. “Today we have taken an important step forward in strengthening our youth criminal justice system. We are helping ensure that justice will be served, and that Canadians will be protected from violent and repeat offenders.”

For more information on Sébastien’s Law and other federal government criminal justice initiatives, please visit: www.justice.gc.ca



January, 19, 2010 - Leogane, Haiti.
A Canadian officer from Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Athabaskan talks to the kids of Leogane, Haiti.
Source: Corporal Johanie Maheu, DND/CF

Canadians Give Generously to the People of Haiti

On January 12, 2010, a catastrophic earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck Haiti, close to Port-au-Prince. That quake has caused widespread devastation and loss of life. The Government of Canada continues to extend its sincerest condolences to those affected by this terrible tragedy.

Since the first moments after the earthquake, Canadian officials in Ottawa and in Port-au-Prince have been actively working to support Canadians and Haitians in distress. Canadian officials have worked tirelessly to evacuate hundreds of Canadians to safety, and the Government of Canada has been working with the Government of Haiti, the United Nations, other donors and trusted humanitarian partners with a presence in the region to ensure that urgent and effective relief reaches those most in need.

Individual Canadians have also stepped up in unprecedented numbers, donating \$220 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, an amount that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government.

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund is providing effective, accountable and timely financial support to trusted Canadian and international humanitarian and development partner organizations working in the affected area.

For more information on Canadian humanitarian efforts in Haiti and around the world, please visit: www.cida.gc.ca



Mike visits with constituents at last year’s Pancake Breakfast. The event raised over \$3,400 for the Autism Society of Edmonton Area.

You’re Invited to Mike’s 2010 MP Pancake Breakfast in Support of the Autism Society of Edmonton Area

Edmonton

On Saturday, August 21, 2010, Mike will be hosting his annual MP Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will held from 9:00-11:30 AM in the constituency office parking lot. The office is located at the Mill Woods Town Centre Professional Building (6203 - 28 Avenue).

As was the case last year, the breakfast will be an opportunity to support the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA). Last year’s breakfast was a tremendous success, with over five hundred people in attendance, and more than \$3,400 raised for ASEA.

ASEA is a non-profit, charitable society which began in 1971. Today, the Society helps families and communities embrace and support people on the autism spectrum, throughout their lives. For more information about ASEA, please visit www.autismedmonton.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Lends a Hand with Homeless Connect

Edmonton

On Mother’s Day, May 9, 2010, Mike once again had the opportunity to volunteer at the semi-annual Homeless Connect event at the Shaw Conference Centre.

Homeless Connect Edmonton is a broad-based, community-inspired initiative, providing free appropriate services to homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless, on one day and at one location, each May and October.

The mission of Homeless Connect is to “provide services that help open doors out of homelessness, build lasting partnerships, raise public awareness of homelessness in the community, and provide a vehicle for community involvement in addressing the issue of homelessness.”

Services include mental health assessments, library services, foot care, haircuts, immunizations, birth control, pre-natal support, laundry, housing information, employment and training services and much more.

For more information please visit www.homelessconnect.ca.



Mike lends a hand with Susan McGee, Homeless Connect Executive Director, and Ken Murray, a fellow volunteer.



Mike meets with local community leaders to announce funding for the Jackie Parker Recreation Area.

Government of Canada Makes Significant Investment in Jackie Parker Recreation Area

Edmonton

The federal government is making a substantial commitment to the people of Mill Woods through it’s investment in the Jackie Parker Recreation Area. Funding for this project is being provided under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program, a major job-creating component of *Canada’s Economic Action Plan*.

“Our Government’s investment in the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program is creating jobs for Canadians, while encouraging greater participation in physical activities and the use of recreational facilities,” said Mike at the time. “Investing in the Jackie Parker Recreation Area will help the government stimulate the economy, while creating a place where Edmonton families will come together to stay active and have fun for years to come.”

The \$733,387 of RInC funding will go toward the construction of a spray park, a boulder park and a playground.

YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA: MIKE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What are the top three (or more) priorities that you would like to bring to the attention of Mike and the federal government?

How would you rate the overall performance of the Conservative Government?

Excellent

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Good

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Fair

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Poor

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How would you rate Mike’s performance as your Member of Parliament?

Excellent

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Good

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Please complete our survey and send it back to our office, *postage free*. Feel free to fold and tape to conceal personal information, but please do not staple.

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- Get answers to immigration questions; and
- Find information on government policies and procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments or concerns and we would be more than happy to assist you.

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Breakfast with Champions

Mike joins former Edmonton - Mill Woods - Beaumont MP David Kilgour and special guests Cindy and Lisa Klassen at the National Prayer Breakfast in Ottawa.



Meals on Wheels

Mike helps out with Doug Elniksi, MLA for Edmonton - Calder, at the Meals on Wheels *Christmas with Friends* event on December 16th.



Beaumont Soccer Fields

Mike and Beaumont Mayor Camille Bérubé braved a cold day in February to announce federal funding towards upgrading six soccer fields in Beaumont.



ROOPH Awards

Mike congratulates Justin Lui and Kristen Poon at the ROOPH (Recognizing Outstanding Organizations and People in Housing) awards.



Beaumont Aqua-Fit Grand Opening

Mike joins other community leaders to help cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the S&D Aqua-Fit Centre in Beaumont.



Mill Woods Diversity Days

A young constituent happily receives a Canadian flag pin from Mike during Mill Woods Diversity Days at Mill Woods Town Centre.

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