

YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

Volume 14, Fall 2010

Dear Constituents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and a productive start to the school year, or whatever new adventure life has for you this fall.

Let me start by congratulating Mayors Stephen Mandel (Edmonton) and Camille Berube (Beaumont) on your re-election. Further congratulations to Mill Woods Councillors Amarjeet Sohi and Kerry Diotte, and Beaumont Councillors Jay Archibald, Bill McNamara, Louise White-Gibbs, John Stewart, Jacqueline Biollo and Larry Goodhope on your successful election campaigns. I look forward to working with all of you.

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World Economic Forum Ranks Canadian Banks Soundest in the World Again

Ottawa

The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Finance Minister of Canada, issued the following statement upon release of the World Economic Forum's 2010-11 Competitiveness Report:

"I am very pleased to see the World Economic Forum has ranked Canada's banking system as the soundest in the world for the third consecutive year.

"Canada's banks and other financial institutions are sound and well-capitalized, and were less highly leveraged than their international peers heading into the financial crisis. In contrast to many other countries, none of Canada's banks required bailouts. Even during the worst days of the credit crisis, our financial institutions' health allowed them to continue to raise capital.

"The strength of our financial sector is the result of a sound regulatory regime, including capital requirements for financial institutions that are well above minimum international standards and higher than in many other jurisdictions, and a more conservative risk appetite among financial institutions.

"Regulation alone is not necessarily the answer to the problem. Many of the institutions that failed around the world were regulated. The key is effective supervision.

Government of Canada Supports Agricultural Recovery in Pakistan

Ottawa

The Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, announced, on October 15, further support for those affected by the recent flooding in Pakistan.

The contribution responds to agricultural recovery needs by providing seeds, fertilizers, and tools, and by supporting the rehabilitation of the land and livestock sector in Pakistan.

"The floods have washed away more than 4 million acres of crops and affected more than 30 percent of Pakistan's farmlands, leaving half of the country's food at risk. This means families will face hunger and lost income over the next growing seasons if action is not taken now," Minister Oda said. "Canada is providing urgently needed agricultural support to make sure that farmers can recover and plant on their land in time for the critical wheat season currently underway. Our help will also prevent further loss of livestock that is critical to the well-being of farmers in the flooded regions."

A total of \$11.5 million will be provided by CIDA from the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (\$6 million), Save the Children Canada (\$3.5 million), and Development and Peace (\$2 million), allowing these organizations to help meet the humanitarian and early recovery needs associated with the agricultural sector for the current rabi wheat season.

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YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

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"Save the Children is extremely pleased to learn of CIDA's strong support of agricultural livelihoods and child protection through this latest funding round," said David Morley, President and CEO of Save the Children. "This will ensure that farming families get the support they need to get back on their feet before the winter months and will enable hundreds of children to be protected from the most harmful forms of labour and exploitation that often exist after an emergency of this scale."



Pakistan - August 2010

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"In Canada we have a coordinated regulatory approach and that includes the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, the Bank of Canada, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada and the Department of Finance, all of whom work together in coordination to monitor macroeconomic issues.

"It's no wonder that international leaders around the world praise Canada's financial system as a model for others to emulate.

"Today's ranking by the World Economic Forum is further evidence that Canada's model does work and is an example to the world."

For more information please visit www.fin.gc.ca

PM Welcomes David Johnston as Canada's New Governor General

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On October 1, 2010 Prime Minister Stephen Harper welcomed Canada's new Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston.

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The Government of Canada's response to the flood relief efforts in Pakistan now totals \$52 million. Previous financial contributions were for the provision of emergency food, water, sanitation, shelter, relief supplies, health services, protection, and coordination and logistics and for the restoration of links to communities cut off by the flooding.

For more information regarding the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund please visit www.cida.gc.ca



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Mr. Johnston previously served as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waterloo. He has also served as President and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University and has held teaching positions at several prominent Canadian universities, including the University of Toronto, Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario. He has published extensively and has served as Chair, member or advisor to two dozen government agencies, boards and roundtables.

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Mr. Johnston is married to Dr. Sharon Johnston. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

Travel Warning - Mexico

Please note that, as of the printing date of this newsletter, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada advises against non-essential travel to the border areas between the United States and Mexico, due to continuing high levels of violence linked to drug trafficking.

Canadians should avoid crossing Mexico's northern border by land, as shootouts, attacks, and illegal roadblocks may occur at any time. Criminals especially target SUVs and full-size pickup trucks for theft and carjacking along highways in the states of Nuevo León, Tamaulipas, Baja California, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Sonora, and Sinaloa. Travellers are advised to reconsider their need to travel by land to or through these border states. They should do so only if it is absolutely necessary, and after making appropriate arrangements to ensure their personal safety.

To help you prepare for a safe trip, be sure to consult the Travel Report for Mexico on the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website at www.travel.gc.ca, or call 1-800-267-6788 (in Canada and the United States) or 613-944-6788.

IN THE COMMUNITY: KEEPING IN TOUCH ON ISSUES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Mike visits with constituents at his annual pancake breakfast. The event was a huge success, raising over \$18,000 for the Autism Society of Edmonton Area.

Pancake Breakfast a Success!

Edmonton

Mike held his annual pancake breakfast in support of the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA) on Saturday, August 21, 2010. The event was the most successful yet, with approximately 500 guests and over \$18,000 raised for ASEA.

Mike, whose 14-year-old son Jaden has autism, thanked those in attendance on the cool Saturday morning. "It is wonderful to see such a significant amount of money raised for this important organization," he said, "but it is especially meaningful that people would take the time to support the many families in our community who live with autism every single day."

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

New Service Canada Centre Opens to Better Serve Mill Woods Residents

Edmonton

On September 7, 2010, Mike officially opened the Edmonton Millbourne Service Canada Centre.

"This wonderful facility offers more space and allows for a more interactive, welcoming and accessible environment to better meet the needs of Service Canada clients in the Edmonton area," said Mike.

Residents of Edmonton will continue to receive easy, convenient access to a wide range of federal government programs and services through this new Service Canada Centre, including being able to apply for a passport and a Social Insurance Number, as well as Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security benefits.



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Mill Woods Seniors Activity Centre Open House

Edmonton

On September 8, 2010 Mike attended the 2010 Mill Woods Seniors Activity Centre Open House.

The Mill Woods Seniors Association is a registered non-profit organization operating the Mill Woods Seniors Activity Centre located in the Mill Woods Recreation Centre. The Seniors Activity Centre provides services for Seniors 55 years and older. Services include social, recreational, educational and outreach services for seniors living in Mill Woods and area including the Meadows, Ellerslie, Summerside and Tamarack. Seniors are invited to enjoy the great fellowship and many programs and services.

A few of the activities offered are movie day, ping pong, exercise programs, computer training, crafts, golfing and support groups.

For more information on how to get involved please visit: www.millwoods.org/seniors.html

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How would you rate Mike's performance as your Member of Parliament?	Phone Number:
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MIKE IN THE COMMUNITY: IMAGE GALLERY AND CONTACT INFORMATION

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Our offices are here to be of service to you.

We regularly help constituents:

- Navigate their way through federal government departments and services;
- Obtain Canadian flags and pins for travel abroad;
- Receive Congratulatory Certificates for milestone birthdays and anniversaries from the Member of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Governor General, and Her Majesty the Queen;
- 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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Beaumont Trade Fair

Mike chats with a young constituent at the Beaumont Business Association's annual trade fair.



Millwoods Shepherd's Care Centre

Mike dropped in one afternoon to play a Canadian trivia game with some residents of the Millwoods Shepherd's Care Centre.



Investing in the High Tech Sector

Mike takes part in a funding announcement with the Prime Minister at the Alberta Research Park's Alberta Centre for Advanced Microsystems and Nanotechnology Products.



CERC Announcement

Mike introduces Hon. Rona Ambrose at a Canada Excellence Research Chairs announcement at the University of Alberta.

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CERC Announcement
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