



Dear Constituents,

Summer is upon us and a busy session of Parliament is almost in the books - the perfect time to give you an update on what's been happening in Ottawa, and what I've been working on as your Member of Parliament.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter, and if you'd like to connect with me, use the feedback form on page three to let me know what's on your mind. If you'd rather reach out via e-mail, or on Twitter or Facebook, you can find all of our contact information on the back page.

As well, I'm always looking for opportunities to meet constituents. One such event is our annual MP Pancake Breakfast coming up on June 22nd. You can read more about it on page three.

You could also come out to one of our constituent roundtables, which I host regularly at the constituency office with 10-15 people in attendance. If you are interested in attending, just call the office at 780-495-2149, and my staff would be glad to help you find a date that works for you.

Thank you for giving me the chance to represent you. It is an absolute honour. Have a wonderful summer!

Mike.



You are invited to our annual pancake breakfast in association with the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA) on June 22nd, 2013.

Federal Government Announces Support for Mill Woods LRT Line

Edmonton

The government announced a P3 Canada Fund investment of up to \$250 million to support the construction of the City of Edmonton’s new Light Rail Transit (LRT) expansion to Mill Woods.

This investment will allow the City of Edmonton to enhance its public transit services. The new line and supporting facility will help reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, increase transit ridership, deliver direct economic benefits by providing residents with a lower-cost transportation alternative, and create jobs both during and after construction.

The project includes the construction of the southeast leg of the Southeast to West LRT (Valley Line), running 13.2 kilometres from Mill Woods to downtown Edmonton. The line is an urban style low-floor LRT that will integrate directly into existing communities, with an initial projected daily ridership of 28,000 passengers, increasing to 49,000 by 2044.

PPP Canada Inc. was established by the Government of Canada to improve the delivery of public infrastructure by achieving better value, timeliness and accountability to taxpayers, through public-private partnerships. PPP Canada acts as a leading source on P3 matters through knowledge development and sharing. In addition, the Corporation provides expertise and advice in assessing and executing P3 opportunities at the federal level as well as leveraging greater value for money from federal investments in provincial,

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Connecting Canadians With Available Jobs

Ottawa

Canadian workers are among the highest educated and best trained in the world.

However, the training system must be better attuned to helping Canadians obtain the skills they need to obtain high-quality jobs. To help Canadians connect with available jobs, *Economic Action Plan 2013* introduces a three-point plan to:

- Create the Canada Job Grant, which will directly connect skills training with employers and jobs for Canadians. The Grant will be introduced by negotiating renewal of the \$500-million-per-year Labour Market Agreements with the provinces and territories in 2014–15.
- Create opportunities for apprentices by working with provinces and territories to examine the use of practical tests as a method of assessment and harmonize requirements, and by introducing measures that will support the use of apprentices through federal construction and maintenance contracts, the Investment in Affordable Housing and infrastructure projects.
- Provide support to groups that are underrepresented in the job market such as persons with disabilities, youth, Aboriginal peoples and newcomers by:
 - Enhancing skills training opportunities for Canadians with

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YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

Connecting Canadians With Available Jobs

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disabilities through a new generation of Labour Market Agreements for Persons with Disabilities that will be introduced by 2014, and reforming and extending the Opportunities Fund to provide more demand-driven training solutions for persons with disabilities.

- Promoting education in fields where there is high demand from employers, including in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the skilled trades.
- Investing \$70 million over three years to support 5,000 more paid internships for recent post-secondary graduates and confirming support for Pathways to Education Canada, a not-for-profit organization that works with youth to increase rates of high school completion.
- Helping improve educational and labour market outcomes for Aboriginal peoples by investing to improve the on-reserve Income Assistance Program, providing funding for post-secondary scholarships and bursaries, and expanding Cape Breton University’s Purdy Crawford Chair in Aboriginal Business Studies.
- Continuing to work with provinces and territories, and other stakeholders to improve the foreign credential recognition processes, thereby enhancing the integration of internationally trained individuals into the job market.

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

Immigration Backlog Reduced By Forty Percent

Ottawa

As a result of actions taken by the government since 2008, the backlog of permanent resident applications has been reduced by about forty percent, paving the way for a faster and more effective immigration system.

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territorial, municipal and First Nations infrastructure through the P3 Canada Fund.

The P3 Canada Fund is a merit-based program with the objective of supporting P3 infrastructure projects that achieve value for Canadians, develop the Canadian P3 market and generate significant public benefits.



Mike speaks at the press conference announcing a P3 Canada Fund investment of \$250 million for the Mill Woods LRT line.

For more information about PPP Canada
please visit www.p3canada.ca

Return to Balanced Budgets by 2015

Ottawa

This has been accomplished, in part, by continuing to process a high number of applications from parents and grandparents in the Family Class while a temporary pause on new applications remains in effect until the end of the year. In addition, a pause was put in place on new Immigrant Investor applications and the oldest Federal Skilled Worker applications were eliminated while we continued to process record high levels of existing applications.

The government will continue to transform Canada’s immigration system to make it fast, flexible and more responsive to the labour market. The massive reduction in the backlog allows us to move toward a just-in-time system that recruits people with the right skills to meet Canada’s labour market needs, fast-tracks their applications and gets them working in Canada in a period of months, instead of years. It also means that families will no longer have to wait close to a decade to be reunited with their loved ones.

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

It was our strong financial position that enabled us to respond swiftly and effectively to the global recession. We prudently paid down over \$37 billion on the debt in advance. Our temporary stimulus program helped create jobs and built essential infrastructure, without our Government taking on the kind of debt that plagues many countries. Canadians deserve to know that their country’s finances remain strong. Indeed, our country is one of the very few to maintain a top AAA credit rating.

That’s why the Harper Government made a commitment to return to balanced budgets over the medium term. We are on track to keep that promise by 2015.

Because our Government made responsible choices, Canada does not require the harsh measures some countries have been forced to undertake. Canada is returning to balanced budgets through moderate restraint, because we paid down debt before the global recession and maintained a relatively strong financial position throughout. To learn more please visit www.budget.gc.ca.

Helping Protect Canada’s Youth

Ottawa

Over the last few years, Canadians have seen a significant increase in the number of reported cases of youth being exploited by their peers over the internet and/or wireless devices. When a young person’s privacy suddenly goes public, the consequences can be devastating. Too many youth are dealing with online bullying – it has to stop.

What’s become clear is that our children need a place to access information on dealing with such incidents of bullying. In the most extreme of cases, they need a place to safely report their concerns. That’s why our Conservative Government was pleased to witness the recent launch of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection’s new website, www.NeedHelpNow.ca.

NeedHelpNow.ca provides youth with information they need, ranging from recognizing the warning signs when a situation has gone too far, to learning what to do if you want a picture/video removed from the internet. It provides real-life skills to help our youth attract and deal with healthy relationships, establish personal boundaries, manage stress and develop problem-solving skills.

Our Conservative Government is pleased to support the work of organizations like the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. In fact, since 2006, we’ve delivered a number of initiatives to educate and help protect our youth, including through our *Safe Streets and Communities Act* which delivered mandatory jail time for offenders who sell drugs to youth. We also delivered a new law to protect children from online sexual exploitation, making mandatory that internet hosting services and social networking sites report instances of child pornography to police immediately. Meanwhile, since 2007, we’ve delivered over \$54 million to projects that address violence against women and girls.

Since the launch of the NeedHelpNow.ca website, Laureen Harper, wife to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has been promoting the benefits of this new online resource. In a situation where a youth experiences online bullying, some cannot handle the stress and take extreme measures to deal with anxiety. Mrs. Harper says, “...the website is a way to give people information and teach children no, your life isn’t over, there are things you can do.”

Our youth are the next generation of great Canadians. Let’s work to protect them and help them navigate the use of new technologies. Help get the word out. Visit and promote www.NeedHelpNow.ca today.

MIKE AT WORK: KEEPING IN TOUCH ON ISSUES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



You are invited to our annual pancake breakfast in association with the Autism Society of Edmonton Area on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013.

You're Invited to our Pancake Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday, June 22nd - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

WHERE: 9225 - 28 Avenue NW (Long & McQuade Building)

In association with the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA)

For more information about ASEA please visit:

www.autismedmonton.org

Strengthening Community Infrastructure in Beaumont

Beaumont

Earlier this year, Mike had the privilege of announcing support for two facilities in Beaumont under the Harper Government's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF).

An investment of \$240,000 will go towards upgrades to the Ken Nichol Regional Recreation Centre, including the replacement of the ventilation system, upgrades to the roof, and the installation of new signage.

An investment of \$20,250 will enhance the services provided by the Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library. This project will result in better storage solutions for books and equipment, providing visitors and staff with improved access to popular materials in the library.

In *Economic Action Plan 2013*, the Harper Government announced further support to help communities across the country modernize their infrastructure, committing \$150 million over two years to the CIIF. It supports projects that look to improve existing community infrastructure accessible for use by the public, such as community centres, local arenas, cultural and other community facilities.

To learn more about the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund please visit:

www.wd.gc.ca



Mike announces funding for the Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library.



Mike presents Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals to 29 dedicated Canadians.

Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentation

Edmonton

On Wednesday, February 20th, Mike presented Diamond Jubilee Medals to 29 dedicated Canadians.

A commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

“It is a privilege to honour these committed Canadians who are devoted to making such a meaningful difference to their communities, and their country,” said Mike.

To learn more about the Diamond Jubilee Medal please visit:

www.gg.ca

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

Mike has been your Member of Parliament for seven years now. As one of his constituents, what feedback would you give to help him continue to serve you most effectively?

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

Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

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

Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐

Please complete the 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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City:

Province: Postal Code:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

MIKE AT WORK: IMAGE GALLERY AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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Mike Travels to Kenya and Malawi

In January, Mike travelled to Kenya and Malawi with a Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association delegation. Here, Mike visits a Canadian-funded health clinic for young children.



Jasper Place Health & Wellness

Murray Soroka, founder of the Jasper Place Health and Wellness Centre, gives Mike a tour of the facility, which does tremendous work to help Edmonton's homeless community.



Mrs. Harper visits Crawford Plains

Laureen Harper, wife of the Prime Minister, and Mike visit the Interactions class at Crawford Plains Elementary School—a great opportunity to raise awareness of autism.



Maier Centre for Autism Services

Terri Duncan, Executive Director of Children's Autism Services, shows Mike around the facility and shares information about the range of programs and services they offer.

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Mill Woods Recreation Centre

Mike announces \$250,000 in federal funding for upgrades to the Mill Woods Recreation Centre under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF).



Keegano Housing Co-operative

Mike visits residents of Keegano, which is one of Edmonton's oldest housing co-ops, located right in the heart of Mill Woods.

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