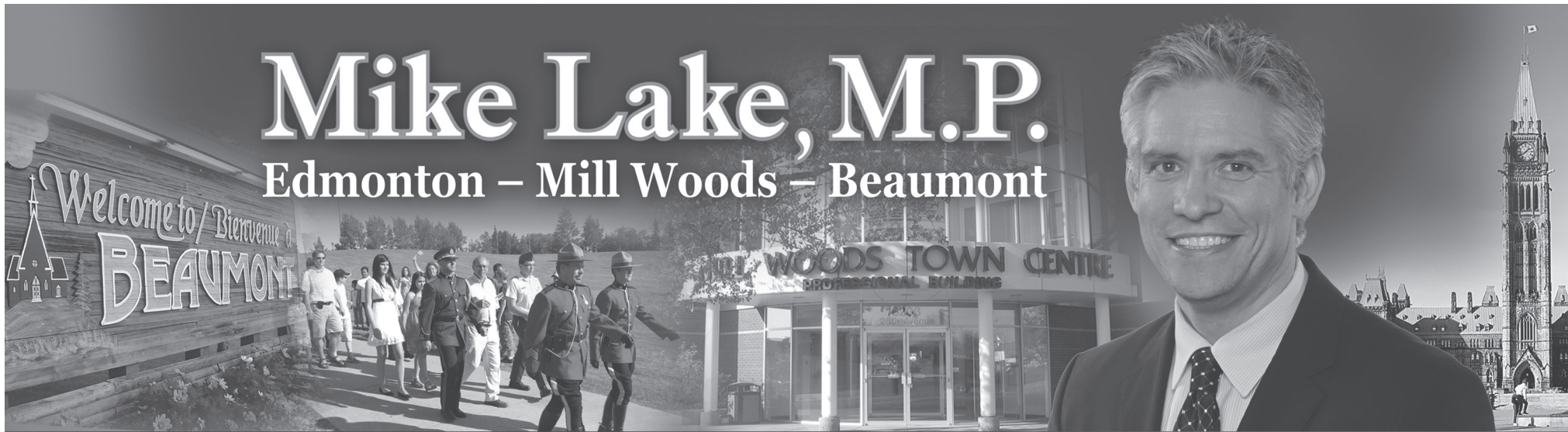


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YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

Volume 21, Fall 2013

Dear Constituents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. In this edition, I want to highlight a couple of areas where Canada is showing significant leadership.

Within our borders, we have an economy that is the envy of the developed world. Employment continues to be on the rise and our budget is on track to be balanced by 2015. On the global stage, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has received well-deserved recognition for driving real action on the issue of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) in the developing world.

Speaking of leadership, I'd like to also take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on the great work done by the many Edmontonians who have volunteered their time and energy to build our world-class community league program. If you're not a member of a community league right now, I hope you'll consider checking out the one in your area (see page two for a list).

There's more to read as well, but most importantly, I'd love it if you'd reach out and let me know what matters to you. Send us an e-mail, fill out the feedback form on page three or, even better, come out to one of our constituent roundtable meetings (details also on page three). I'd love to meet you.

Have a wonderful Christmas!



The Lake family wishes you a very Merry Christmas
and all the best in 2014!

Canada's Leadership in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Ottawa

As Prime Minister Stephen Harper reiterated this fall when he announced support for nine projects with a global reach, improving the health of mothers, newborns and children and reducing the number of preventable deaths are top priorities for Canada.

Each year, around the world, hundreds of thousands of women die during pregnancy or childbirth and 6.6 million children die before reaching the age of five. Many of these deaths can be prevented by proven, cost-effective, evidence-based interventions.

Canada is leading a global effort—the Muskoka Initiative—to mobilize global action to reduce maternal and infant mortality and improve the health of mothers and children in the world's poorest countries.

Canada is providing \$1.1 billion in new funding between 2010 and 2015. Canada is also providing \$1.75 billion in ongoing spending on maternal and child health programming, a total contribution of \$2.85 billion.

In November 2010, Canada outlined how its \$2.85 billion contribution to the Muskoka Initiative would be organized. Through the maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) initiative, funding follows three integrated paths, focuses on ten countries and involves multilateral, global and Canadian partners.

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Canada's Staying on the Right Track for Economic Growth

Ottawa

Canada is on the right track for continued economic success, as our government moves ahead with our plan for jobs, growth and long-term prosperity.

Canada has already experienced significant measures of economic success. Since the depth of the global recession in 2009, Canada's Economic Action Plan has created approximately one million net new jobs, the best job growth among all G7 members.

On October 11, Statistics Canada announced that 11,900 net new jobs were created in September – with solid gains in the private sector and full-time employment. Also, the unemployment rate fell to 6.9% – the lowest level since December 2008.

Our Economic Action Plan is enhancing the resilience of the Canadian economy and stimulating it with targeted support to Canadian industry, communities and hard-working Canadians. Strategic industry investments are creating opportunity for greater innovation, skills, productivity and global competitiveness, all of which are vital to long-term economic growth in Canada.

Our government is also making significant infrastructure investments across the country. Through programs like the Community Infrastructure Fund, the

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Canada’s Staying on the Right Track for Economic Growth

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Building Canada Fund and the Green Infrastructure Fund, we have helped create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Canada also has enormous natural wealth, and the strength of our natural resource sectors is essential to our economic success. Our government’s plan for Responsible Resource Development is unleashing the full potential of our resource sectors to create quality jobs, expand into new markets abroad and help grow our economy, while strengthening safety and environmental protection. Natural resources account for 18% of our GDP, 950,000 Canadians work in these sectors and 850,000 additional Canadian jobs serve these sectors. Responsible Resource Development is helping ensure that these jobs exist for today and generations to come.

Our government also understands that, though the Canadian economy is in a strong fiscal position, our economic security is threatened by the fragility of the global economy. Fiscal discipline and the sound management of public finances are vital to Canada’s ongoing economic success.

As a result of an increase in jobs and a healthier EI operating account, we are freezing the EI rate paid by employers and employees for the next three years. The introduction of this measure is providing tax relief to job creators and hard-working Canadians alike, saving them \$660 million in 2014 alone.

We have cut personal taxes, consumption taxes, business taxes, excise taxes and much more. In fact, our Government has cut taxes over 150 times, delivering \$3,220 in annual tax relief for the average Canadian family of four.

The fact is that our government has presented a viable action plan for economic success, as we remain focused on jobs, economic growth and long-term prosperity for all Canadians.

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

Canada’s Leadership in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

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Canada is also a strong supporter of the work of the independent Expert Review Group, established to monitor progress on the goals of the UN Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health until 2015. Our contribution will help donor and developing countries begin implementing the recommendations of the UN Commission on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children’s Health, which Prime Minister Harper co-chaired.



Last January, Mike visited a Canadian-funded health clinic for young children in Malawi.

For more information about Canadian efforts on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health please visit www.can-mnch.ca

Spotlight on Community Leagues

Edmonton

Community leagues play an important role in making Edmonton such an incredible place to live and work. Becoming involved is a simple way to connect with others and build lasting relationships, while making a difference in the community.

Benefits of membership include: educational programs, recreational activities, facility use, access to hall rentals, skating rinks, tennis courts, basketball courts and more. Also available to community league members are membership discounts at any one of the City of Edmonton’s sport and fitness facilities.

Being a member of your community league also provides the opportunity for you to have a say in facility and park development, as well as urban planning.

On the right is a list of community leagues in Southeast Edmonton. Please take the time to get involved and have an impact in your own neighbourhood.

For more information on community leagues in Southeast Edmonton, please visit www.seedmonton.ca

| Southeast Edmonton Community Leagues | | |
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| Burnewood | www.burnewood.ca | 780-465-9814 |
| Ellerslie | www.ellersliecommunityleague.com | 780-906-4707 |
| Knottwood | www.knottwood.org | 780-462-7549 |
| Lakewood | www.seedmonton.ca/community_leagues | 780-463-3617 |
| Leefield | www.leefield.ca | 780-463-2456 |
| The Meadows | www.themeadowscommunity.ca | |
| Millhurst | www.seedmonton.ca/community_leagues | 780-462-3493 |
| North Millbourne | www.nmclinfo.com | 780-462-9127 |
| Ridgewood | www.ridgewoodcl.org | 780-450-6338 |
| Southwood | www.southwoodcl.ca | 780-461-8133 |
| Summerside | www.summersidecommunityleague.com | |
| Woodvale | www.woodvale.org | 780-462-2101 |

You’re invited to our 8th Annual

Christmas Open House

WHEN: Thursday, December 19th - 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

WHERE: Mill Woods Assembly Café, 2225 - 66 Street (West Entrance)

We look forward to seeing you there!





Mike’s pancake breakfast was a huge success, with over \$52,000 raised for the Autism Society of Edmonton Area.

Another Successful Pancake Breakfast

Edmonton

On Saturday, June 22nd Mike held his 8th annual pancake breakfast in support of the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (ASEA). The event was the most successful yet, raising over \$52,000 for ASEA.

Mike thanked the more than 400 in attendance on another sunny Saturday morning. "Every year, I am amazed at the incredible support Edmontonians give our families living with autism. The willingness of the sponsors to contribute to this event, and the community to show up in the numbers they do, has been overwhelming."

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, often starting as the first point of contact after the initial autism diagnosis.

For more information about ASEA please visit:
www.autismedmonton.org

Constituent Roundtable Meetings

Edmonton

Mike regularly holds roundtable constituent meetings. Generally attended by ten to fifteen constituents, each meeting is designed to facilitate discussion about issues specifically raised by those at the table. In contrast to a typical town hall meeting, the roundtable, with its smaller group format, allows for greater interaction among the participants.

These roundtables are the most effective way for the greatest number of constituents to express their opinions, hear the views of their neighbours, and learn more about what the federal government is doing for Canadians. Mike has found these meetings to be invaluable, helping to inform him about the issues most important to the people he represents. At the same time, he has been encouraged by the level of public debate between the individuals who come to the meetings, often from different backgrounds and with different points of view.



If you are interested in attending a constituent roundtable meeting, please contact the Constituency Office at 780-495-2149.

To learn more about Mike’s work please visit:
www.MikeLake.ca



Mike, along with MLA George Rogers and Mayor Camille Bérubé, dedicate the 50th Street corridor in Beaumont.

Significant Investment in Beaumont Infrastructure

Beaumont

On Wednesday, October 9th, Mike attended the dedication ceremony for the upgraded 50th Street corridor in Beaumont.

Mike, along with MLA George Rogers and Beaumont Mayor Camille Bérubé, celebrated the occasion, saying, “Our government is proud to have invested in the construction of Beaumont’s 50th Street and 50th Avenue corridor as it will help revitalize the downtown core. This infrastructure investment will make everyday travel safer and more convenient for local residents, business and visitors, and has helped create jobs, and encouraged economic growth and long-term prosperity.”

Under the Communities component of the Building Canada Fund, the Government of Canada has invested in important projects across the west with matching contributions from the provinces. Thousands of Alberta residents are now enjoying the benefits of this significant investment to Canada’s and Alberta’s public infrastructure.

To learn more about Beaumont please visit:
www.beaumont.ab.ca

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

We’ve said that we’ll balance Canada’s federal budget by 2015. In which three areas would you suggest the government could spend less of your tax dollars?

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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Fair

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Poor

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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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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 Visits Creating Alternatives

In July, Mike visited Creating Alternatives in Toronto. It is a day program for adults with developmental disabilities that helps promote self-care skills and community participation.



Diamond Jubilee Medal

This summer, Mike presented a Diamond Jubilee medal to Dr. Stephen Scherer. Dr. Scherer has received international acclaim for his work on the Autism Genome Project.



Edmonton K-Days Parade

On Friday, July 19th, Mike and his family participated in the annual K-Days Parade. It was a beautiful day to kick off the start of the nine-day fair.



Citizenship Ceremony

In July, Mike had the privilege of participating in a Citizenship Ceremony. During the ceremony the oath of citizenship is taken and the citizenship certificate is presented.



National Governors Association

In August, Mike represented Canada at the NGA summer meeting in Milwaukee. Here are Mike and his family with Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, who chaired the association in 2013.



World Health Organization

In September, Mike addressed a World Health Organization conference in Geneva, Switzerland. The conference was to identify priorities for global action on autism.

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