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## Edmonton - Wetaskiwin



**YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA**

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**Dear Constituents,**

After serving for my first ten years as a Member of Parliament on the government side of the House of Commons, life in Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition has been an adjustment.

Instead of being in a position to deliver on the promises made in an election platform, our role is to hold the government of the day to account. We call them out on broken promises, but many times we'd rather see their promises go unkept, like the Liberal government's promises to run deficits, raise taxes and withdraw our fighter jets from the international mission against ISIS.

My new role as Critic for Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) is one that I love, but I'd prefer to be a "champion" for issues that I care about, rather than a "critic". In that vein, as your elected representative, you can count on me to be a champion for the hard-working people of Edmonton - Wetaskiwin, fighting for balanced budgets, responsible spending, lower taxes and support for responsible, sustainable development and export of our resources.

An important part of this process is for me to hear from you directly. You can reach me via e-mail, or on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram; by filling out the feedback form on the third page of this newsletter; or by attending one of our regular constituent roundtable meetings. I look forward to hearing from you!



## Official Opposition Critic for Global Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

**Ottawa**

As many constituents in Edmonton - Wetaskiwin know, Mike serves as the Official Opposition Critic for Global Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health, commonly known as MNCH. When Canada hosted the G8 summit of world leaders in 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper made



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## Mike Wants to Hear from You—Connect via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

**Edmonton**

With one of the largest constituencies in the country, and an international profile on autism and MNCH (see article to the left), Mike has a significant and growing following on social media. Unlike most MPs, Mike manages his own accounts and regularly communicates through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you'd like to join the conversation, he'd love to hear from you!



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## Official Opposition Critic for Global Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

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MNCH the signature agenda item. He recognized that global progress was significantly behind on the Millennium Development Goals in the areas of maternal mortality and mortality of newborns and children (under 5) in the developing world.

Canada introduced the Muskoka Initiative, under which global leaders made significant MNCH funding commitments. The results have been remarkable, with maternal deaths in the last decade dropping from 500,000 annually to under 300,000, and deaths of children under 5 dropping from 9 million to under 6 million per year.

Mike is dedicated to ensuring that the Liberal government builds on the momentum Canada started at Muskoka. Despite promising results, there is still much work to be done in reaching the most vulnerable mothers and children in developing countries, and in helping to build capacity within those countries to allow them to take control of their own futures.



**On a recent trip to Tanzania, Mike met this 4-year-old boy. Doctors say that as an infant, he suffered from severe malnutrition and would not be alive today if not for Canadian investment in MNCH, through World Vision Canada, in the region in which he lives.**

## Liberal Budget Adds Billions to Canada's Debt to Finance Out-of-Control Spending

**Ottawa**

In March, the Liberal government presented their first budget, and it sets Canada on a dangerous path of reckless spending, borrowed against the future of young Canadians.

They've broken their campaign promise to borrow a "modest" \$10 billion per year, with estimates that this year's budget deficit alone will be three times that amount. This comes following seven years of hard work on the part of all Canadians to achieve a balanced budget, after the global economic meltdown of 2008-09.

The circumstances this time around are much different. There are certainly economic challenges in Alberta this year because of the worldwide slowdown in energy prices, but those challenges are balanced by strength in other sectors. Even after a year of weakness in the energy sector, Finance Canada's Fiscal Monitor has confirmed that the Liberals were left a healthy surplus by our Conservative government to begin their mandate.

Over the past decade, Canada has had the best job creation and economic growth record in the G7, even as we endured and recovered from the worst global economic downturn since the Great Depression. The recipe for that strong performance? Low taxes across the board, responsible spending, open markets for Canadian products, and a predictable business environment.

The result is that Canadians at every level of income have been better off economically. Independent global experts have reported that fewer Canadian children are living in poverty, that Canada's middle class is the wealthiest on the planet, and that our banks are the world's soundest.

The Liberals are putting all of this at risk, blowing through their own promised budget deficit figures, which were not-too-modest to start with. The reason is simple. During the election campaign, they promised much more than they could afford, and the money for that out-of-control spending has to come from somewhere.

For now, the decision is to defer some of the bill, leaving it to be paid in the future by our kids and grandkids. The rest will be paid through higher taxes starting now - for example through a higher tax on small businesses this year than promised in the Liberal election platform.

In October, fewer than 40% of Canadians voted for the Liberals - the only party promising to run a deficit - and the promised shortfall was much lower than what their budget has delivered. This is unacceptable, and you can count on the fact that the Conservative Official Opposition will fight this mortgaging of our country's future every step of the way.

## Standing Up for Alberta's Economy

**Edmonton**

The oil and gas sector provides thousands of jobs and is crucial to the economy of both Alberta, and Canada as a whole. Conservatives support the responsible development of Canada's natural resources so that Canadian businesses can fully capitalize on global opportunities.

The natural resources sector has been hit particularly hard by low commodity prices and economic uncertainty. The Liberal government has added stress to an already troubled industry through the addition of extra red-tape, an unclear and unpredictable evaluation system and the politicization of the final determination of projects.

The Liberals continue to ignore Canada's natural resources sector, and their budget fails to deliver a plan to help get unemployed Albertans back to work. Raising taxes on businesses will not help the more than 100,000 Canadians who have recently been laid off in the oil and gas industry.

While the Conservatives were in government, we worked to approve new pipelines including Enbridge Alberta Clipper, TransCanada Keystone, and Kinder Morgan Anchor Loop. On top of this, we implemented a sector-by-sector regulatory approach, to reduce GHG emissions, that protects the environment and supports economic prosperity.

The Liberals have a plan **to borrow billions.**

THERE IS **NO PLAN TO CREATE JOBS.**

THERE IS **NO PLAN TO PAY THE BORROWED MONEY BACK.**

Dear Prime Minister,

THERE IS **NO FREE MONEY.**

**FUTURE GENERATIONS ARE ON THE HOOK.**

Conservative Record:

**Best growth record in the G7**

	CANADA: 1.7%
	USA: 1.6%
	GERMANY: 1.5%
	GREAT BRITAIN: 1.5%
	FRANCE: 0.9%
	JAPAN: 0.6%
	CHINA: 0.4%

Source: annual growth of real GDP, % (2004-2014 actual, 2015-2017 projected)



You are invited to our annual pancake breakfast in support of Autism Edmonton!

## You're Invited to our Pancake Breakfast

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 25th, 2016 - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**WHERE:** 1203 - 91 Street SW, Edmonton, Alberta

*In Support of Autism Edmonton*

For more information please visit:  
[www.MikeLake.ca](http://www.MikeLake.ca)

## Mike Engages University Students Across Canada

### Edmonton

For the past few years, university professors from across Canada have invited Mike to speak as a guest presenter in class lectures.

Using video clips from interviews and news stories centred around his 20-year-old son, Jaden, who has autism, Mike's presentation is about expecting more of the people around us. His goal is to change the way we think about **all** people - our abilities, our challenges and the unique contributions that we can all make, to the great benefit of our entire society.

The outreach has been a huge success, engaging thousands of students from over a dozen different Canadian universities. Response has been overwhelmingly positive, with students describing the conversations as "inspiring", "eye-opening" and "truly touching".



Mike has spoken to thousands of students at schools across Canada as part of his university outreach.

If you're a student, teacher or professor in a K-12 school or post-secondary institution, and you'd like to have Mike visit your class, please call 780-495-2149 for details.



Mike discusses issues and ideas with constituents at one of the hundreds of roundtables he has hosted as a Member of Parliament.

## Constituent Roundtables – Staying Connected

### Edmonton

Mike regularly holds constituent roundtable meetings, usually 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 him to understand the issues most important to the people he represents. At the same time, he has been encouraged by the level of public debate between individuals who come to the meetings, often from different backgrounds and with different points of view.

If you'd like to attend a constituent roundtable meeting, please call the Constituency Office at 780-495-2149 for more details.

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

**What are the most important issues facing Canada today?**

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**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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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; 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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### Family Interview with Steve Paikin

Mike, Jaden (20) & Jenae (16) sat down with TVO's Steve Paikin to discuss family life with autism, and growing up with Jaden.



### An Important Part of Alberta's Story

Mike once again visited the Leduc #1 Energy Discovery Centre with Past President Sheldon Weatherby. This is a must-visit for every young Albertan - an important part of our heritage.



### A Big Step Toward Independence

Mike often visits Community Living sites, where he meets many lively individuals like Marissa, a young woman who is now able to live semi-independently!



### Mike Engages University Students

Visiting York University, Mike talks to 1st year Psychology students about how we define "normal", and the impact that has on our expectations of the skills and abilities of others.



### Meeting of the Minds on MNCH

Mike has a strong relationship with Bono's organization, ONE. Last year they discussed efforts to reach the world's most vulnerable in Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (MNCH).



### Edmonton International Airport

Mike's son, Jaden, joins him onstage as he speaks at an event to celebrate the inaugural direct WestJet flight to London from Edmonton International Airport, in the heart of the riding.

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