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YOUR VOICE IN OTTAWA

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Dear Constituents,

Over my twelve years as a Member of Parliament, I have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful people. They come from a variety of backgrounds, with rich life experiences, and unique skills and abilities that contribute greatly to our country.

Among those people are partners from other levels of government, from across the political spectrum, who share the responsibility of serving those who live within the federal constituency of Edmonton-Wetaskiwin.

We have been blessed in our area to have terrific leaders at the municipal level over the years. Four of those leaders, a group of mayors with almost a century of experience in elected life, retired in October, leaving each of their communities in a much better place because of their service.

To my friends, Camille Berube (Beaumont), Bill Elliot (Wetaskiwin), Greg Kruschke (Leduc), and John Whaley (Leduc County) - thank you so much for your dedication to your communities, and to our broader region. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve alongside you over the years!



Thank you Greg, Bill, Camille, John, and your families, for years of dedicated service to our municipalities, to Alberta and to Canada!

Local Business Needs Our Support — Not Higher Taxes

Ottawa

Canada's local businesses deserve some respect from their government. After all, they're the backbone of our economy.

Most local business owners are middle class Canadians – the people who put their time, effort, and sweat into paying the bills and paying their employees before they pay themselves. They're not big multinational corporations – they're our neighbours.

The Trudeau Liberals are now targeting them with a massive tax hike, threatening jobs and the communities that are sustained by our local businesses. These Liberal tax hikes will significantly impact local manufacturing shops, farmers selling the local produce you love, and the greasy spoon where your family has breakfast for a treat once in a while.



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Mike Speaks in Favour of the Energy East Pipeline to Protect Canadian Jobs

Ottawa

To help preserve Canadian jobs, Mike made this statement in the House of Commons in favour of protecting the Energy East Pipeline:

“Mr. Speaker, each day, over 600,000 barrels of oil are imported into eastern Canada. The top source countries are the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Nigeria, Norway, and Angola.

The oil, which arrives via large tankers and rail, represents millions of dollars taken out of the Canadian economy every single day. The math here is simple. Oil is already being used, but it is not Canadian oil. Not a single greenhouse gas emission is being reduced.

Simply allowing the market to switch to Canadian oil would increase Canadian jobs, increase funding for Canadian health care, education, and other social programs, and increase our own control over the environment. These are undeniable wins on all counts for all Canadians. Energy East would create thousands of jobs across the country, and bring in billions of dollars in tax revenues, desperately needed as the Liberal government grapples with budget deficit projections that seem to increase almost daily.

It is time for the Prime Minister to show some leadership on this file for the good of all Canadians.”

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Local Business Needs Our Support – Not Higher Taxes

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Our communities are woven together by our local businesses. They employ our neighbours, they grow the economy, and they sponsor community hockey. Yet Trudeau is targeting local businesses with a major tax increase. That’s wrong, and it’s insulting to the Canadians who have worked hard to build up their local businesses.



Mike chats with constituents at Beans Coffee Bar & Bistro, a local small business and popular gathering place, in Wetaskiwin.

The vast majority of local business operators don't have pensions or government bailouts to fall back on; whatever money they can save helps them pay their workers during a bad year, or pay for retirement after a lifetime of work.

So far, the Trudeau government has increased personal income tax, cancelled the promised local business tax rate reduction, and rolled out their nationalized carbon tax that will squeeze the margins of many local businesses. Now they are proposing to take away a significant incentive entrepreneurs have to strike it out on their own.

There’s nothing fair about this. Local businesses grow our communities and create jobs. They need our support, not higher taxes. Canadians can count on our Conservative Official Opposition to fight the Trudeau Liberal government’s attack on local businesses every step of the way.

For more information please visit:
www.MikeLake.ca

World Autism Awareness Day—Mike’s Statement in the House of Commons

Ottawa

On April 5th, Mike presented his annual one-minute World Autism Awareness Day statement in the Canadian House of Commons. Relaying his son Jaden’s personal story, Mike addresses the way we think about the people around us — their abilities, their challenges and the unique contributions that they can make to the great benefit of us all:

“Mr. Speaker, April 2nd was World Autism Awareness Day, and nineteen years since my son, Jaden, was diagnosed at two.

Jaden isn't special because he has autism. Nor is he special despite having autism. He's just really and truly special. When you're with Jaden, he doesn't require you to be anyone you're not. He simply loves the fact that you're with him.

He doesn't care at all what party you're with, whether you're the Prime Minister, or a backbencher, a staff member or even a member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He'll like you, and he'll trust you, and if you do him wrong, he'll probably like and trust you all over again before you've completed your next breath.

Too often, our society views such naivety as weakness. Having had the privilege of learning from Jaden for 21 years, I'd argue that the opposite is true. If we can adapt our thinking to include and embrace more of the raw honesty and vulnerability we see in people like Jaden, we will all be better off for it.”



Mike and his son Jaden greet families on Parliament Hill for World Autism Awareness Day, an annual tradition.

Edmonton-Wetaskiwin: Most Populated Riding in Canada

Edmonton-Wetaskiwin

Statistics Canada’s 2016 Census report included a summary of the population of Canada's 338 federal constituencies. Edmonton-Wetaskiwin ranked #1 by a huge margin. Electoral boundaries are adjusted every ten years based on population. The last adjustment was done prior to the 2015 election, with all new constituencies in Alberta starting at around 111,000 people. As of June 2016, the population of Edmonton-Wetaskiwin was just under 160,000.

While this growing number can be a challenge, we will meet that challenge by increasing the number of opportunities to connect through constituent roundtable meetings and other special events. As well, our office can readily assist you as you navigate your way through federal government services. Please do not hesitate to contact us and one of our staff will be more than happy to help you.

Federal Constituencies
BY POPULATION, 2016

CONSTITUENCY	PROV.	POPULATION
Edmonton--Wetaskiwin	Alta.	158,749
Calgary Shepard	Alta.	147,520
Niagara Falls	Ont.	136,292
Banff--Airdrie	Alta.	135,762
Calgary Skyview	Alta.	135,730
King--Vaughan	Ont.	131,995
Calgary Rocky Ridge	Alta.	131,823
Guelph	Ont.	131,794
Durham	Ont.	130,872
Brantford--Brant	Ont.	130,296

Federal Constituencies
BY POPULATION INCREASE (#)

CONSTITUENCY	PROV.	INCREASE 2011-2016 (#)
Edmonton--Wetaskiwin	Alta.	48,105
Calgary Shepard	Alta.	37,156
Spadina--Fort York	Ont.	33,026
Banff--Airdrie	Alta.	30,320
Brampton West	Ont.	28,243
Milton	Ont.	26,028
Calgary Skyview	Alta.	25,541
Calgary Rocky Ridge	Alta.	22,922
King--Vaughan	Ont.	22,760
Brampton East	Ont.	22,288

Federal Constituencies
BY POPULATION INCREASE (%)

CONSTITUENCY	PROV.	INCREASE 2011-2016 (%)
Edmonton--Wetaskiwin	Alta.	43.5
Spadina--Fort York	Ont.	40.0
Calgary Shepard	Alta.	33.7
Milton	Ont.	29.6
Banff--Airdrie	Alta.	28.8
Brampton West	Ont.	27.8
Calgary Skyview	Alta.	23.2
Brampton East	Ont.	22.4
Calgary Rocky Ridge	Alta.	21.0
King--Vaughan	Ont.	20.8



Come celebrate the holiday season with us at Mike's annual Christmas Open Houses.

Save the Date

You're invited to our 12th Annual Christmas Open Houses

WHEN: Saturday, December 16th, 2017 & Sunday, December 17th, 2017

WHERE: Stay tuned for locations in Devon, Beaumont, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Pigeon Lake, and Edmonton.

For more information please visit: www.MikeLake.ca

Celebrating the Summer with Community Parades

Edmonton-Wetaskiwin

Community parades are a sure sign of summer in Edmonton-Wetaskiwin. A long-standing tradition, these parades provide a great opportunity for the whole family to meet and support the many organizations that make up our communities.

Mike, along with his son Jaden, rode in the K-Days parade in Edmonton, Black Gold Days Parade in Leduc, Leduc Antique Society Parade, Buck Lake Parade, Beaumont Town & Country Daze Parade, and Devon Days Parade.

Thank you to the many volunteers and participants who make these events so successful each and every year!



Mike and his son Jaden celebrate the beginning of summer with constituents in Edmonton, Leduc, Beaumont and Devon.



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-Wetaskiwin

Mike regularly holds constituent roundtable meetings, usually attended by twelve to eighteen 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 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 government programs. 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. Mike will be holding at least 52 roundtable meetings in 2018 and hopes to see you there!

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?

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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

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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Canada 150 Celebrations

Mike was thrilled to join constituents in celebrating the best country in the world on its 150th birthday. From picnics to fireworks, Mike joined events happening across the riding.



Bring your MP to STEM Camp

Mike and Jaden had a great time at *DiscoverE*, a student-delivered camp put on by the University of Alberta to promote Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.



Mike Presents a TEDx Talk

In July, Mike and Jaden presented a TEDx talk titled 'Hard to Reach: The Power of the Impossible Mission' to address the global effort to end inequality.



Tea with the MP

Twelve students from museums in Edmonton-Wetaskiwin were congratulated for their efforts in preserving and promoting Canada's vibrant history at a tea, in Millet, with Mike in August.



Startup by Sophia

Mike introduced Amanda Sussman of PLAN Canada to Sophia Fairweather, an 8 year-old entrepreneur from Wetaskiwin, who runs a business called Startup By Sophia.



Launch of Beaumont Transit System

Mike joined Beaumont Mayor Camille Berube and Leduc-Beaumont MLA Shaye Anderson to launch the Beaumont transit commuter service. It is already serving over 100 riders per day.

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