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STRONG LEADERSHIP

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E-Newsletter

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AUGUST 2010**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEW BRUNSWICK!

Dear constituents,

July was a very busy month with several festivals and all the good news we announced for the Miramichi riding. Over the month we welcomed Diane Ablonczy (Minister of State - Seniors), Jim Flaherty, (Minister of Finance) and Keith Ashfield (Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency).

As we enter the month of August, I would like to wish everyone Happy New Brunswick Day on August 3!

At the end of June, the Bank of Canada reported that our economy has stabilized after seven consecutive months of growth. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Economic Action Plan is working.

There are still some Economic Action Plan programs that might be available to you or someone you know. An example is the Apprenticeship Completion Grant - a \$2,000 cash grant to anyone who has completed a Red Seal apprenticeship after January 2009. It's all part of the more complete package of tax relief, helping the unemployed get back on their feet, building infrastructure and stimulating construction. I've included more information about these initiatives below as well as links to even more information if you're interested.

The Plan:

Over the next fiscal year, Year 2 of the Economic Action Plan will continue to maintain and create jobs, and help Canadian workers and families manage through still difficult economic conditions. **For more information - [click here.](#)**

Apprenticeship Completion Grants:

As part of our Economic Action Plan, our government is encouraging skills training by offering a new Apprenticeship Completion Grant of \$2,000 to all new graduating apprentices in Red Seals Programs. For more information - [click here.](#)

What Has Been Done:

We've offered tax relief for families and businesses, given unemployed Canadians a hand up, created jobs by building infrastructure, and given targeted support to the industries and communities that need it most. For more information - [click here.](#)

In closing, I hope you had a wonderful Canada Day and thanks to everyone who attended my first Canada Day Tea for Seniors. It was a great success and we had a lot of fun. See you next year for the second Edition!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 506-778-8448, or toll-free at 1-800-567-5564, or by e-mail at oneilt@parl.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Tilly

USEFUL LINKS

[How you can protect your family from second-hand smoke](#)

[Explore Canada's War Museum online!](#)

[Information on How to Renew your Passport](#)

FESTIVALS !

[Click here to consult the list of the festivals that will be held in our area.](#)

You can visit Tilly's web site at:
www.tillygordon.ca

You can join Tilly on [Facebook.](#)

You can watch her videos on [YouTube.](#)

Canada's Citizenship Award 2010

[Click here to learn how to submit a candidate's name](#)

Miramichi Airport gets funding for new terminal!

The Miramichi Airport's aging terminal will soon be a thing of the past, replaced by a modern, energy-efficient facility that officials believe will allow the airport to transform itself from hidden gem into a full-fledged economic force to be reckoned with in the near future.

The Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty and MP Tilly O'Neill Gordon announced that the federal government was contributing \$1.75 million to the project through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's Innovative Communities Fund.

The airstrip here is excellent, and it's a tremendous opportunity to develop a niche market for the Miramichi Airport, and it just makes sense to invest in a project like this from our point of view. A lot of work was done, it wasn't approved without a lot of discussion and back-and-forth, but the airport commission did a good job, Tilly put in the most work for shepherding it all the way through, so here we are.

The Miramichi Airport once provided commercial flights to Montreal, but those days are long gone, as the airport has mainly survived on handling private aircraft and providing a permanent home for the Forest Protection Limited provincial fleet of water bombers through much of its recent history.

The airport boasts the longest runway in Eastern Canada when it's at full capacity, as well as ample airspace that the commission believes will be attractive incentives for various businesses looking to set up shop at the airport.

DID YOU KNOW?



PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS FIRE



Ottawa was officially named the capital of the United Province of Canada in 1858. The city was a safe distance from our border with the United States and was right in line between Canada East (Quebec) and Canada West (Ontario). Parliament was fully finished in 1876 – the Library, the landscaped grounds, and the iron Queen's Gates were the last finishing touches. Centre Block as we see it today however, is different than the original that was built in the 1800s. On the evening of February 3rd, 1916, the alarms rang signalling a fire in Centre Block. Thanks to the foresight of librarian Alpheus Todd who insisted on iron fire doors, the Parliamentary Library remained intact, while the rest of the building was engulfed in fire and smoke. Despite the damage, no time was wasted in rebuilding. Parliamentarians sat for the first time in the new building in February of 1920.



Happy Birthday !

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Lorraine Downing, July 1
Sharon Dutcher Mills, July 1
Audrey Savoy, July 1
Catherine Sernoskie, July 2
Royce Clark, July 3
Jody R. Carr, July 3
Jack Carr, July 3
Sophie Work, July 3
Jacob Baisley, July 4
Debbie Martin, July 5

Ruth MacDonald, July 6
Jessica Kenny, July 8
Agnes O'Neill, July 8
Gilberte Michaud, July 9
Gregory Thompson, July 10
Brianna Giberson, July 12
Nbtory Gal, July 14
Erin Marie Blakely, July 17
Evelyn Sullivan, July 17
Billy O'Donnell, July 18

Shane Goguen, July 19
Sheri Lynn Comeau, July 19
Don Cormier, July 21
Judy Saunders, July 21
Elliott Frankl, July 22
Ian Baird, July 24
Yvonne Girouard, July 26
Andrew Johnstone, July 28
Carla O'Neill, July 30
Jerry Cormier, July 30

Interested in having your Member of Parliament attend an event in the riding?

*Please contact your constituency office at
**778-8448 or
1 800-567-5564.***

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