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NEWS FROM AUGUST!

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Here is an overview of what happened in August.

First of all, since August 3 was New Brunswick's 225th anniversary, I celebrated by attending the official opening of the 52nd Miramichi Folk Song Festival held in August.

On August 9, we marked National Peackeepers' Day and on August 15, National Acadian Day.

I was pleased to spend much of the summer in the Miramichi area and had the opportunity to meet many of you. September means back to school for students and teachers, and I am also returning to Parliament Hill where I will continue to represent you proudly.

In closing, don't forget the festivals and events taking place in the Miramichi area in September.

I wish you a wonderful Labour Day weekend and a seamless return to school.

Cordially,

Tilly

Helpful Links

[Canada's Food Guide](#)

[Services for Seniors Guide](#)

[Tax credit for public transit passes](#)

[Employment and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Acadieville Picnic
September 5-6

Pumpkin Festival
September 19

Miramichi Country Music
September 18-19

CONGRATULATIONS NEGUAC!

Residents of Neguac will be able to enjoy a new and improved arena this winter. Neguac Sportplex recreational facility received **66,666 \$** in funding from the **Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIc) Program**.

The project involves renovating the arena's entrance, ticket booth, kitchen, public washrooms, dressing rooms and ventilation system. The project will create 14 full-time jobs during the construction phase and will maintain one full-time job with the Village of Neguac.

The project should be completed before the commencement of the upcoming hockey season.

*Interested in having your Member of Parliament send you a congratulatory message, a card or attend an event in the riding? Please contact your riding office at **778-8448**.*

Our photography contest is still underway, right up until October 26, 2009. Please visit www.tillygordon.ca for details.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Here is a sampling of just some of the things our Conservative Government is doing on EI:

- We are providing five extra weeks of EI benefits to assist Canadians who lose their jobs.
- We invested more than \$60 million to hire and train over 700 additional claims processing staff and an additional 280 agents answering calls to help even more Canadians receive their EI cheques as quickly and as efficiently as possible.
- We extended Work-Sharing agreements for the next two years by 14 weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks, and increased access to the program through greater flexibility in the qualifying criteria.
- To save employees and employers money, we have frozen EI premium rates for 2010 at \$1.73, the same rate as 2008 and 2009. This provides a projected combined \$10.5 billion stimulus for our economy over two years.
- We are providing an additional \$500 million towards a two-year Strategic Training and Transition Fund to support the needs of individuals, whether or not they qualify for EI.

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