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Tilly's busy winter !

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Dear Constituents,

Since being elected to represent you as Member of Parliament for Miramichi, I have been very busy, setting up offices in Ottawa and the constituency, and pursuing a number of activities in both locations.

January:

Once the House of Commons resumed sitting in January, I was very pleased to be asked by the Prime Minister to move the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

We also established a satellite office in Belledune which is open every Monday morning. I will be there one Monday a month when the House is not sitting.

I also had the pleasure of making an announcement with the Honourable Chuck Strahl regarding an infrastructure project to build a new school in Burnt Church.

February:

Our riding was fortunate to receive a visit from Prime Minister Stephen Harper during our Hockey Tournament. The Prime Minister and I announced several major investments through the **Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RINC) Program**.

Harper also promises no job losses in Miramichi when long gun registry abolished.

On behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, I also made an announcement in Moncton regarding sustainable housing.

March:

March was another busy month. We celebrated such events as International Women's Day, St. Patrick's Day and the Journée internationale de la Francophonie.

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Videos of my speeches are also available on [YouTube](#).

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On March 18, I was pleased to announce funding to the Burnt Church Seniors Friendly Group under the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Since November, I have asked nine questions and made three statements in the House of Commons.

I have participated in many events, such as Veterans' Week in Sunny Corner, National Flag Day and a roundtable held before the federal Budget was delivered to solicit your thoughts and ideas.

During National Flag Week, I presented flags and met students and teachers at close to 20 schools. We also organized a drawing contest that was a huge success, and more than 175 drawings were displayed during our office's open house.

On behalf of the Government, I recently announced investments of more than \$490,000 as part of a \$1.4-million project to upgrade Miramichi's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. I was also pleased to announce funding for a project to improve the wastewater treatment system in the village of Doaktown.

As part of our duties, MPs sit on at least two House of Commons committees, and I am proud to be a member of the following committees:

Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA)

We held ten meetings between February 4 and March 26, and recently began:

- a Comparison Study of Veterans Services Offered by Members of the Commonwealth and the G8

Standing Committee on the Status of Women (FEWO)

The committee met eleven times between February 5 and March 26, and recently undertook the following studies:

- Consequences and effects the current Employment Insurance (EI) programs have on Women in Canada
- Financial issues related to Status of Women Canada

I have also been asked to substitute for colleagues on other committees, twice on the Standing Committee on Health and once on the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics.

More details are provided below, but please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

I hope you have a wonderful April,

Sincerely, *Tilly*

More info about roles and functions of a committee

About Committees

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Studies

"Studies" include those bills, subject-matter or self-initiated inquiries, Estimates and other matters referred by the House that the Committee has studied during the current session. On the page for a particular study, you will find, where applicable: a list of meetings, reports and responses, witnesses, news releases and documents related to the study.

Activities

"Activities" include business items for which the committee meets and may take action, but which are not "studies" as such. "Activities" include proceedings to elect the committee chair, to discuss future business, and meetings with delegations, when the meeting is not related to a particular item under study by the committee.

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