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STRONG LEADERSHIP

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E-Newsletter

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HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY !

Dear Constituents,

Members of Parliament returned to Ottawa at the beginning of March; the Speech from the Throne was delivered on March 3 (see link on your right) and the Budget was tabled on March 4 ([Click here](#) to see the Budget 2010).

With tax season fast approaching, you will soon receive a practical guide on tax savings in the mail. You can consult this guide any time online by following the link I have included on the right (Please note that downloading may take some time).

With Parliament prorogued, I had the opportunity to spend a little more time with you and participate in a number of events in our riding.

Among them was the very popular pond hockey tournament held February 5 to 7.

On February 14, I took part in the official puck drop at a hockey game in Néguaac and I also attended the annual "White Gold" supper organized by the 53rd Miramichi Folksong Festival.

February 15 is National Flag of Canada Day and I took that opportunity to visit a number of schools in our riding in order to meet students and teachers, and present them with a Canadian flag. It is always so nice to visit schools.

On February 16, I met with a group of fishermen in Pointe-Sapin. With the smelt season upon us once again, I was able to attend many smelt fries with all the trimmings!

In closing, I would like to congratulate our 206 Canadian athletes who all performed so well and did us proud throughout the Vancouver Olympic Games, placing 3rd with a total of 26 medals, a new Winter Games record for Canada, including 14 gold medals, a new Olympic record for the most gold medals ever won by a single country at the Winter Games!

The federal government is committed to maintaining its share of funding, which totals \$11 million a year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 506-778-8448 or toll-free at 1-800-567-5564, or by email at oneilt@parl.gc.ca.

Best wishes,

Tilly

USEFUL LINKS

[Speech from the Throne](#)

[Tax Guide](#)

[March is Nutrition Month](#)

SUPPORT YOUR MP !

Go to www.ratemymla.ca and click on New-Brunswick, then on Tilly O'Neill Gordon. You can vote and post a comment. Thanks !

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

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

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

Congratulations !

Congratulations to Croft Elementary School, Gretna Green Elementary School, Ian Baillie Primary School & Millerton School from District 16 for [their blogs and reports](#) on the Pond Hockey Tournament » which was held from February 5 to 7 in Miramichi. I would like to thank and congratulate the organisers and all the participants for another successful edition !

New Horizons for Seniors Program—new call for proposals :

We all know that our seniors have a wealth of talent, experience and goodwill that, when shared with others, can help build the foundation for vibrant and inclusive communities. It was with this in mind that the Government of Canada launched the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).

We are excited to announce that on March 1st the call for proposals under the Community Participation and Leadership stream will be open to all of Canada until April 16, 2010.

Whether it is raising awareness of elder abuse, building connections between youth and seniors or transferring traditional knowledge and skills to others, the NHSP puts seniors first so that they can participate in opportunities that benefit their communities.

For more information on the New Horizons for Seniors Program and this call for proposals, please visit www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors.

Coming into force of Bill C-25, legislation that strictly limits the amount of credit granted for time served in custody prior to conviction and sentencing. Bill C-25:

- makes it the general rule that the amount of credit for time served be capped at a 1-to-1 ratio (i.e., give only one day of credit for each day an individual has spent in custody prior to sentencing);
- permits credit to be given at a ratio of up to 1.5 to 1 only where the circumstances justify it;
- requires courts to explain the circumstances that justify a higher ratio; and
- limits the pre-sentencing credit ratio to a maximum ratio of 1 to 1 for individuals detained in custody prior to sentencing primarily because of their criminal record or a violation of bail.



Happy Birthday !

Margaret Kerr celebrated her 70th birthday on February 13th !

It was Emile & Margaret Napke's 60th Anniversary on February 13th !

It was also 3 of our staff's birthday on February !

****if you want to announce someone's birthday here, please contact us, it will be my pleasure to mention it****

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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.

Please feel free to forward this to anyone you think might be interested. If you have received this from a friend and would like to sign up to regularly receive **Staying Connected**, if you have questions or comments, please email me at oneilt@parl.gc.ca or call me at 506-778-8448.