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E-Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2010**

VERY GOOD NEWS FOR MIRAMICHI!

My dear constituents,

I'm getting ready to go back to the House of Commons in Ottawa in a few weeks' time, after a summer that was full of good news and positive events for the riding of Miramichi.

The high point of all the good news is of course the creation of 550 new jobs which Prime Minister Stephen Harper personally announced in Miramichi. To find out more about the announcement, please see the second page of this newsletter.

Since we've been receiving a lot of inquiries about these new jobs, please note that the hiring process has not yet started. We will try to keep you informed of developments as soon as we know more. However, my office and I have no influence at all on the selection of candidates. The whole thing will be managed by Public Works and Government Services Canada. If you would like more information, call them or [visit their Web site](#) regularly.

I want to thank everyone who wrote me to say how positive this news was for the riding of Miramichi and to thank me for working hard for our region's well-being. Messages like that are very gratifying and make me still prouder of representing our magnificent riding.

August was once again a very busy month, because in addition to this major announcement, we celebrated New Brunswick Day on the 2nd, National Peacekeepers Day on the 9th and the Journée Nationale des Acadiens on the 15th; we had a visit from Justice Minister Rob Nicholson on the 24th; and I criss-crossed the riding to attend lots of summer festivals, including the Miramichi Folksong Festival, the flag-raising in honour of National Peacekeepers Day; the Napan Fair, the celebrations marking the Journée Nationale des Acadiens and the Miramichi Scottish Festival. As always, I had a great time meeting so many wonderful people and getting the chance to discuss their concerns with them.

In conclusion, I want to wish you an enjoyable return to school and a restful Labour Day long weekend. Drive carefully if you have to be on the road!

If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 506-778-8448 or toll free at 1-800-567-5564, or e-mail us at oneilt1@parl.gc.ca.

Cordially yours,

Tilly

USEFUL LINKS

[Service Canada](#)

[Smashed: A Sober Look at Drinking and Driving](#)

[Department of Justice](#)

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

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Code of Conduct for Credit and Debit Card Industry Takes Effect.

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Primer Minister Harper announced 550 jobs for Miramichi!

The Government of Canada is committed to increasing the effectiveness of Public Service operations and eliminating unnecessary costs. On August 19, 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that the Government of Canada is modernizing its 40-year-old pay system for public servants and consolidating pay services in a new Centre of Expertise in Miramichi, New Brunswick. This will result in:

- The creation of **550 Department of Public Works and Government Services jobs** in the city.
- Savings of up to \$79M per year starting in 2016-17 thanks to increased automation, self-service and economies of scale.
- The creation of information technology (IT) jobs over a six-year period in the private and public sectors in the National Capital Area to modernize the pay system and processes.

Funding of \$298 million over a six-year period will be made available for this initiative, which supports long-term sustainability and enhanced service delivery. It is anticipated that the Government will recoup its initial investment by 2020.

Other good News: The [Miramichi Classic Country Music Festival](#) received \$1,000 from our Local Arts and Heritage Festivals Program. The Festival will be held From September 17 to 19, 2010 in RedBank.

DID YOU KNOW?

JAMES A. NAISMITH



Although ice hockey is Canada's national winter sport, Canadians have another game that they can be proud of: basketball. James A. Naismith, a Canadian from Almonte, Ontario invented basketball in 1891. After graduating from McGill University, Naismith became an instructor at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts. In December, he was asked to create an energetic indoor sport to be played during the winter. He outlined thirteen rules and placed a basket at either end of the gymnasium. That day, his class of eighteen young men played the first game of basketball.

Happy Birthday!

David Rogers, August 1	Marsha Manuel, August 12	Jack Snedden, August 20
Bob Hatheway, August 3	Rosemay Manuel, August 12	Clara Gallant, August 21
Roberta Morrison, August 3	Paula Hache, August 14	Tracy Manuel-Carroll, August 24
Barry Wile, August 4	Matt Kingston, August 16	Sherrie Bell, August 25
Connie Green, August 4	Kolin O'Neill Jones, August 16	Audrey Muck – August 28
Colleen Lynch, August 5	Jacqueline Brideau, August 17	Karen Traer, August 29
Norma-Jean Robichaud, August 7	Wallace Floyd, August 17	Carolyn Gibbs, August 29
Samantha O'Neill Jones, August 7	Sharon Gardiner, August 18	Stephan Richard, August 29
Peggy Kirkpatrick, August 11	Helen Brennan, August 19	Brian Rimpilainen, August 31
Craig Estabrooks, August 11	Nora Mahoney, August 20	

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

*Please contact your
constituency office at
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