

OTTAWA UPDATE



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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, PETERBOROUGH



SPRING 2011

Preparing the Electric City Region to Pounce!

Canada's Economic Action Plan has re-energized the local economy.

Historically, our local economy has been defined and identified by our innovative and skilled local workforce and industries. Thousands and thousands of our citizens have and continue to report to work in our regional manufacturing plants while farm families, artists, tourism operators, post secondary facilities and small business owners drive our economic innovation and growth.

Prior to my election in 2006, I witnessed in our community the relative decline of our regions manufacturing, tourism, agricultural and small business economy. Undeterred by more recent declines, I imagined and believed that despite some prevailing pessimism and challenges that our Region's best days lay ahead of us and not behind us and I have worked each day since to secure that brighter future.

Through pro-active decisions, relentless determination, hard work and strong collaboration our Region's economy is back on track and we are - in fact - setting a new and exciting course for a better future. Our time to assume a leadership position in the national economy is once again upon us as recent investments have prepared the local economy to grow yet again.

By eliminating the infrastructure deficit and building a first class airport, renewing roads, bridges, water/wastewater treatment facilities, highways and broadband internet, the federal government has shown its commitment to Peterborough and Peterborough County.

My five year commitment to restore passenger and freight rail services will further insure that our Region will be a part of the green economic paradigm shift that will drive virtually all 21st century opportunities, investments and prosperity for generations to come.

I have worked proudly and tirelessly to secure unprecedented federal investments from Canada's Economic Action Plan, Building Canada, Cultural Spaces, Eastern Ontario Development, FedDev Ontario, Environment Canada (in support of the Trent-Severn Waterway rehabilitation) and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. These investments all demonstrating that Peterborough and the Kawarthas - along with the entire Eastern Greater Golden Horseshoe Region - are an economic priority for my Government.

The victories and investments that we have secured since 2006 have built a better, safer and stronger Peterborough and Peterborough County, one that is already to compete and win on the world stage as never before.

It has been and continues to be my great honour to have been extended the trust and opportunity to lead our community at the federal level over the past five years. Our community once again stands out as innovative, skilled, capable and confident. The Electric City Region is once again standing tall, shining bright and charging forward.

Sincerely,

Dean Del Mastro - Member of Parliament, Peterborough

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join Dean at the following events...

Peterborough's Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Join Dean, get involved and help them reach the \$2,000,000.00 mark!

For more info visit...

www.survivorsabreast.com

2011 Canada Day Celebrations

Friday, July 1, 2011

Opening Ceremonies begin at 10:30 am in front of Peterborough City Hall followed by the Parade at 12 noon.

For more info visit...

www.peterborough.ca

Peterborough Remembers Gala

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

A celebration in honour of our troops—past, present and future. This year's guest speaker will be General Rick Hillier (Retired) - Former Chief of the Defence Staff for Canadian Forces.

For more info visit...

www.peterboroughremembers.ca

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WORKING FOR YOU IN PETERBOROUGH...

PROJECTS UPDATE:

YOUR TAX DOLLARS = IMPROVEMENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Lakefield-Smith Community Centre project with the Federal Government investing \$214,793.00 through the RInC program. This project will be complete by mid-March 2011 resulting in improved accessibility, energy efficiency, dressing room accommodations and an attractive new entranceway showcasing the newly renovated facility.



Re-construction of the Municipal Building in the Township of Douro Dummer, completed December 1, 2010, with a total cost of \$1,100,000.00. The Federal Government provided 1/3 of the funding.



Decommissioning of the Village of Havelock Lagoons in the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen. The total cost of the project is \$460,000.00 with the Federal Government providing 1/3 of the funding. This project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2011.



The Market Hall Performing Arts Centre project is proceeding on time and on budget and will re-open on April 1, 2011. The designated heritage building is receiving a restoration to the heritage façade, and the interior is being retrofitted as a world class performing arts facility. This \$9 million project received 1/3 of its funding from the Federal Government under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.



New Public Works Facility in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood officially opened in September of 2010. The facility includes 10 work bays, wash bay, offices, storage rooms plus a separate building to store salt and sand. The Federal Government investment into the project was \$576,667.00



Spring 2011 will mark the completion of the Airport Development Program. This important infrastructure project is a \$29 Million investment of which the Federal Government invested \$7 Million, under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.



The Taylor's Bridge Replacement Project in the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan involved the demolition and removal of an existing concrete structure built in 1920 and the construction of a precast concrete structure with armour stone retaining walls. The project was bid at \$570,231.73 and the work was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

CANADA'S ECONOMIC
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...STANDING UP FOR YOU IN OTTAWA

KEEPING TAXES LOW FOR BUSINESS, FAMILIES AND SENIORS

TAX TIPS: TOP 10 WAYS TO CUT YOUR TAX BILL

There are a number of ways to reduce the amount of tax you owe, and keep more money in your pocket at tax time. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) can help you learn more about the various credits and deductions you may be entitled to and that can save you money when you file your 2010 Income Tax and Benefit Return.

- 1 Any income you earn in a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) is usually exempt from tax as long as the funds remain in the plan. With an RRSP - you save for your retirement and get a break at tax time too.
- 2 As long as you stay within your contribution room limit, you will not pay tax on any income you earn from investments in your tax-free savings account.
- 3 Does someone in your family regularly take the bus or other public transit to work? You may be able to get a non-refundable tax credit for the cost of the transit passes by claiming the public transit amount.
- 4 Have you retired and now receive a pension? You can split up to 50% of eligible pension income with your spouse or common-law partner to reduce the overall taxes you pay. See pension income splitting for more information.
- 5 Do you work in the trades? Tradespeople can deduct part of the cost of eligible tools purchased throughout the year.
- 6 Did you buy your first home in 2010? Check out the home buyers' amount to see if you qualify.
- 7 Are you a single parent receiving the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB)? The Government of Canada released new UCCB measures in the 2010 Budget that may apply to you.

For people who are self-employed...

- 8 Did you purchase a computer for your business after January 27, 2009, and before February 2011? If so, you may be eligible for a 100% computer capital cost allowance.
- 9 Did your business employ an apprentice? A salary paid to an employee registered in a prescribed trade in the first two years of his or her apprenticeship contract qualifies for a non-refundable tax credit for the employer.
- 10 Did your business (which is not a primarily child care services business) create licensed child care spaces for the children of your employees? If so, you may be eligible for the investment tax credit for child care spaces for each new child care space you created.

For more information and tips on filing your 2010 Tax Return please visit www.cra.gc.ca or call 1-800-267-6999.

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2011 United Way Hockey Challenge raises a record \$165,000

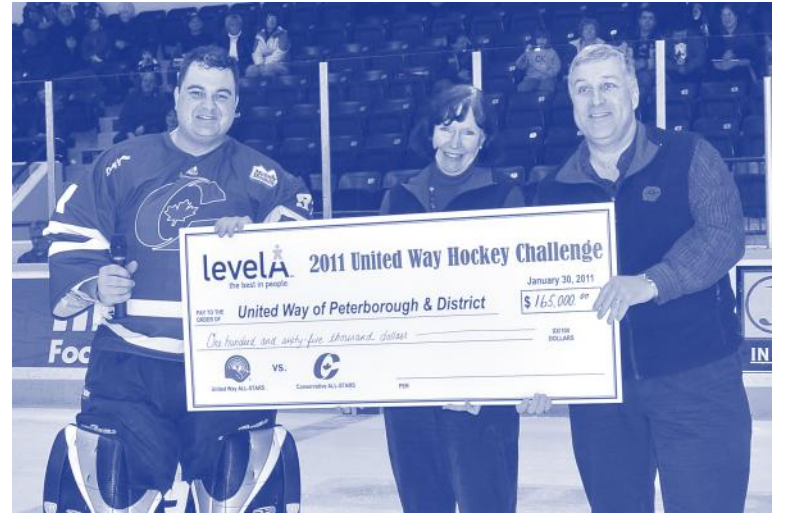
On January 30, 2011 at the Peterborough Memorial Centre, MP Del Mastro took to the ice with fellow MP's, former NHL'ers and local celebrities for the 4th Annual United Way Hockey Challenge. The event was a huge success and surpassed its goal by raising \$165,000.00 for the United Way of Peterborough & District. While the score was 11 to 9 in favour of the United Way All-Stars - the real winners are those in our community that will benefit from the services offered by the United Way and their member agencies. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a great success!



Dean waves to the crowd before taking his place in goal for the game.



The action was fast and furious as the United Way All-Stars peppered Dean with shots throughout the game. Here - the Conservative All-Stars' defenders prepare to cycle the puck out of the zone.



Dean proudly presents the cheque for \$165,000.00 to Heather Zak, CEO of the United Way of Peterborough & District and Murray Rodd, 2010 Campaign Chair. The event surpassed its goal by \$15,000.00



WHAT A TEAM! Many thanks to all our players, sponsors, media partners, donors and volunteers.

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Do you think that the Federal Government's Economic Action Plan is meeting its objectives?

YES

NO

Comments: _____

