

# OTTAWA UPDATE



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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, PETERBOROUGH

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## *Fighting for the Future of the Electric City Region*

In my efforts aimed at establishing a renewed, revitalized, rejuvenated and restored Electric City Region, it is fair to say that I've been met with resistance, that while slowing my progress - I assure you will not stop it.

For too long, our region was forgotten about in Ottawa. Passenger rail service abandoned, the Trent Severn Waterway left to crumble and rot while rural residents, veterans and farmers became - at best - an afterthought while special interest groups directed public policy.

Understanding the task before me, I have taken bold action, proposed innovative ideas and solutions to local challenges and delivered significant results that will benefit our region for generations to come.

My mission and commitment on behalf of each and every one of my constituents, which includes my family, friends and political opposition is to see my region lead our great country once again as it once did. To overcome the barriers that have held us back and limited our growth for too long while standing up to confront any government or bureaucracy that denies our region fair treatment.

In the coming months, I will continue to focus on key local and regional objectives while our government's Economic Action Plan continues to lead our nation through the difficult global economic crisis that impacted virtually every sector of the Canadian economy. Delivering first class rail, highway, airport, cultural and broadband infrastructure will forever change and improve the economic outcomes of our region and I will not accept anything less while working hard on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Dean Del Mastro  
Member of Parliament, Peterborough

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Join Dean at the following events...**

**Market Hall's  
Steel Toes & Stilettos  
Saturday, October 30, 2010**

*Experience an exclusive hard hat tour of the new Market Hall, special entertainment and delectable marché-styled dining.*

*For ticket information visit...*

**[www.markethall.org](http://www.markethall.org)**

**Peterborough  
Remembrance Day  
Ceremony**

**Thursday, November 11, 2010**

*Parade begins at 10 am followed by the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Confederation Park.*

**2011 United Way Hockey  
Challenge**

**Sunday, January 30, 2011**

*For more info visit...*

**[www.unitedwayhockey.ca](http://www.unitedwayhockey.ca)**

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## **BUDGET 2010:**

*Leading the Way on Jobs and Growth*

# WORKING FOR YOU IN PETERBOROUGH...

Creating the...

## Shining Waters Railway Authority

An introduction to proven, successful models for the construction and operation of Canada's next inter-city and commuter railway.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have committed \$300 million for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of Canadian Pacific Railway's Havelock Sub-Route to re-introduce passenger service between Toronto and Peterborough and support rail movement of freight.

The effort to get the project underway has been bogged down unnecessarily by processes and deliberate obstructions.

Successful management and operational regional railway authorities operating in North America provide the right model to move this project forward immediately.

In Canada, Vancouver Island's "Island Corridor Foundation" (established in 2003) provides a successful model for the acquisition and ownership of the rail corridor/right of way. In the United States, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (established in 1995), which oversees Amtrak's "Downeaster" demonstrates actual, up to date operational experience.

These models demonstrate the need and provide the guidance necessary for us to build a railway - owned, operated and managed by our region for the benefit of our region, our province and our nation.

### THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW!

#### 4 RECOMMENDATIONS TO GET US ON THE RIGHT TRACK

1. Research to determine the fair market value of the Havelock Subdivision right-of-way in coordination with Canadian Pacific.
2. Undertake legal due diligence and research in support of the incorporation of the not-for-profit Shining Waters Railway Authority.
3. Undertake initial consultations with railway construction and engineering experts in preparation for the release of RFP's.
4. Work with regional Chambers of Commerce and economic development officials to substantiate the significant positive and lasting economic impact that re-established passenger rail service provides to the entire eastern Greater Golden Horseshoe Region.



## A Comparison with the Amtrak Downeaster

*Proven Success for Regional Management & Viability of the  
Commuter/Inter-City Service between Toronto and Peterborough*

### *The Amtrak Downeaster - vs - Peterborough to Toronto*

- ⇒ The Amtrak Downeaster is a 187 km passenger train route operated by Amtrak and managed by the non-for-profit Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA). It connects The North Station in Boston, Massachusetts to Portland, Maine.
- ⇒ Service on the line was abandoned in 1966, but was re-launched in 2001.
- ⇒ The NNEPRA manages all the costs associated with the Downeaster passenger rail service. It also holds a 20-year agreement with Amtrak to operate the Downeaster and is party to agreements with two host railways.
- ⇒ There are five Northeast round-trips daily and connecting bus service which extends north through Maine to the Bangor area. An all-time ridership record of 474,058 passengers was set in 2010. Revenue also hit a high of \$6.7 million in the same period.
- ⇒ In January 2010, a plan to extend the Amtrak Downeaster trains 30 miles north from Portland to Brunswick received \$35 million in federal funds and \$3 million from the State of Maine. This work will create 200 local jobs and a study commissioned by the NNEPRA found that the extension will encourage billions in long-term economic development and \$55 million annually in state tax revenue.
- ⇒ The Peterborough - Toronto Line would be a proposed is a 122 km route that would connect Peterborough to Union Station. Both the rehabilitation of the current line and the operation of passenger and freight service could be managed by the proposed new Shining Waters Railway Authority.
- ⇒ Service on the line was abandoned in 1990, but could be re-launched as early as 24 months after initial RFP's are issued.
- ⇒ The proposed Shining Waters Railway Authority would contract to a third party to operate the passenger service, such as VIA Rail, GO Transit or a private operator.
- ⇒ The Toronto - Peterborough Line proposes two round trips daily servicing 1900 passengers per day from 9 stations. Based on these figures with an average ticket price of \$17.29 - the service would provide 100% cost recovery at start-up.
- ⇒ In July 2008, \$300 million was set aside by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario for the project. The line is ready for rehabilitation, the money is ready to be used. The economic benefit of both the passenger service and an enhanced freight line will ensure that our community stays current and viable with a strong economy and a vibrant lifestyle.

Any suggestion that the re-introduction of passenger rail between Toronto and Peterborough presents uncommon challenges requiring excessive contingency funds are absolutely false. Both the Island Corridor and the Amtrak Downeaster demonstrate how this project can be effectively and efficiently managed. The opportunity to build a new commuter/inter-city passenger railway supporting greatly enhanced freight services for regional employers is at hand; together we can build an outstanding railway, owned by the region in support of the region's economic future.

# ...STANDING UP FOR YOU IN OTTAWA

## MARKING THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST SPIKE MP DEL MASTRO MAKES THE CASE FOR NATIONAL RAILWAY DAY

Author Pierre Berton always said the most pivotal day in Canadian history after July 1, 1867, was November 7, 1885. That's when the last spike was driven into the transcontinental main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Craigellachie, B.C., completing the world's first transcontinental railway under one management.

I couldn't agree more with Berton's view. That's why I have put forward a motion in the House of Commons to have the date permanently observed as Canada's National Railway Day.

The importance of that date in the building of the Canadian nation has never been more eloquently summarized as on the plaque that today marks the spot where that last spike was driven:

"A nebulous dream was a reality: an iron ribbon crossed Canada from sea to sea. Often following the footsteps of early explorers, nearly 3,000 miles of steel rail pushed across vast prairies, cleft lofty mountain passes, twisted through canyons, and bridged a thousand streams. Here, on November 7, 1885, a plain iron spike welded East to West."

That's poetry. It underscores the importance of the building of the railways to Canada. They converted the patriotic notion of a Canadian nation stretching from Atlantic to Pacific into a practical reality. They opened up this rugged country, spawning new towns and cities, farms and industries across the breadth of this young land. The railways were also our corridors of immigration, bringing in people from all lands who sought new lives of opportunity under the Canadian flag.

But there are equally good reasons based on the present and future roles of Canada's diverse network of railways to declare November 7 to be Canada's National Railway Day.

Although other forms of transportation have come along since 1885 to challenge the supremacy of trains, none has replaced them as efficient and effective movers of large quantities of people and freight over certain distances. It is one of the reasons that this federal government has made the largest investment ever in the renewal of VIA Rail Canada, our national passenger railway. It is why we have supported the establishment

and improvement of regional freight railways across the country. And it is at the heart of my plan to create the Shining Waters Railway Authority, a locally-based organization to manage and improve service on our own line to Toronto and Havelock, including the restoration of the much missed passenger trains.

The fact is that the world is in the midst of a rail renaissance. Nations around the globe are investing heavily in their railways because these steel corridors of commerce are not only vital, but are bound to become more important as time rolls on. The economic, social and environmental benefits of railroading in a world that is increasingly concerned with its sustainability are tremendous.

With a glorious past, an important present and an expanding future, it is high time for us to recognize Canada's railways and its railroaders by declaring November 7 to be our National Railway Day. All aboard!

*Note: As well as MP for Peterborough, Dean is also the Chair of the House of Commons All-Party Rail Caucus.*

## ATTENTION

### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!

MP Del Mastro is looking for drawings to include in his 2011 MP's Community Calendar...here are all the details:

*Here is what we need!*

- ★ contest is open to all elementary students (JK to G8)
- ★ drawing must be no bigger than 8 1/2" by 11" and must be in the landscape format
- ★ the theme is... "What I love about my community!"
- ★ remember - this is a calendar - so try to make your drawing seasonal
- ★ please follow the chart below, however - any age is welcome to submit a drawing for the Calendar Cover
- JK, SK & G1, G2 - drawings about Jan, Feb, March
- G3 & G4 - drawings about April, May or June
- G5 & G6 - drawings about July, Aug or Sept
- G7 & G8 - drawings about Oct, Nov or Dec
- ★ colour drawings are accepted, but they will be reproduced in the calendar in black and white
- ★ on the back of your drawing, please clearly print your name, home mailing address and phone number, picture title & month or season that your drawing is about

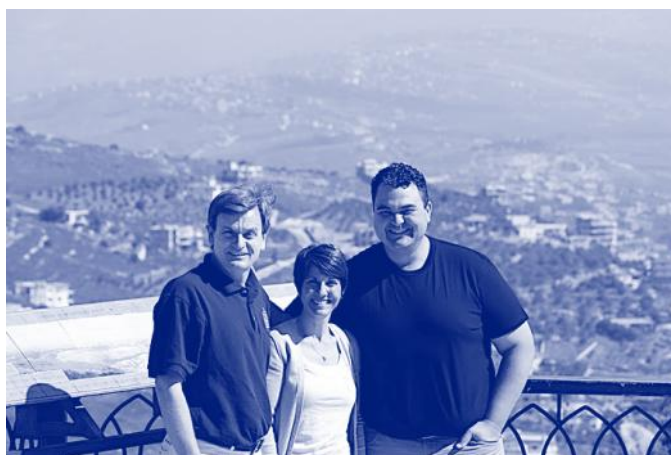
*Here is what you get!*

- ★ if chosen, your drawing will be one of 13 to appear in the 2011 MP's Community Calendar delivered to over 55,000 homes in the Peterborough Riding and you will win a \$25 gift certificate for Chapters
- ★ your drawing will appear on our website at [www.deandelmastro.ca](http://www.deandelmastro.ca)
- ★ all contestants will receive a personalized, signed commemorative certificate from MP Del Mastro

All entries must be mailed in (no postage required) or dropped off to our Office before Friday, October 29, 2010. See the back page for our contact information.



August 26 - Dean was pleased to help break ground on the \$28.6 million Peterborough Municipal Airport expansion. On hand to celebrate were: J. Murray Jones - Warden of the County of Peterborough, Barry Devolin - MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Paul Ayotte - Mayor of the City of Peterborough, Dean Del Mastro - MP for Peterborough and Jeff Leal - MPP for Peterborough.



September 1 - Dean traveled to Israel as part of the Canada - Israel Parliamentary Delegation and is pictured here with his colleagues, Andrew Saxton - MP for North Vancouver and Kelly Block - MP for Saskatoon - Rosetown - Biggar on the Israel-Lebanese border where they received a security briefing.



September 14 - In his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Dean was pleased to welcome Mr. Tian-shi Huang and his wife as the 4.5 millionth visitor to the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China. They are also accompanied by The Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2010 in Shanghai, Mr. Mark H. Rowswell, CM.

To view MP Del Mastro's entire Shining Waters Railway Authority Proposal, please visit: [deandelmastro.ca](http://deandelmastro.ca) and click on Riding News.

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What if you were told that there was a dynamic, structured youth program that offered Canadian youth a variety of interesting and challenging activities? **AND** What if you were told that this same program developed in youth an increased level of self-confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness?



Cadets are motivated to improve their physical fitness, to work harder at their academic studies and to give back to their communities through volunteerism. The Cadet Program also has a direct impact on Canadian society as a whole. There is definite value in having well-rounded, community-minded, experienced young people who are ready to assume their places as tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers. The Cadet Program is the largest federally-sponsored youth program in Canada that includes the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets. It is a national program for young Canadians aged 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of fun, challenging and rewarding activities while learning about the sea, army and air activities of the Canadian Forces. Cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their communities. They make valuable contributions to Canadian society on a daily basis in terms of environmental, citizenship and community activities. Cadets also learn valuable life and work skills such as teamwork, leadership and citizenship.



### Royal Canadian Sea Cadets

Learn about the naval and maritime environment by participating in a variety of activities on and off the water.

Sea Cadets specialize in sailing, seamanship, shipboard life, naval communications, power boat handling, boat repair, and marine engineering. Selected senior cadets have the opportunity to attend international exchanges, to sail aboard a Tall Ship or participate in ship deployments aboard Canadian Navy and Coast Guard ships. Additionally, Sea Cadets can compete for a chance to participate in annual sailing regattas! Sea Cadets also participate in ceremonial events and citizenship activities that allow them to connect to their Canadian naval heritage. The hands-on activities, exciting challenges and leadership opportunities for Sea Cadets are many. You can observe Sea Cadets making a splash somewhere, from sea to sea!



### Royal Canadian Army Cadets

This Corps will appeal to teenagers craving exciting outdoor activities where their personal limits as individuals and team-members will be tested.

Army cadets develop abilities in the use of map and compass, GPS technology, orienteering, first-aid, camping and survival skills and much more. Army Cadets get involved in ceremonial military events and citizenship activities that allow them to connect to their Canadian heritage. In addition to their specialty training, Army Cadets may become involved in other exciting activities like competitive Olympic-style marksmanship and biathlon, sports competitions, music training and competitions, cultural outings, volunteer community support, etc. We are the organization of choice for teens and adults interested in getting out of the classroom to explore the great outdoors and their own abilities.



### Royal Canadian Air Cadets

This Corps participates in a variety of fun and challenging activities – no matter what their personal interests may be. The outdoor enthusiast will appreciate learning survival skills for flight crew.

The athlete will appreciate physical education and recreation. The artist will find their niche in the music program. The curious will appreciate the hands-on activities such as building model aircraft. The scholarly will appreciate an introduction to the various tools and technologies linked to aviation. The dreamers will appreciate the evolution of technology and the advancements of the aerospace era. Every cadet will have the chance to participate in flight activities, and some top senior cadets may even earn a scholarship to obtain their private pilot's licence. Whether earning a glider pilot licence or private pilot licence, these cadets will wear their wings with pride.



“Working with such a great organization has easily been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. To see first-hand the opportunities afforded to cadets is incredible and at zero cost to parents and guardians.”

Lt. Jay Scotland, 2672 R.C.A.C.C. & CHEX Television Weather Analyst

For more information on how to become involved in the Canadian Cadet Organizations, please visit [www.cadets.ca](http://www.cadets.ca) or contact one of the local Cadet Organizations listed below...

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets - 112 Howe RCSCC  
Phone: 740-7406 | Email: 112c@cadets.gc.ca

Royal Canadian Army Cadets - 2672 Hastings & Prince Edward RCACC  
Phone: 740-7410 | Email: 2672RCACC@gmail.com

Royal Canadian Air Cadets - 534 Raider RCACS  
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm

Questions? Comments? Concerns?  
Please contact us, we would like to hear from you.

Would you support community ownership and management of the railway?

YES

NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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