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Congratulations and Thank You to All Our Farmers on a Successful Harvest

Summer/Fall in the Riding 2009



A Message from Brian:

Dear Constituents,

It is always a pleasure for me to have the chance to travel our broad riding as many times as possible throughout the year to ensure that your voices are those that I am representing in Ottawa. I am currently back in session in Ottawa working hard to make certain that your priority issues like crime, agriculture and supporting our military are being discussed and promoted both within the circles of our Conservative Caucus, and within the House of Commons Chamber.

I was pleased to see that many of you were able to come out and join me this summer as I brought out a number of Cabinet Ministers to hear your concerns first hand.



Left of Brian, the Hon. Vic Toews President of the Treasury Board and right Merv Tweed, Chairman of the Transportation Committee and MP for Brandon-Souris, speaking at an event in Bonnyville.

I was very pleased in August to have the Honorable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board and Merv Tweed, Chairman of the Transportation Committee out to Westlock—St. Paul. They toured the entire riding with me from end to end and enjoyed some of our great Alberta hospitality while engaging with you on how our Government can best serve Canadians.

I was able to get to nearly every community in the riding this summer, either for a town hall meeting, or for community celebrations. It was a full summer for me and the time seemed to fly right by. If I missed you this summer, I apologize and hope that if you have any concerns you won't hesitate to contact either of my offices in Westlock or St. Paul.

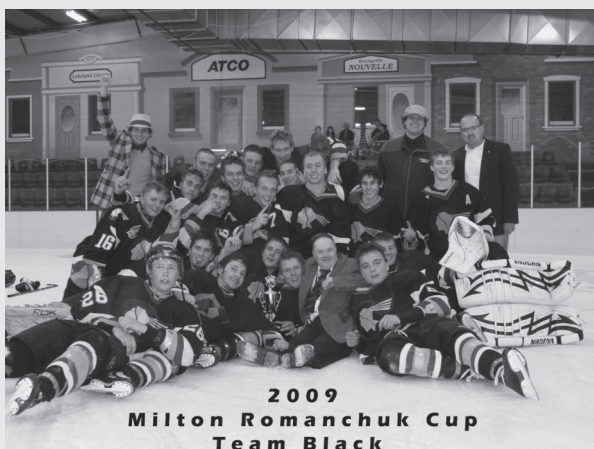
It continues to be my great pleasure and privilege to represent you in Ottawa. I would like to extend a special congratulations and thank you to our area farmers on another successful harvest.

All the best,

Brian Storseth



Enjoying the Cold Lake Fish Fry on August 5th, are (l-r) Ajaz Quraishi, Chairman Tweed, volunteer Laurel Smith, Minister Vic Toews, MP Brian Storseth and MLA Genia Leskiw



Brian had a great time as the Celebrity coach for the Black Team in the Junior A Bonnyville Pontiac's Intra-squad game in September.



Brian was honoured to participate in a Peace Pipe and Flag Ceremony with the Chief and Council of Kehewin First Nation as he announced funding for a new school to be built on the reserve.

Storseth Honours Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society

October 20, 2009—Speech on the floor of the House of Commons
Mr. Speaker,

I rise today to give recognition to an exceptional annual heritage event that takes place in Mallaig Alberta. The 11th annual Haying in the 30's is a volunteer, and donation driven fundraiser that raised over \$200,000 this year towards the fight against Cancer.

Haying in the 30's takes participants on a trip back in time, before tractors and swathers replaced the horse team.

It brings people from all walks of life together, to respect and relive a time when the community and its members supported each other through good times and bad.

The Haying in the 30's support society used the money that it raised this year to send cheques to over 2500 cancer victims to help deal with and bear some of the burden of this unpredictable and indiscriminate disease, that touches us all.

I would like to thank Edgar and Cecile Corbierre as well as all of the volunteers and donors who make this such a special event to thousands including the 3000 that attended. This event enriches the Lakeland community and the lives of all it touches, and truly displays rural hospitality.



Brian hosted his third annual barbecue in St. Paul in support of Kids Sports Fund. Once again it was a great success as proceeds went to the local community.

Westlock-St. Paul Funding for 2009



4-Wing Cold Lake

\$135 Million - 4 – Wing Cold Lake

Brian was thrilled to announce \$135 million in funding for infrastructure upgrades to the base at Cold Lake, alongside Minister of Defence Peter MacKay and Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Laurie Hawn.

City of Cold Lake

\$720,312 - Gas Tax Fund

\$15,000 - Olympic Torch Relay

The City of Cold Lake is received a \$15,000 grant from the Ministry of State for Sport to help organize the Olympic Torch relay that will pass through the area on its way to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. The 2010 Olympic Flame will be lit on October 22, 2009 and handed over to a representative of Canada in Athens before making its trans-Atlantic flight to its starting point in Victoria, British Columbia. The Torch will arrive in Cold Lake on November 6, 2009 and will also pass through St. Paul and St. Albert on January 13, 2010 before stopping in Edmonton.

Town of St. Paul

\$301,806 - Gas Tax Fund

\$891,128 - Clancy Richard Arena Restoration and Renovation Project

Brian was pleased to announce that the federal government would be contributing nearly nine-hundred thousand dollars to assist the community of St. Paul renovate this well-used community building. We all benefit from funding that prioritizes our communities and recognizes the need for the rejuvenation of buildings such as the Clancy Richard arena.



County of St. Paul

\$ 371,140 - Gas Tax Fund

\$1,344,000 - Hwy 867 construction. On October 24, 2009 Brian was joined by MLA Danyluk, Reeve Bouchard and Councillor Alphonse Corbierre to announce \$1,344,000 for upgrades to Hwy 867.



Gas Tax Fund (GTF)

Name of Recipient	Bon Accord	Clyde	Elk Point	Gibbons	Glendon	Legal	Redwater	Smoky Lake Town & County	Thorhild County & Village	Vilna	Waskatenau
Amount \$ 09-10	99,137	31,800	86,972	172,736	31,800	68,464	140,553	61,061 167,481	188,439 31,800	31,800	31,800

County of Westlock

\$414,263 - Gas Tax Fund

\$637,518 - For Sewage Lagoon's Dredging and Treatment

Town of Westlock

\$285,569 - Gas Tax Fund

\$851,780 - Sanitary Main Trunk Sewer

The Government of Canada allocated \$174 million for 95 municipal projects in communities of fewer than 100,000 residents, which this year included Westlock County, the Town of Westlock, and Legal

Morinville

\$423,211 - Gas Tax Fund

\$3,000,000 - Morinville Cultural Centre

Legal

\$58,403 - Western Economic Diversification for Legal's parks, playgrounds and trail upgrades.

Town of Bonnyville

\$1,343,000 - Western Economic Diversification

\$324,585- Gas Tax Fund

\$90,000-Kehewin First Nations

M.D. of Bonnyville

\$512,580 - Gas Tax Fund

\$ 8,721—Clean drinking water protection initiative in Bonnyville

Westlock—St. Paul National Trails

\$25 Million

We will also be receiving a portion of \$25 million dedicated to the National Trails Coalition to upkeep national trails in our riding, such as the Iron Horse Trail which comprises a section of the Trans-Canada Trail.

Grants and Contributions from Health Canada from 09-10

\$13,958,606.00

Health Canada has contributed nearly \$14 million to Westlock—St. Paul for First Nations Communities

In 2009, over \$ 150 Million in Federal Funding was announced for Westlock-St.Paul

Canada's Economic Action Plan

www.actionplan.gc.ca

Homeowner

As a homeowner, you may benefit from the following initiatives:

[ecoENERGY Retrofit - Homes](#)

[First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit](#)

[Home Renovation Tax Credit](#)

The HRTC is a 15-percent non-refundable tax credit that will apply to eligible home renovation expenditures for work performed or goods acquired after January 27, 2009, and before February 1, 2010, pursuant to contracts entered into after January 27, 2009. The credit may be claimed on the portion of eligible expenditures exceeding \$1,000, but not more than \$10,000, and will provide up to \$1,350 in tax relief.



Renovation expenditures on an eligible dwelling or the land on which it sits will qualify for the HRTC if the renovation is of an enduring nature and integral to the dwelling. For example, homeowners will be able to claim expenditures for major renovation projects, such as finishing a basement, renovating a kitchen or building an addition. Costs associated with such projects will be eligible, including costs for permits, professional services, equipment rentals and incidental expenses. The costs of routine repairs and maintenance, appliances, audio-visual electronics and financing will not be eligible. A dwelling will generally be considered eligible if it is owned and used for personal purposes. Examples of eligible dwellings include a house, a cottage or a condominium unit.

The HRTC will complement support provided by the federal government for Canadians to undertake energy-saving home improvements. Federal grants paid through the ecoENERGY Retrofit program will not reduce the value of claims made for expenditures under the HRTC. Eligible renovation expenses claimed under the Medical Expense Tax Credit may also be claimed under the HRTC.

For more information on the HRTC please visit: www.actionplan.gc.ca

[Increasing Withdrawal Limits Under the Home Buyers' Plan](#)

[Moving Financial Literacy Forward](#)

[Personal Income Tax Relief for All Taxpayers](#)

Educational or Non-profit Organization

Canada's Economic Action Plan (EAP) provides assistance to educational or non-profit organizations. You can select one of the following links to see a complete list of initiatives of interest to the following sectors:

[University or College](#)

[Not-for-profit Organization](#) -Not-for-profit organizations may be interested in the following initiatives:

[Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) [Canada Health Infoway](#) [Canada Prizes for the Arts and Creativity](#) [Canada Summer Jobs](#) [Community Adjustment Fund](#) [Cultural Spaces Canada](#) [Feasibility Study for the High Arctic Research Station](#) [First Nations Child and Family Services](#) [Green Infrastructure Fund](#) [Housing for Low-Income Seniors](#) [Housing for Persons with Disabilities](#) [Marquee Tourism Events Program](#) [National Arts Training Contribution Program](#) [Recreational Infrastructure Canada](#) [Renovation and Retrofit of Social Housing](#) [YMCA and YWCA Grants for Youth Internships](#)

[National Recreational Trails](#) Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the federal government has committed \$25 million to the National Trails Coalition in 2009-2010. Funding will be used by the National Trails Coalition to build and renew multi-purpose trails for walking, running, cross-country skiing, biking, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

About the Program

Trails allow Canadians to experience our country's unrivalled natural environment. This \$25-million investment will lead to economic activity in communities and create a lasting legacy of pristine trails that will benefit Canadians for years to come.



Government or Aboriginal Community

Canada's Economic Action Plan (EAP) provides assistance to other governments as well as to aboriginal communities. You can select one of these links to see a complete list of initiatives of interest to the following sectors:

[Province or Territory](#)

[Municipality](#)

[Aboriginal Community](#)

[First Nations Water and Wastewater Projects](#) - Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the federal government plans to support 18 water and wastewater projects in First Nations communities over the next two years. This initiative will cost an estimated \$165 million.

About the Program

This water and wastewater initiative will address health and safety priorities in 18 First Nations communities across Canada and accelerate progress on the Plan of Action for Drinking Water in First Nations Communities. It will also provide economic benefits for many First Nations and rural areas through generating new jobs, helping to develop the skilled trades and stimulating the creation of small businesses.

Business

Canada's Economic Action Plan (EAP) provides assistance to Canadian businesses. You can select one of the following links to see a complete list of initiatives of interest to the following sectors:

[Tourism & Culture](#)

[Small Business](#)

[Canada Small Business Financing Program](#)

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the federal government increased the maximum loan amount under the Canada Small Business Financing Program (CSBFP) from \$250,000 to \$350,000 and to \$500,000 for real property. Lending institutions with a portfolio above \$500,000 will also be allowed to claim reimbursement on losses of up to 12 percent of the value of their portfolio, up from the current 10 percent. In addition, a package of regulatory amendments has been developed to ease the administrative burden of the program.

About the Program

The Canada Small Business Financing Program helps small and medium-sized enterprises access financing. Industry Canada administers the program in partnership with a network of private sector lenders, with over 1,200 points of service across all provinces and territories. Lenders are responsible for all credit decisions and for making the loans. As the government covers a portion of eligible losses due to default, the CSBFP encourages lenders to offer loans they would not otherwise make.

[Manufacturing](#)

[Engineering & Construction](#)

[Natural Resources, Agriculture and Fisheries](#)

[Financial Services](#)

