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Liberals Put Harper's Government on Probation Budget Amendment Will Require Progress Reports

The Liberal opposition has put Stephen Harper's government on probation. While meeting with community groups during the winter break, I heard over and over again that Mississauga residents do not want further delays to the promises the government made. Mississauga residents want the government held accountable. The government failed to deliver in the past and lost the confidence and trust of the people.

The Liberal team and I listened to your concerns and supported the budget to ensure that sectors, regions and individuals who need the budget stimulus will get it immediately. Liberals put forward an amendment that will ensure the government will be held accountable, to you, and to Parliament.

The Conservative government was required to accept mandatory progress reports in exchange for Liberal support of the budget. The comprehensive accountability reports on the progress of the economy will be required by March 26th, 2009, June 23rd, 2009 and December 10th, 2009. Each date and report will be weighed

with a vote confidence in the government at which time the Liberal Opposition may withdraw its support of the Budget if not completely satisfied that the economy is being dealt with accordingly.

The budget is far from perfect, and action is long overdue. But, Canadians deserve action. Liberals believe that parliamentarians need to get to work on the economy. "We're in this position because of choices made by a government that has systematically mismanaged our public finances for the last three years". The Conservative government spent the \$13 billion surplus, squandered the \$3 billion contingency fund, and did not put money aside for a rainy day when times were good. "For Canadians, this crisis isn't about structural deficits or loan guarantees or the business cycle. It's about the nest egg they've saved up over their entire working lives, only to see it cut in half overnight. It's about worrying about how they'll pay for their kids' education, or how they'll pay their rent or mortgage. The country needs stability in this time of economic difficulty and that is why Liberals took the action we did."

"We are ready to act in the national interest, as the gravity of this economic crisis demands. I hope Mr. Harper is prepared to do the same."

International Women's Day Breakfast

Friday, March 6, 2009

The Old Barber House

Special Thanks to
Our Guest Speakers:

*Kelita Haverland Lemon and
Uzma Shakir*

I wish to thank those who participated in recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements of women in our community and around the world at the Old Barber House on March 6th. It was a successful event and all proceeds of the breakfast went towards programs in our community against family violence.

Happy Birthday Mayor Hazel Many happy returns Mayor!



I was honored and delighted to attend Mayor McCallion's 88th birthday festivities on Saturday, February 21st at the home of Haroon Khan.

Joining me in the picture with the Mayor are the Mayor of Brampton, Sue Fennel and the Acting Mayor of Milton, Jan Mowbray.

Liberals Force Harper to Concede Budget Points

- New investment in social housing and infrastructure,
 - Targeted support for low and middle income Canadians through an expansion of the Child Tax Benefit and Working Income Tax Benefit; and
 - Investment in regional development agencies throughout the country
- But, we also recognize that the budget is flawed in significant ways:**
- It doesn't go far enough to protect Canadians who have - or will soon - lose their jobs;
 - It opens the door for attacks on pay equity for women;
 - It breaks the Conservatives' promise to all Canadian provinces on equalization;
 - It missed the opportunity for significant stimulus investment towards the green economy;
 - It lacks a clear plan for getting us out of the \$85 billion deficit the government will put us into over the next five years.

Congratulatory Certificates

I look forward to providing congratulatory notes to you, your family and friends when celebrating any occasion. Please contact my office and my staff will be glad to make those arrangements.

Also, my staff will arrange for similar certificates from the Queen, the Prime Minister, Governor General and Leader of the Official Opposition for significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries such as: 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, and 45th wedding anniversaries and 65th and 70th birthdays.

The Queen and Governor General congratulatory certificates are available for: 50th wedding anniversaries and up and 75th birthdays and up.

Please allow for three weeks notice from Canadian notables and six months for messages from the Queen.

Mississauga and the Economy

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Crombie Makes Mississauga a Priority In the House of Commons Maiden Speech in Response to the Throne Speech November 26, 2008

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the debate on the Speech from the Throne on behalf of my constituents in the riding of Mississauga--Streetsville who I have the honour and privilege of representing in this House.

The throne speech seems to be a product of a government that has no strategy, no plan and no idea of

what to do in these difficult economic times. Instead of creating a made in Canada strategy, we have a Conservative-made deficit, a direct result of its ideological cuts.

I was elected to this House by the voters to restore trust to Mississauga--Streetsville. I campaigned as someone who will represent their voices in Parliament, regardless of their race, religion, gender or even political affiliation, to the very best of my ability. I promised voters that I would not turn my back on them as their member of Parliament. The residents of Mississauga--Streetsville elected me to be their voice on matters that are of issue to them, unlike the government that offers a throne speech that is long on rhetoric and short on specifics.

Mississauga--Streetsville welcomes new Canadians from all around the world and helps them successfully integrate with those who have lived here for generations. It is a community that is tolerant, diverse and generous. It has a community spirit that brings out the best qualities in those who live there. With just over 130,000 residents, it is Canada's 12th most populous riding and it is located in the heart of Mississauga, which is Canada's 6th largest city. Mississauga serves as a beacon to the world, shedding light on how people of different races, religions and cultures can live, work and pray together in peace, prosperity and harmony.

Mayor McCallion and her Cities Now campaign has warned that the neglect of our cities will cost our country dearly. It is clear that the throne

speech fails to address this issue and leaves our municipalities vulnerable during these challenging times.

Even in my riding of Mississauga--Streetsville, services cannot meet the demand because the city has other priorities to address with limited dollars: subsidized housing, policing, social services, services for the elderly, the disabled, those with mental health issues, single parent families headed by the working poor, and I could go on. Suffice it to say that the government's minimal support of municipalities, which are in fact in the business of fixing potholes, feeding the homeless, giving our youth positive activities to grow and providing services to those in need, is an abandonment of all Canadians looking to their government for leadership. Given the current global economic challenges, such leadership has taken on the greatest urgency imaginable.

I am proud of the diversity of my riding, which adds richness and vibrancy to the community. More than 50% of the residents of Mississauga--Streetsville were born abroad, emigrating from 60 different countries and speaking over 90 languages. New immigrants arrive highly skilled, highly educated and ready to work, yet many of these new Canadians face challenges on a daily basis that established Canadians do not. They require assistance to better integrate into the community through language training, affordable housing, reliable public transit and accessible health care.

I am a proud Canadian of Polish and Ukrainian heritage. My grandfather served in a Polish division of the French army. He was captured, survived a World War II work camp and was liberated by a Polish-speaking soldier from Philadelphia.

At a time when Canadians seek the best in government, they are disappointed. This is exactly how both I and the constituents of Mississauga--Streetsville feel about the throne speech.

Within the Community of Mississauga



Bonnie joins dancers from the Canadian Dance Company (CDC)



Bonnie mingles with the ladies at Heritage Glen on Bingo night



Bonnie interviews the neighbourhood Spiderman



Bonnie's Speech In Response to the Budget

January 30, 2009

Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the residents of Mississauga--Streetsville to speak to the budget implementation bill and to ensure the Conservative government is held accountable to implement the stimulus measures promised.

For Canadians, the crisis is not about structural deficits or the cyclical nature of the markets. It is about the nest egg they have worked hard to build over their entire working lives but which was cut in half almost overnight. They worry about how they will pay for their children's educations, their mortgages or rents and how they will put food on the table for their families.

We are living through unprecedented times brought on by an economic crisis and exacerbated by the Conservative government's poor fiscal management during these times. Canadians need a government they can trust. They require political stability and economic certainty to weather this economic storm. Canadians need to know that the government in Ottawa is fighting for their jobs, their savings and their pensions, but most of all they need hope, which is why the Liberal Party has put partisanship aside and has supported this budget.

After consulting with Canadians, Liberals are willing to support the budget on the condition that the Prime Minister and his government are held accountable for their actions. We have placed conditions on our support, such as the delivery of mandatory progress reports to be tabled in March, June and December where the Conservative government must demonstrate that the money promised is flowing to Canadians in a timely manner.

Our support for the budget is not unconditional. It recognizes that the budget is significantly flawed. It does not protect the most vulnerable. It does not protect the jobs of today or help create the jobs of tomorrow. It does not go far enough to protect Canadians who have lost or will soon lose jobs. Two hundred and thirteen thousand jobs have been lost in the past three months alone, 71,000 of them in Ontario. That is 55% of the job losses in this country.

Municipalities, such as Mississauga, which have shovel-ready projects, have been disappointed in the past by the government's web of red tape. The legendary mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion, calls it "the glacial pace at which funding announcements turn into cash". Mississauga is still waiting for its share of the \$33 billion building Canada fund to flow for projects such as the \$52 million rapid transit bus system, the \$30 million for downtown revitalization, the \$20 million for Sheridan College, the \$10 million for Burnamthorpe Branch Library, the \$8 million for fire halls and the \$4 million for pathway lighting, just to name a few. Unfortunately, municipalities will be required to pay one-third of all the project costs and few will have the ability to do so.

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Even though federal politicians trumpeted the billions in infrastructure dollars for cities in the federal budget announced Tuesday, municipal officials are still trying to determine just how the money will be dispensed.

It is unclear to what degree matching funds from the provinces and cities will be required, whether money will be distributed on a per capita basis or through applications, and exactly what kind of projects will be eligible.

Regarding social housing. The lack of availability and a high demand for affordable housing exists in Mississauga. The investments allocated in the budget are a good first step. However, within the region of Peel, there is a list of 13,500 households eligible and waiting for social housing, including more than 7,500 families, 2,200 seniors and 3,600 singles. Subsidized housing units typically have a low turnover rate and wait times for new applicants are in excess of 21 years for families and singles. Seniors and special priority applicants are waiting up to seven years. Those on the wait list represent the most vulnerable segment of our population: those at risk of becoming homeless if they do not get assistance soon.

Although this budget lacks clarity, it does contain some measures that we believe can help Canadians in the short term. We support the budget because Canadians expect us to be responsible. By putting the government on probation, we have stood up for Canadians so they can get the help they deserve.

Streetsville's 150th



Bonnie celebrates the 150th with with The Hon. Ken Dryden and Peter McCallion in the heart of Streetsville

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- I agree with putting this government on probation and making sure they are accountable with mandatory reports to Parliament
- The government should improve Employment Insurance periods and eligibility
- Equalization and pay equity needs to be re-addressed and improved

Your comments:

I hope you take the time to list the issues that are of concern to you in the order of your preference.

Please cut along the line, fold, tape and mail postage free. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Dear Constituent,

It is a pleasure to deliver this newsletter as your Member of Parliament for Mississauga - Streetsville. I encourage you

to read through as you allow me to inform you of what is happening within the House of Commons and in Mississauga.

I have included the reasons why my Party decided to support the Budget tabled on January 27, 2009. As you know, the budget offered billions of dollars in economic stimulus and we believed it was imperative to make that money flow immediately as opposed to stalling and possibly even forcing another unnecessary election costing tax payers \$300 million.

In celebration of International Women's Day, I hosted a breakfast on March 6th. The event was held at the Old Barber House on 5155 Mississauga Road. All proceeds went towards programs from our community against family violence. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Kelita Haverland Lemon and Uzma Shakir who agreed to be our guest speakers that day.

I had the pleasure of seeing Mayor McCallion on February 21 and once

again, I want to wish our Mayor a Happy 88th Birthday!

On that note, there is also information on how to request congratulatory messages such as birthdays and anniversaries on the first page.

I included two recent speeches I gave in the House of Commons including my Maiden Speech in reply to the Throne Speech and my response to the Budget all ensuring that Mississauga, the economy and infrastructure be made key priorities.

This page also has useful information regarding *Free Tax Service* in preparation for this year's income tax period. As a reminder, the submission deadline is April 30th.

Lastly, I have included a mail back card that will help me determine issues that are important to you. I hope you take the time to fill in the card and mail it back to me postage free.

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope you do not hesitate to contact me with matters pertaining to the federal government. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Crombie



Free Tax Clinic

6630 Tuner Valley Road
Mississauga, Ontario
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905-819-1144

Please call for an appointment

Monday, March 9th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, March 11th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, March 13th	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, March 14th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, March 16th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, March 18th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, March 20th	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, March 21st	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, March 23rd	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, March 25th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, March 27th	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, March 28th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, March 30th	10:00am to 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 1st	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, April 3rd	5:00 am to 8:00pm
Saturday, April 4th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, April 6th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 8th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 15th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, April 17th	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, April 18th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, April 20th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 22nd	10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday, April 24th	5:00am to 8:00pm
Saturday, April 25th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, April 27th	10:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 29th	10:00am to 3:00pm

Eligible individuals must fall within these income guidelines:

- Single Person \$27,500
- Couple \$35,000
- One adult with child \$32,500
- Each additional dependent \$2,500
- Interest income of less than \$1,000

Income Tax Deadline is April 30, 2009

In Mississauga



Bonnie with constituents Genevieve Friedmann Compagnion and husband Michel Compagnion



Bonnie with constituents Gurjit Sidhu, Baljit Sikand and Gary Grewal

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