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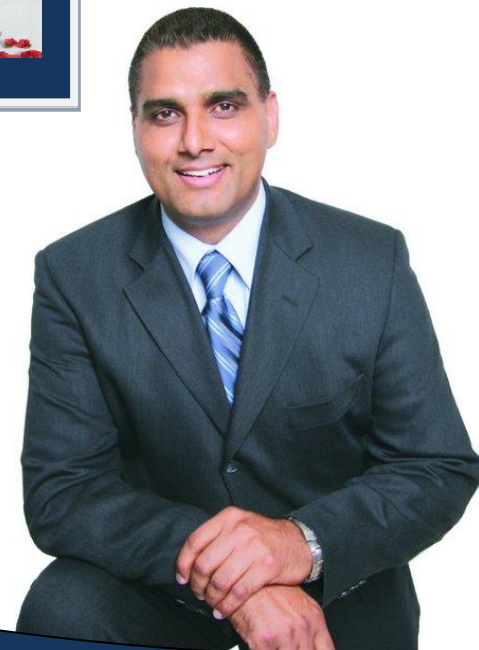
BRAMPTON-SPRINGDALE JULY 2011

"Brampton is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada and is home to more than half a million residents, which represent more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds and where more than 70 different languages are spoken. Find out what has been happening this month!"

CANADA DAY IN BRAMPTON

I had the opportunity to celebrate Canada Day with thousands of Bramptonians from across the city.

It was a day on which we got to celebrate our love for the country that provides us with endless possibilities. As a city, we came together to show our pride for Canada and all that it has to offer.



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ANTHONY'S WISH

I had the honour to attend Anthony Agam's fundraiser for the Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre in Brampton. His determination and hard work has provided the hope that this service can continue into the future.

Anthony is truly an inspirational young man. He was able to exceed his fundraising goal in part due to the enormous generosity of local businesses, organizations and service providers.

DISCUSSION WITH JUSTICE MINISTER NICHOLSON

We had the honour of hosting an informal discussion with the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. Many of the volunteers that participated in the recent Federal election were able to attend.

Those who participated had the opportunity to discuss justice issues that mattered to them. It also provided Minister Nicholson with the chance to hear from constituents on a breadth of diverse topics and issues.





FLOWER CITY PARADE

The City of Brampton held a highly successful 6th annual Flower City Parade that drew thousands of Bramptonians to the streets of downtown to watch the performers and floats.

This year's parade had a unique theme. Titled "Brampton Welcomes Bollywood", the festival paid tribute to the International Indian Film Academy awards that took place throughout the Greater Toronto Area. The celebration was a success due to the extraordinary efforts by hundreds of volunteers.

AT WORK DURING THE FILIBUSTER

During a marathon debate in the House of Commons, the Conservative Government worked around the clock in order to pass legislation to restore essential postal services. This decision came as Canadians gave our Government a strong mandate to protect our economic recovery.

I had the opportunity to speak with Prime Minister Stephen Harper about the postal strike issue and how it was affecting individual Bramptonians and small businesses in our riding.





ANNOUNCING THE COMPLETION OF THE SPLASH PAD

I had the honour of helping announce the completion of the Wild Wetlands Splash Pad at the Heart Lake Conservation Area. We were proud to see this important community recreational infrastructure project reach its official completion.

The governments of Canada and Ontario committed up to \$533,000 to the project, which will provide families a state-of-the-art water park to enjoy during the summer.

58th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Hundreds came to solemnly mark the 58th anniversary of the Korean War armistice and the National Korean War Veterans Day at the Meadowvale Cemetery in Brampton. Prime Minister Harper was among those who paid tribute to those who fought courageously for our democratic freedoms.

It was moving to be part of this commemoration as we remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice. May we never forget the bravery of these Veterans.





HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY FUNDING

I was honoured to make the funding announcement on behalf of the Government of Canada and Minister Diane Finley in Brampton-Springdale.

The funding of \$45,980 will be used by the Region of Peel to promote the Government of Canada's Homeless Individuals and Families Information System, which will coordinate the collection of community shelter data and conduct an analysis of all available homelessness data in the Peel Region.

ROUND-TABLE WITH MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

I was fortunate to take part in a round-table discussion with Hon. Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for Asia-Pacific Gateway and numerous business leaders.

This forum provided the opportunity to discuss our Government's progress in forging close economic ties between India and Canada. It was highly successful as our Government recognizes the importance of a strong economic relationship between our country and India.





PARTICIPATING IN THE DEBATE ON BUDGET 2011

I had the opportunity to participate in the debate on The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan. This gave me the opportunity to discuss how the budget would benefit the people of Brampton-Springdale.

Our Government's proven low-tax plan for job creation, growth and economic stability will ensure Brampton remains a leading city in Canada. I also had the honour of speaking with Mayor Susan Fennell, who applauded the benefits Brampton will receive for generations to come.

JUSTICE ROUND-TABLE

I attended a productive round-table with Justice Minister Nicholson and numerous stakeholders from Brampton, including representatives from Peel Regional Police, Brampton Fire, the City of Brampton and the Brampton Board of Trade.

This meeting stimulated important discussion about certain justice issues in Brampton. It also provided the opportunity to engage community officials to gain critical insight into our government's justice policy developments.



CELEBRATING THE CANADARM AT MDA CORPORATION

I attended the bittersweet celebration of MDA's outstanding accomplishments on the Canadarm on its final mission to space. Lt. Governor of Ontario, David Onley, made a wonderful speech as numerous colleagues from the Greater Toronto Area and Ottawa looked on.

MDA has played an integral part in the Canadarm's success, along with the Canadian aerospace industry. I was honoured to celebrate such a milestone with them.



MALAYALEE SANGAMAM'S 3rd EDITION LAUNCH FROM TORONTO

I had the pleasure of being the chief guest at the launch of Malayalee Sangamam's 3rd edition from Toronto. It was an honour to celebrate their accomplishment with them and to hear their plans for the future.

This is an excellent example of ethnic media's success in Canada and North America. Their success has been considerable already and I know they will continue on this path for years to come.



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GRAND OPENING OF ASIAN FOOD MART

Along with the Mayor of Brampton, Susan Fennell, I helped mark the grand opening of a great ethnic grocer in the city. The support from the community was outstanding as droves of people flooded the store to help celebrate.

The City of Brampton has a large and growing small business sector. This grand opening is another prime example of that success. I wish them years of good fortune as they serve the people of Brampton.

A SPECIAL CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

In a special citizenship ceremony that took place on Canada Day, I had the honour of welcoming new Canadians to our great country. It was a day that they will never forget. It also allowed us to celebrate our pride for the country that we love.

Canada Day is a time when we show our pride for the country that we call home. It was also a day that we welcomed many new citizens to our cities to begin their new lives as Canadians.



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