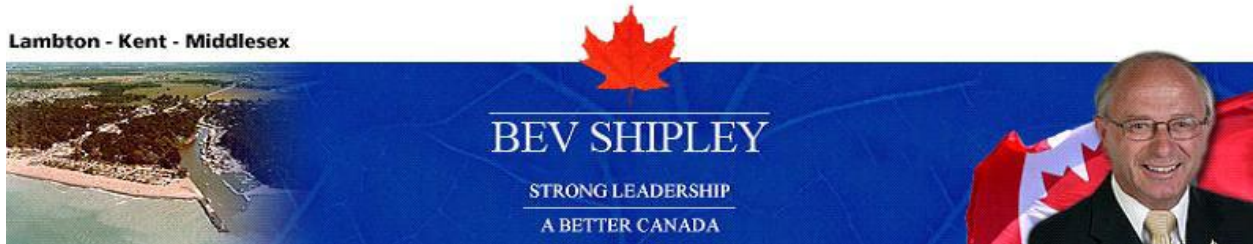


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As October winds down, and we get ready for all those trick or treaters at our doors, we are also gearing up for Remembrance Day. I would like to thank everyone who has been helping us deliver wreaths and Canadian flags to legions and cenotaphs in time for November 11th. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex is a huge riding, and we appreciate all the help we have been getting. I encourage everyone to attend a Remembrance Day service in your community. Lest we forget.

The annual poppy drive is also now underway across Canada. Not only is it the main source of funding for the Royal Canadian Legion, but also wearing a poppy shows our appreciation for those who served and died in the past, and those who are currently serving our nation around the world.

Ending the Long-Gun Registry

This week the Government of Canada introduced the *Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act*. This legislation fulfills our commitment to abolishing the long-gun registry. Once passed, the legislation will repeal the requirement for long-gun owners to register their hunting rifles and shotguns and provide for the destruction of all records pertaining to the registration of long-guns. Firearms owners will still require a valid firearms licence to purchase or possess firearms and to purchase ammunition. They will also still be required to undergo background checks, pass a firearms safety training course and comply with firearms safe storage and transportation requirements. The legislation will not affect the registration process or records for restricted and prohibited firearms. For information on how the changes affect your obligations, please contact the RCMP's Canada Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000, or visit their website at <http://cfc-cafc.gc.ca>.

Canada's Triple-A Credit Rating

Standard & Poor's has affirmed its Triple-A long and short-term sovereign credit ratings for Canada. The financial services company announced this week that it's due to Canada's "superior political and economic profile and strong flexibility and performance profile." This is yet another example of Canada's global economic leadership. Of course Canada is not immune from the economic turbulence facing the global economy – especially from Europe and the United States. That's why our Government is working hard to implement the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan and its job-creating measures like the Hiring Credit for Small Business.

ecoENERGY Retrofit Program

We've still been getting a lot of calls and emails requesting information about the ecoENERGY Retrofit Program and how to register for it. Through the program, homeowners are eligible to receive grants of up to \$5,000 to make their homes more energy-efficient. Homeowners who have participated in the program to date have saved 20 percent on their energy bills. For more information, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca/homes or call 1-877-953-5454.

New money

Canada is updating its 'paper' money. Keep an eye out for the new \$100 bill which will be in circulation starting next month. The new money has amazing new security and anti-counterfeiting features, and the polymer bills not only look and feel a lot different than our current notes, they are also much more durable. The new \$50 bill goes into circulation in March of 2012, with the \$20, \$10 and \$5 following in late 2013.

Until next time.



Bev Shipley, M.P.

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