



MAYES' MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2011

GOVERNMENT HAPPENINGS

The Harper Government's top priority remains completing the economic recovery. With the global economy still fragile, we have received a strong mandate from Canadians to implement our low-tax plan to create jobs and economic growth – a plan that is working.

This fall, our Government will introduce legislation to implement the remaining measures from the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan. We will also move forward on our ambitious trade agenda by reintroducing legislation to implement important free trade agreements that help open new markets for Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs. These measures will help Canada's economic recovery, which has so far seen nearly 600,000 net new jobs created since July 2009. Canadians expect us to back up our commitments with action. That is exactly what our government will be doing – keeping our commitments and staying focused on the economy.

In addition to the Budget Implementation Act, our Government will move forward with legislation that will:

- Keep our communities and neighbourhood's safe.
- Improve our democratic system by moving closer to the principle that every vote cast should be of equal value.
- Eliminate the wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry.
- Prevent human smugglers from abusing Canada's immigration system.

OUT & ABOUT THE OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP, SUMMER 2011



Myself and Senator Nancy Greene Raine during a recent tour of Sun Peaks Resort.

I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new federally funded seniors housing complex, "Monashee Place" in Lumby.

Myself, my wife Jacque and our grandsons at the 2011 Salmon Arm Fall Fair Parade.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to acknowledge Okanagan-Shuswap resident, Mr. James MacDonald, who recently completed an effective international volunteer assignment for the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO). CESO is a registered Canadian not-for-profit development organization that works to improve economic and social conditions around the world. Mr. MacDonald assisted the university in the Philippines with the development of a bee interpretation center proposal and operations. CESO volunteers such as Mr. James MacDonald have completed more than 46,000 assignments over the last 40 years.

E-SPIRIT 2011 - Congratulations to all of the teachers and students who participated with great success in the Business Development Canada 2011 E-Spirit Competition in Moncton, New Brunswick.

- Silver Prize Winners & Best Cultural Expression- Salmon Arm Secondary - Jackson Campus
Jennifer Fenkhuber, Xavier Gerlib, Dale Tomma, Dani Valgardson, and facilitator, Meredith Rusk
- Most Original Business Name - Salmon Arm Secondary - Sullivan Campus
Martina Rennie, Justine Tom, Britney Saul, Nina Sidorczuk, and facilitator, Glen Jollymour
- Best Team Spirit - Pleasant Valley Secondary School, Armstrong
Jessica Davidson, Torrie Nicholas, and facilitator, Bernice Jensen

OFFICE OF THE TAXPAYERS' OMBUDSMAN

The Office of the Taxpayers' Ombudsman promotes professional service and fair treatment of taxpayers by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The Taxpayers' Ombudsman reviews service and fairness related complaints, identifies systemic and emerging issues, and upholds the service-related rights found in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

Since 2008, the Ombudsman and his staff have handled thousands of taxpayers' complaints, conducted investigations, and published several reports on systemic issues. The Taxpayers' Ombudsman provides advice to the Minister of National Revenue on ways the CRA can improve its service to Canadians.

Know Your Rights

Canadians have rights as taxpayers as set out in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. To learn about these rights or how to file a service-related complaint, visit our Web site at www.oto-boc.gc.ca.

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