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Track



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## A Message from Ted

Dear Friends,

I think it is safe to say that spring is finally in the air! After a long and unseasonably cold winter, the longer, warmer days are a welcome change. In fact, that is what is so exciting about spring: the feeling of new possibilities and renewal.



These past few years have been a struggle for all of us, but we are now firmly on the path to recovery. Through measures such as the Red Tape Reduction Commission, tax relief, and training programs, we have demonstrated our commitment to hard-working Canadians and their families.

I myself have been quite busy these past few months. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, I had the honour of being sworn in as Minister of State (Finance). I am pleased to continue my work with this portfolio that I began when I was asked to serve as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, and to continue to serve the citizens of Macleod in this capacity. One project that I am particularly excited to be a part of is the Pooled Registered Pension Plan initiative. This would assist smaller businesses with creating pension funds for their employees and allowing Canadians a greater opportunity to plan for a more comfortable future.

Your Government has also been hard at work preparing Budget 2011. Beginning last fall, we received over four hundred submissions from Canadian companies, charities, organizations, and private citizens, many of which presented their recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance. We have also held roundtable discussions and consultations around the country to give Canadians a chance to voice their concerns directly to Members of Parliament. Canadians spoke and your Government listened.



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Your feedback has played an integral role in the formulation of the budget, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your participation.

Under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, your Government is creating jobs, keep taxes low, and leading the way on the world stage. I look forward to continuing to represent the citizens of Macleod and I thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of myself, Sandy, and our family, I hope that you will enjoy this lovely spring season and participate to the fullest extent in the new possibilities it brings.

Sincerely,  
Ted

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## A Year in Review



Ted in Ottawa with Christina Judd-Campbell



Ted with the Prime Minister during Pre-Budget Consultations in Winnipeg



Ted Sworn in as Minister of State (Finance)



Ted at the Fort Macleod Santa Clause Parade

**Ted at work in Ottawa and the riding**



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## A Year in Review



Ted with M.P. Ron Cannan in Kelowna



Ted at the Claresholm Parade



Ted with Lee Richardson, M.P. and the Hon. Raymond Bachand, Quebec Finance Minister at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast



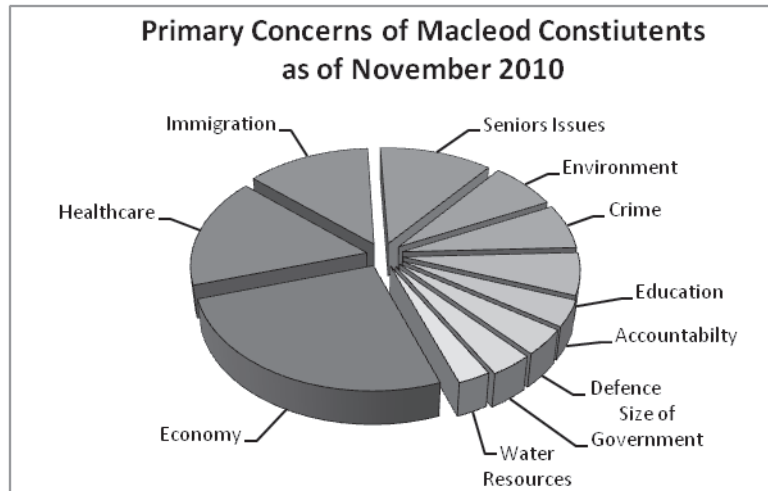
Ted in Winnipeg with the Prime Minister, M.P.s, and local business leaders

(right) Ted with his Alberta Caucus colleagues and the Prime Minister



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## Your Priorities



In the fall of 2010, I included a survey in the literature that was distributed throughout the riding, asking you to tell me what your top three priorities or areas of concern were. The response was overwhelming. I received so many responses that it was actually impossible for me to respond to them all. First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in this survey. It is absolutely fantastic to see so many of you taking part in the political process. It is important that you take the time to inform your Government of your concerns. Second, I would like to share with you some of the projects and initiatives that address the areas of government policy that you have flagged for me as your top priorities.

The economy is a top priority for your Government and for you as well. Over thirty percent of you reported that your number one concern was the Canadian economy. Your Government has been hard at work creating jobs, reducing taxes, and ensuring that employment insurance and re-training programs assist those who need it most. The next phase of our plan will focus on decreasing the deficit and continuing to grow our economy. We have also been expanding markets for Canadian producers by securing trade agreements with European, Asian and South American nations.



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Your surveys also indicated that healthcare is a significant concern. Rest assured, access to timely and quality healthcare is a priority for your Government. Just this February, we took action by providing federal funding for improved access to healthcare in rural communities across Canada. This year your Government prioritized healthy lifestyles for Canadians through programs designed to help Canadians quit smoking and combat childhood obesity. We also increased funding for health care transfers. We tackled product safety issues involving phthalates and lead in toys and other items designed for children. Your Government is committed to keeping Canadian families strong and healthy, and will continue to strive towards improving our healthcare system.

Immigration has also been a primary concern for Macleod and for Canada as a whole. This is why your Government is striving to ensure that we maintain an inclusive immigration system that prioritizes families and high quality future citizens, while ensuring that those who would abuse our good faith are unable to take advantage of Canada's immigration system. This year, your Government introduced the *Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act*, which seeks to prevent human smugglers from abusing disadvantaged persons as well as our immigration system. Ensuring equality for both current and new Canadians has been a key part of our policy agenda this past year.

You have also declared loud and clear your support for seniors and pensioners. Your government has listened. Since taking office, we have introduced tax relief measures specifically for seniors such as pension income splitting, increasing the Age Credit amount twice and increasing GIS benefits, for recipients who choose to work, from \$500 to \$3,500. We have taken a strong stance against elder abuse and have created a dedicated Minister of State for Seniors. Just this past year, we introduced Bill C-40, *An Act to Establish National Seniors Day*, which established October 1<sup>st</sup> as National Seniors' Day. We recognize the contributions Canada's seniors have made to our society and will continue to reflect this in our policies.

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the survey.



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## Your Government's Accomplishments

Over the past two years, Canada has weathered the worst global economic downturn since the Second World War — a downturn that was started by the financial crisis on Wall Street and soon spread throughout the world. Your Government met the challenge of the global economic crisis head-on with the Economic Action Plan.

The Economic Action Plan was a temporary, targeted and timely plan designed to create jobs and economic growth during the worst of the global downturn. The Plan had five components, including strengthening Canada's financial system, stimulus spending, infrastructure projects, and support to businesses and communities across Canada.

As we approach the two-year anniversary of the Economic Action Plan, it is clear that our plan is working. Funds have been committed to over 23,000 projects and, since July 2009, over 460,000 jobs have been created in Canada. The Canadian economy has grown for the past six quarters and our economy has recovered more jobs than were lost during the global recession.

Your Government is also committed to easing the tax burden of hard-working Canadian families. Since forming Government, we have reduced the GST from 7 to 5 percent and reduced the lowest personal income tax rate from 16 to 15 percent. We have also introduced that Child Fitness Tax Credit to assist parents that wish to enrol their children in sports, the Working Income Tax benefit to get Canadians over the “welfare wall”, and the Canada Employment Tax Credit to give working Canadians a break.

It is clear that your Government is getting things done for Canadian families. Your Government is assisting seniors by doubling the pension income credit and allowing for pension income splitting. We are also establishing Pooled Registered Pension Plans for employees of small and medium-sized businesses as well as, self employed individuals.



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## Your Government's Accomplishments

Building a stronger and more competitive Canada has been a top priority for your Government. That is why we have invested billions in infrastructure for Canadian communities (\$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus fund and \$1 billion for green infrastructure projects), and research and development initiatives. In 2010 alone, we committed to providing \$135 million dollars over two years to the National Research of Canada's Regional Innovative Clusters Program, as well as created Research and Development Review Panel to look for ways to better support innovation.

Your Government has also recognized the importance of international relations. This past year alone, Canada signed free trade agreements with Colombia, Jordan and Panama, and has launched discussions with India, Ukraine, and Turkey. We have also established new air passage agreements with six countries, and doubled our international aid budget reaching a record high of \$5 billion dollars.

Recognizing the integral role of our men and women in uniform abroad, we have led the charge in providing better care for our veterans. This year, your Government spearheaded The Enhanced New Veterans' Charter Act, which includes a \$1,000 per month lifetime payment for our most seriously injured veterans and more flexible payment options for those with disabilities. We also announced the Legacy of Care initiative, pledging \$52.5 million in new support for seriously injured veterans.

Our main focus this year has been you, the Canadian taxpayer. We have weathered one of the greatest economic storms in decades, assisted Canadian businesses and stood up for pensioners.. Your Government has stood up for Canadians every step of the way, and we will continue to do so for as long as the Canadian people mandate us to continue our work.



Ted being sworn in as Minister of State  
(Finance)



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## In the Riding

My new position has kept me quite busy, but I have had the pleasure and privilege to attend a multitude of events throughout the beautiful riding of Macleod.

To highlight a few, on October 14, 2010, I was honoured to attend the celebration of the \$100,000.00 donation made on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for children from economically disadvantaged homes to attend camp.

The event was held at the Tim Horton Children's Ranch nestled in majestic Kananaskis Country. Camp participants are able to enjoy activities such as horseback riding, rock climbing and white-water rafting. This donation allowed the camp to purchase additional horses and double the size of the stables, allowing 200 more children to learn basic riding skills. I was thrilled to be part of this



Ted in Kananaskis

  
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In celebration of Family Literacy Day on January 27<sup>th</sup>, I travelled to the High River Library, where I met a group of volunteers to take part in Literacy for Life's "Get Caught Reading" activity. The purpose of this activity was to show how literacy plays a part in so many aspects of everyday life, from grocery shopping to ordering lunch at a restaurant.

Armed with a bright red toque, mittens and several "Get Caught Reading" bookmarks, I travelled around the town of High River "catching people reading". I also had the privilege of meeting children's author Jacqueline Guest, as well as Literacy for Life's "Lunch with Jacqueline Guest" contest-winning families.

Ted at the Get Caught Reading event in High River



On February 5<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to attend Claresholm's annual Town and Country Trade Fair. More than 1450 people attended, with the furthest attendant coming all the way from Toronto! The trade fair is a wonderful place to meet and visit with my constituents. I am looking forward to attending the Fort Macleod Community Trade Show being held on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there!



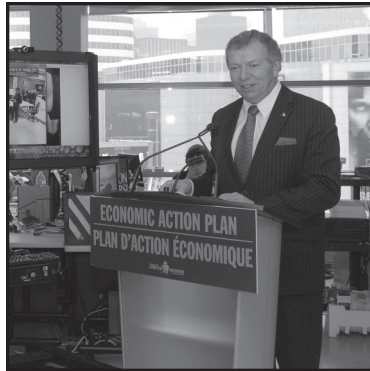
Ted with Wanda Sommerfeldt sat the Claresholm annual Town and Country Trade Fair in February

  
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## The Year in Review



Ted touring Standens in Calgary



Ted announces 2011 as the Year of the Entrepreneur



Ted Celebrates Grain Growers of Canada tenth Anniversary



(left) Ted attends the Grand Opening of the 32nd Street Bridge in Okotoks

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## The Year in Review



Ted and The Hon. Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance meet with private sector economists



Ted meets Special Olympic Canada Participants



Ted tours the Vulcan Sewage Lagoon



Ted at Pre-Budget Consultations in Whitehorse



Ted Introduces the Prime Minister in Whitehorse

  
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What 3 priorities should we focus on in the next session?

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