

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Introductory Report 2011

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Dear Brampton-Springdale Residents,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and discuss some important things that have happened in the first few weeks of Parliament. First and foremost, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to all Brampton-Springdale residents for putting your trust in me. Having a strong and dependable representative to act on your behalf, both in Brampton and in Ottawa, is something I truly believe is paramount. This is why I was very eager to begin my new role as your Member of Parliament and assume those responsibilities. I believe it is about working together, side-by-side, on issues that matter most to you.

My team has officially opened our new constituency office in the heart of Brampton-Springdale to serve you. Located at 3000-180 Sandalwood Parkway East, we will be able to offer assistance on the issues that matter most to you. It is important to be accessible to every



r e s i d e n t o f Brampton-Springdale. We welcome you to drop by from 9:00-4:30pm to discuss an issue, seek advice or guidance or just to introduce yourself to our team. We look forward to working with you over the next several years.

Parm Gill

Tell Us How to Serve You Better

Understanding the issues that constituents of Brampton-Springdale face on a daily basis is a key function of our role. As your Member of Parliament, Parm Gill and his team are here to assist you. We want to serve you as efficiently as possible and better than before. Our team has put together resources at your disposal, which can be found at www.parmgillMP.ca

We want to hear from you! Tell us what you would like to see on our website that would make it easier for you. Provide any suggestions you may have that will ultimately benefit our riding. We welcome all suggestions and look forward to creating a foundation of resources that make it easier for constituents like you.

Please visit our website and take a moment to see what we could do to better serve you and the rest of Brampton-Springdale.

- 🍁 Email us at Parm.Gill@parl.gc.ca
- 🍁 Call our office at 905-840-0505
- 🍁 Fill out the form at the end of this newsletter with your comments (*no postage needed*)

We look forward to working with you.

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P R O T E C T I N G C A N A D A ' S **FUTURE**

The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan

A Look Back at the Economic Action Plan of 2010

The people of Brampton, like the rest of Canada, were affected by the global economic downturn. The recession affected Bramptonians from all walks of life, including seniors, families, small-businesses and new Canadians. However, the Economic Action Plan helped create nearly 540,000 new jobs across the country and helped lower unemployment rates.

The partnership between the City of Brampton and the Government of Canada resulted in numerous projects being undertaken:

- The revitalization of Chinguacousy Park
- The development of the Mount Pleasant Mobility Hub
- The renovation of 9 recreation centres.

Although the Economic Action Plan was a critical component of our recovery, it remains fragile and too many Canadians are looking for work.

This is why the Government of Canada re-introduced the **Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan**. It is important to understand what this means for you.



Looking Forward: Brampton's Businesses, Industries and Students

Brampton has a burgeoning small and medium-sized business sector, along with a thriving manufacturing industry. It is a city home to thousands of students and tradespeople who are focusing on their academic and professional careers.

- **Helping full-time students** by allowing them to earn more money without affecting their loans.
- **\$20-million** investment to enable the **Canadian Youth Business Foundation** continue to help young entrepreneurs succeed.
- **Extension** of the tax-relief for those individuals pursuing their skills certification.
- **Extending the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance** to help manufacturers make new investments in machinery and equipment.
- **Enhancing or Extending Programs to Help Businesses Keep Workers** through work-sharing and the Wage Earner Protection Program.
- **Hiring Credits** for small businesses—providing a one-time credit of up to **\$1,000** to encourage additional hiring.
- **Reducing Red Tape** and upgrading BizPal service and further consulting Canadians through the Red Tape Reduction Commission.
- **Support Economic Sectors** through hundreds of millions of dollars of investments in support for innovation and market diversification in agriculture, energy, mining, manufacturing, tourism and forestry industries.



Looking Forward: Families and Seniors

- **GIS:** Eligible low-income seniors will receive additional annual benefits of up to \$600 for single seniors and \$840 for couples. This initiative will help more than 680,000 seniors across Canada.

- The enhancement of the **New Horizons for Seniors Program**. This program promotes volunteerism, mentorship and social participation of seniors.

- \$50-million investment to extend the **Targeted Initiative for Older Workers** and the elimination of the **Mandatory Retirement Age for Federally Regulated Employees**.



- **New Children's Art Tax Credit** on up to \$500 in eligible fees for programs associated with children's artistic, cultural, recreational and development activities.

- **New Family Caregiver Tax Credit** on an amount of \$2,000 for caregivers of all types of infirm, dependant relatives, including, for the first time, spouses, common-law partners and minor children.

- Extending the **ecoENERGY Retrofit-Homes Program** to help families lower their heating and electricity bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

- Since 2006, a typical Canadian family saves, on average, more than **\$3,000** per year.

Looking Forward: Legislating the Federal Gas Tax Fund

The City of Brampton has benefited tremendously from the **Federal Gas Tax Fund for Municipalities**. Brampton has received millions of dollars from this program, which then has been invested and allocated to transit initiatives. These investments are focused on improving the quality and efficiency for its riders, while creating numerous jobs for Brampton's local economy.

Our Government puts into law the permanent annual investment of \$2-billion in Gas Tax Funding for cities to support local infrastructure programs.

Looking Forward: New Canadians

The riding of Brampton-Springdale is a growing and diverse community. Many new Canadians decide to make this riding their new home. However, many immigrants have trouble with credential recognition and we witness skilled and educated individuals not being able to work in their field. Fortunately, the Government of Canada understands the role that new Canadians play in our local economies and has taken active steps to assist them.

- The Government of Canada will introduce a **streamlined immigration system** that will better respond to the needs of the labour market.
- Our Government will also develop a **common approach** to facilitate the recognition of foreign credentials.
- Development Canada and Citizenship and Immigration Canada will test ways to help foreign trained workers to **cover the costs** associated with tuition, training and credential recognition processes.

These initiatives will aid in providing foreign-trained workers and new Canadians coming to Brampton-Springdale with the opportunities they deserve.

What the Mayor of Brampton, Susan Fennell, Thinks of Budget 2011

"I applaud the benefits Brampton has received through the Economic Action Plan. Our city is very eager to work closely with the Government to tackle municipal infrastructure deficit and provide the necessary resources to deliver programs and services to our residents."

- Mayor of Brampton, Susan Fennell

\$20-Million Investment for Youth Crime Prevention Programs

The Region of Peel has witnessed a drastic increase in youth violence and gang activity over the past several years. This affects our communities, our families and our children. In 2003, there were 39 known gangs in Peel Region, but that number jumped to 108 in 2007. Peel Police officials have cited on numerous occasions that gang activity in Peel Region has been on an upward trend and needs to be curbed.

The Youth Gang Prevention Fund was renewed for another 5 years in March of 2011. This fund continues to support crime prevention initiatives that target at-risk youth and rescue them from the dangerous, dead-end life of crime. It focuses on investing in community-based programs that focus on education, culture, conflict resolution and problem solving.



The Government of Canada has now announced a **\$20-million** investment over the next two years in youth crime prevention programs.

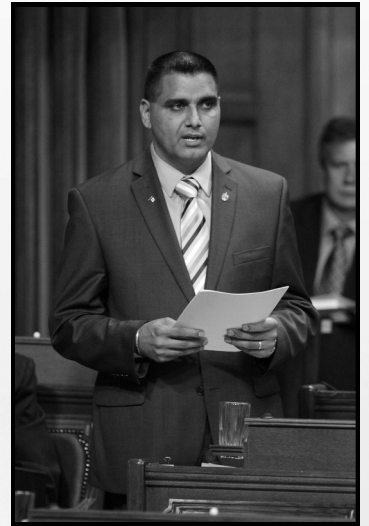
Participating in the Debate on Budget 2011

Parm Gill had the honour to participate in the debate on the Budget, The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan. He applauded the Government's proven low-tax plan for job creation, growth and economic stability.

Mr. Gill took this opportunity to discuss how the budget would directly benefit the people of Brampton-Springdale and the rest of the City of Brampton.

The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan will provide the necessary financial and economic assistance for Bramptonians from all walks of life. Seniors, families, youth, small businesses and new Canadians will all benefit from this detailed plan for economic recovery and growth.

Parm Gill spoke with Susan Fennell, Mayor of Brampton, after the re-introduction of the Budget. Mayor Fennell applauded the benefits that Brampton will receive for generations to come.



Brampton Celebrates its 6th Flower City Parade

Parm Gill spoke in the House of Commons on 20 June 2011 about the incredible success of the 6th Flower City Parade. Mr. Gill congratulated the City of Brampton and all of its residents on holding an immensely successful celebration on 18 June 2011 in the downtown core.

The parade was a perfect way to start off the summer months. It allowed Bramptonians the opportunity to connect with our community, its heritage as well as enjoy a day of entertainment and fun.

The event drew thousands of Bramptonians downtown to watch the floats and entertainers. It was a day of excitement and enjoyment for the whole family.

This year's parade had a unique theme. It was "Brampton Welcomes Bollywood", which paid tribute to the International Indian Film Academy award celebrations that occurred in late June in the Greater Toronto Area.



Brampton Boxer Able to Represent Canada in Germany

17-year old Brampton boxer, Luis Valdiva was able to represent Canada in the Brandenburg Cup in Frankfurt, Germany in June after he was able to receive citizenship prior to departing for the championship.

Luis Valdiva is the top rated boxer in Canada for his division. Boxing Canada made the decision to send Luis to the Brandenburg Cup. If he had not been able to receive his citizenship in time he would not have been able to represent Canada at this championship.

Luis Valdiva is a former student of Turner Fenton and is hoping to represent Canada in the Olympics one day.

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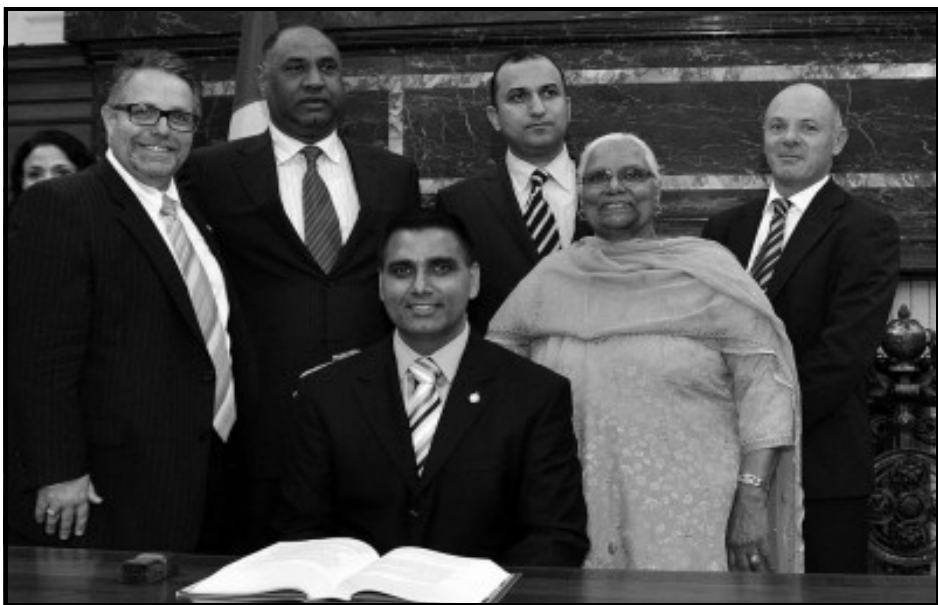
How We Can Help

Our main goal is to serve the hard-working constituents of Brampton-Springdale as best we can. We have numerous services available to you that we would be more than happy to help you with. Here are some of our constituency services that are at your disposal.

- **Requests for Celebratory Greetings:** For celebratory messages on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, grand opening or any other celebration.
- **Immigration and Citizenship Questions and Assistance:** For those seeking assistance with an immigration and/or citizenship matter, please contact our constituency office to make an appointment, Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:30pm or go to our website at www.parmgillMP.ca for helpful resources.
- **Government Liaison Assistance:** Assistance in dealing with Federal Government departments, agencies or crown corporations.
- **Requests for Certificates:** For special recognition of an organization or company's members, employees and/or volunteer.
- **Attendance of Parm Gill, M.P., at Your Community Event:** For attendance at your upcoming community event within the boundaries of Brampton-Springdale, please contact our constituency office. Please schedule a minimum of a week in advance.



Parm Gill and Tim Uppal, Minister of State for Democratic Reform, gather at the Road Today Truck Show in Brampton to present an appreciation plaque to the Ontario Provincial Police.



Official Swearing-in Ceremony on Parliament Hill



How can we serve you better?



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