



A NEW PARLIAMENT: DELIVERING ON PROMISES

Highlights from the Speech from the Throne and the Budget

Canada's Economic Action Plan:
A Low Tax Plan for Jobs and Growth

- ◆ Taking further steps to promote a stable, low-tax environment that creates jobs and strengthens the economy
- ◆ Standing on guard for Canada's future by developing our extraordinary wealth of natural resources
- ◆ Investing in the economy of tomorrow through increased support of research and technology and improved federal student loan programs to develop a highly skilled and flexible workforce
- ◆ Supporting small businesses through a temporary hiring credit and the extension of the



- ◆ Supporting law-abiding Canadians by introducing comprehensive law-and-order legislation as well as programs to foster youth crime prevention
- ◆ Strengthening families through programs to assist with young children, elderly parents and home renovations

- ◆ Preserving Canada's fiscal advantage by eliminating government waste and closing unfair tax loopholes
- ◆ Continuing to expand access to markets abroad
- ◆ Elimination of the deficit one year earlier by making the right choices and limiting spending growth
- ◆ Promoting integrity and accountability by reintroducing legislation to reform the Senate and restore fair representation in the House of Commons
- ◆ Keeping taxes low for Canadians, saving the average family \$3,000 annually
- ◆ The economy will remain our Government's top priority

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22nd Annual 4th Street Lilac Festival



Lee Richardson is pictured with Calgarians and Volunteers at the 2011 Lilac Festival.

On a sunny afternoon nearly 100,000 people came out to enjoy the thirteen blocks and over 500 craft, food and entertainment vendors at the annual 4th Street Lilac Festival.

Once again this year Lee Richardson took part, meeting with fellow Calgarians and enjoying the festivities.

House of Commons June Session

Legislation Passed:

- ◆ The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan
- ◆ The Supporting Vulnerable Seniors and Protecting Canada's Economic Recovery Act
- ◆ An extension of Canada's involvement in the United Nations-sanctioned, NATO-led mission in Libya
- ◆ The Fair and Efficient Criminal Trials Act (Mega-Trials Legislation)
- ◆ The main and supplementary estimates for the services the Government delivers to Canadians
- ◆ Restoring Mail Delivery for Canadians Act

Legislation Introduced:

- ◆ The Senate Reform Act
- ◆ Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act

Working for Calgary

Calgary Homeless Foundation Marks 3rd Anniversary of 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness



L to R: Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Jonathan Denis, Tim Richter, President and CEO Calgary Homeless Foundation; Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament and Calgary Homeless Foundation Board Member; and Alberta Minister of Justice Alison Redford.

Following Calgary's leadership, 11 other Canadian cities have now drafted similar 10 Year Plans. There are also discussions being held to create a nation-wide alliance to end homelessness, similar to the model in the United States.

Learn more at: www.CalgaryHomeless.com

Funding for Social Housing



L to R: Members of the Whippetree West Housing Co-op: Pat Tillotson, Shawn England, Joan Talbot, Lee Richardson, MP, Audrey Sissons, and Susan Farmer.

Lee recently announced that 35 housing co-operatives and non-profit organizations located in Alberta would be receiving nearly **\$2.2 million** through Canada's Economic Action Plan, as part of the social housing renovation and retrofit investments while at the Whippetree West Housing Co-op in Calgary.

"Our Government remains committed to giving a hand-up to Canadians who need it most," said Lee, "that's why we are pleased to have invested in the renovation and retrofit of these units in Alberta, which will go a long way to providing safe and affordable homes for years to come."

Support for Post-Secondary Education

Bow Valley College



Lee Richardson and Sharon Carry, President and CEO of Bow Valley College.

Through the Economic Action Plan the Federal Government provided **\$5,122,500** in KIP (Knowledge Infrastructure Project) funding to redevelop Bow Valley's North Campus.

Construction was recently completed, with renovations going towards improving the spaces where career programming including practical nursing, pharmacy technician, justice studies, and early learning and child care programs are held. These improvements will allow for an additional 960 practical nurse and health care aide graduates, and 300 justice studies graduates over a five-year period.

Mount Royal University

Mount Royal University received its largest donation since becoming a University two years ago. The Royal Bank of Canada donated **\$1.1 million** to develop the



L to R: Dr. David Marshall, President of Mount Royal University, Greg Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Wendelin Fraser, Dean of the Bissett School of Business at MRU, Bruce Mackenzie, Regional President Alberta and the Territories RBC and Lee Richardson, MP.

'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre' at the Bissett School of Business.

In February Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally recognized the value of entrepreneurs to the economic prosperity and quality of life of all Canadians by declaring 2011 the 'Year of the Entrepreneur.'

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Recreation Infrastructure Funding

Talisman Centre

The Federal Government was pleased to invest \$1 million to help renovate and improve the infrastructure of the Talisman Centre for Sport and Wellness. Over the course of its 28 year history, the Talisman Centre has provided athletes who are serious about fitness with an inclusive atmosphere and wide spectrum of world class training services. It also has served as the training facility for many of Canada's Olympic, Paralympic and World Champion athletes.



L to R: Eryn Bulmer Barrett, Olympian, Diving; Brooke Zimmerman, World Champion, Water Polo; Kendra Ohama, Paralympian, Basketball; Lee Richardson, M.P. for Calgary Centre, Jeff Brooke, COO, Talisman Centre; Mayor Naheed Nenshi; Alec Mine, Chair Lindsay Park Sports Society; Energy; Tom Ponting, Olympian, Swimming.

Green Municipal Fund



Lee Richardson, MP for Calgary Centre, Len Bracko, St. Albert City Councillor and member of FCM's National Board of Directors and Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

A GMF grant contribution for the City of Calgary for \$328,850 will go towards reducing community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, one of the three top priority areas for its urban sustainability plan.

The community-wide GHG reduction plan falls out of Calgary's larger long term plan for urban sustainability, *imagineCALGARY*, one of the largest sustainability visioning processes ever organized in Canada. More than 18,000 citizens were involved in developing, among other things, short- and medium-term GHG-reduction targets.

Flames Community Arena



L to R: Brian Fleming, Chair, SWAS Expansion Steering Committee, Jim Rockwell, Lee Richardson, MP, Alana DeLong, MLA, Calgary-Bow, Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Ken King, President & CEO, Calgary Flames.

The newly named Flames Community Arena, located at 7th Avenue, SW recently celebrated its grand re-opening thanks to an investment of \$1 million from the Federal Government. The money will help promote amateur sport by providing much needed extra ice time for Calgary families, and improving the quality and availability of amateur and youth sports.

Over a two-year period the Federal Government has dedicated \$500 million in recreational infrastructure funding for communities across the country, including 718 here in Western Canada.

Literature in Alberta

WordFest

International Writers Festival will be able to carry out its activities for the next three years, thanks to funding from the Federal Government.

WordFest is Canada's third-largest literary event.

The 2011 edition of WordFest, which takes place from October 11-16, 2011 will stage more than 60 public events, including readings and discussion groups with authors. "WordFest is a nationally and Internationally recognized writers festival that brings the best of the literary arts to Calgary and Banff, while promoting Alberta's regional talent nationally and abroad," said Jo Steffens, Director of WordFest.



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Reducing Red Tape for Businesses

Red Tape Reduction Commission



Lee Richardson discusses ways to help small and medium sized businesses compete more effectively with other Members of Parliament and stakeholders at a meeting of the 'Red Tape Reduction Commission' in Calgary.

The Red Tape Reduction Commission was created to help find effective and lasting solutions to support Canadian small and medium-sized businesses.

It will consult with Canadians and Canadian businesses to identify irritants that have a clear detrimental effect on growth, competitiveness and innovation. The Commission will also look at the cost associated with federal regulatory requirements that businesses face, and provide advice on permanent solutions for reducing the overall compliance burden.

“ Canadian businesses spend billions of dollars each year adhering to regulations, ” added Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament “ We need to look at where and how we can reduce these costs and this red-tape burden, especially on small businesses. ”

Making the Natural Gas Industry More Efficient



L to Right: Lee Richardson, MP for Calgary Centre, Minister of Public Works Rona Ambrose, Cindy Wolfe, Chair of the PTAC, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification Lynne Yelich, Dr. Soheil Asgarpour, President of PTAC, Earl Dreeshen, MP for Red Deer.

The Federal Government invested \$750,000 towards a project facilitated by the not-for-profit industry and stakeholder association, Petroleum Technology Alliance Canada (PTAC).

The government is supporting the capacity of small and medium-sized businesses to commercialize new technologies that will reduce costs, maximize recovery, and bring forth efficiencies in the natural gas industry. PTAC's mandate is facilitating innovation, collaborative research and technology development, demonstration, and deployment for a responsible hydrocarbon industry.

In December 2010, PTAC added the responsibility of providing seed money for technology projects to its mandate.

In the Community



Lee stops in to chat with a nursing class at Bow Valley College.



Bob McPhee, General Director Calgary Opera and Lee Richardson discuss funding issues.



Lee Richardson and members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers & Service Company Associations.

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