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MP Patrick Brown's Private Members' Bill - Passes 2nd reading on Dec. 8th, 2011

Bill C-314, An Act to Enhance Breast Screening in Canada:

- Assess whether gaps in information exist relating to breast density
- Improve information in order to better detect cancer in dense breast tissue
- Share information on dense breast tissue and its relationship to screening

Statistics show 40 % of females have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue appears white on a mammogram (as does cancer) making detection far more challenging. This Bill sets the stage for making necessary follow up testing standard (which is not part of the current screening protocols).

"Mr. Speaker, too many families have been touched by this form of cancer, and I am hopeful that by ensuring women get the information they need that could ensure early detection, this legislation will save lives".
- MP Patrick Brown



Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in women. Each year, an estimated 23,400 women develop breast cancer in Canada and more than 5,100 women die of the disease. Based on current rates, one in nine women in Canada is expected to develop breast cancer during her lifetime.

MP Brown building non-partisan consensus. What other MP's are saying:



Dr. Carolyn Bennett, MP – Liberal: "Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise here this afternoon to speak to Bill C-314. On behalf of our health critic, the hon. member for Vancouver Centre, I would like to say that the Liberal Party supports this bill. All efforts to raise awareness, to provide more information and to encourage communication must be supported. I am very pleased and thank the member for bringing the bill forward. We look forward to further debate. As our party's health critic, I look forward to studying the bill with the hon. member at the health committee."



Michelle Rempel, MP – Conservative: "Mr. Speaker, we have much to build on and many best practices to apply as we continue to support Canadian women in accessing the information they need to make decisions on their health. In closing, Bill C-314 encourages the Government of Canada to use existing initiatives to raise awareness of breast density in the context of breast cancer screening. This is important for Canadian women. I thank my colleague, the member for Barrie, for bringing this important bill forward. I sincerely hope we have the support of all members in this House for this important bill."



Kelly Block, MP – Conservative: "I encourage all my fellow parliamentarians to support this very important bill. It would increase awareness for women regarding dense breast tissue. It is important knowledge to have, not only for them but in the interest of their loved ones. It could even save a life. I thank the hon. member for Barrie for his concern about this issue and his willingness to ensure we are better educated about our health."



Dr. Kellie Leitch, MP – Conservative: "I came face to face with the ramifications of breast cancer when I lost my mother 22 years ago. Compounded by my role as a physician, it is why I am so passionate on this issue. I strongly urge every member of the House to support this bill on the awareness of breast cancer screening, so that we can stand unanimous in this chamber in support of women's breast health. I once again commend the member for Barrie for his excellent work on this bill."

Upcoming MP Events :

MP Patrick Brown's 6th Annual Chilifest:
Date: Sat., Feb. 4th
Time: 12 -1:30 pm
In support of:
Gilda's Club &
The Bill Wilkins
Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Location: Royal
Canadian Legion
Hall, Branch 147,
410 St. Vincent
Street, Barrie

**MP Brown's
Passport Clinic:**
Coming in late
February 2012
Date and time
were not available
at press time.
Check the website
for updated
information



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Member of Parliament for Barrie

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Your Conservative Government

Myth or Fact?:

There have been a number of important initiatives that your Conservative Government has undertaken in this session of Parliament. There have also been some confusion and misleading information over certain files. Canadians gave our government a strong mandate earlier this year to keep our communities safe, to keep our economy continuing on the right track, to ensure our financial house is in order and to better support victims of crime. This section sets some of the record straight.

Bill C-428: Changes to Old Age Security



MYTH: Our Government is proposing changes to Old Age Security by lowering the residency requirement from 10 years to only 3 to qualify for this taxpayer entitlement.

FACT: Our government never initiated this Bill. C-428 was a Private Member's Bill introduced by former Liberal MP Ruby Dhalla and seconded by current Liberal Leader Bob Rae in the previous session of Parliament (40th). C-428 was never voted on, it 'died on the order paper' this spring and Ms. Dhalla was not re-elected in the riding of Brampton-Springdale. No legislation of this type is currently before Parliament and if it were, every Conservative caucus member Patrick Brown has spoken to would never support it. Patrick has been consistent in his opposition to these types of proposed changes. Most experts agreed that Bill C-428 would have cost the Canadian taxpayer \$700 million a year. This was completely unacceptable to MP Brown and the Conservatives.

Attawapiskat and First Nations Funding



MYTH: The Federal Government is not properly funding First Nations reserves and all reserves are living in third world conditions.

FACT: The Attawapiskat reserve in remote northern Ontario, is home to roughly 2000 people. Since 2006, this reserve has received about \$90 million in funding from the Federal Government representing about \$55,000 for each resident. How money is spent is largely decided by the reserves themselves (self-governance). Our Government has grave concerns over the state of living conditions on this reserve and serious questions over how monies are being spent. The Prime Minister sent a 3rd party Administrator to Attawapiskat but he was summarily barred from the reserve. Our Government has acted quickly to ease the community's housing crisis by retrofitting a local healing lodge and assembling 22 modular homes for families currently living in substandard buildings. Attawapiskat's own published financial records indicate that last year the reserve was showing a housing budget surplus of over \$2.27 million and an infrastructure budget surplus of more than \$1 million.

Bill C-10: Omnibus Crime Bill



MYTH: The Conservative Crime Bill takes aim at incarcerating youths and persons convicted of petty crimes into new 'super jails'.

FACT: The Government of Canada has not built a new jail since 1988. Conservatives only ever proposed to add new spaces to existing facilities as needed. We committed to introduce comprehensive legislation which addresses violent criminal behaviour and to pass this legislation within the first 100 sitting days of Parliament. We are keeping our promise. Our legislation includes important measures to crack down on pedophiles who prey on children and violent gangs who sell drugs to children. The bill is only focused on the most extreme, repeat and violent criminal. In fact, a section of the Bill ensures that youth who are sentenced as a youth only serve their sentence in a youth facility (the current law allows youth to be transferred to an adult facility once they reach age 18). The opposition parties are opposed to additional jail time for:

- serious sexual offenders who prey on our children
- drug dealers who set up dangerous meth labs in residential neighbourhoods
- arsonists who burn someone's home down (allowed to serve their sentence in their own house)

Health Care Transfers to Ontario



MYTH: The Federal Government is cutting funding to Ontario for Health Care.

FACT: Federal support for provinces and territories is at an all-time high, and it will continue to grow. Ontario will receive record high support through major federal transfers in 2012-13 totaling \$19.2 billion – an increase of nearly \$8.4 billion (or 77%) from under the old Liberal government, including:

- over \$3.2 billion through Equalization
- nearly \$11.4 billion through the Canada Health Transfer, an increase of over \$3.6 billion (or 48%) from under the Liberals
- \$4.6 billion through the Canada Social Transfer, an increase of over \$1.4 billion (or 45%) since the Liberals

This long-term support helps ensure Ontario has the resources needed to provide essential public services including health care, post-secondary education and other social services.

Standing up for Canadians

Patrick Brown Continues to Deliver on Transit Commitments for Barrie

\$5.8 million



(L-R) Greg Melchin, Chair of PPP Canada Inc., Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman & Patrick Brown. MP Brown officially announced the Government of Canada will contribute up to \$5.8 million through the P3 Canada Fund towards the Barrie Transit Facility Project. After a decade of zero federal funding for transit, Barrie has received millions for transit projects like the Allandale GO station, the St. Paul's GO station, upgrades to the lines and this commitment towards a new Transit Garage for the city. Patrick Brown and the Conservatives made these pledges during the 2006 election. **Promises made, promises kept.**

Citizen's Arrest and Self-Defence Act



On November 22nd, Justice Minister Nicholson announced the reintroduction of the Citizen's Arrest and Self-Defence Act. :

- Our Government is committed to putting real criminals behind bars. Canadians want to know they are able to protect themselves against criminal acts and that the justice system is behind them, not against them.
- Canadians who have been the victim of a crime should not be re-victimized by the criminal justice system.
- The legislation will enable a person to make an arrest, within a reasonable amount of time, if someone is found committing a property related offence and police are not present.

Niqabs, Burkas Must be Removed During Citizenship Ceremonies



Muslim women are now banned from wearing face coverings such as burka and niqab veils when swearing the oath of citizenship, under new rules.

"Any individual will have to show his or her face when taking the oath of citizenship," said Immigration Minister Jason Kenney. "Allowing a group to hide their faces while they are becoming members of our community is counter to Canada's commitment to openness, equality and social cohesion. We cannot have two classes of citizenship ceremonies. Canadian citizenship is not just about the right to carry a passport and to vote," Kenney said.

Currently at airports, veiled Muslim women may opt to show their face only to a female security screener. They may also vote in elections without showing their face. But Kenney said all women must remove any face coverings before crossing the final hurdle to becoming a Canadian citizen.

Veils may soon be banned at government workplaces in Quebec, as well as in schools, nurseries and hospitals. The province is considering legislation that would force people to show their face in government-funded institutions or to access public services.

Federal Government to Enact Law 'Truth in Airfare Advertising'



The federal government will bring in regulations requiring Canadian airlines to include all fees and taxes in their advertised prices. A consumer affairs committee of federal and provincial bureaucrats has acknowledged a growing sense of so-called sticker shock when it comes to airfares. Advertised ticket prices rarely include extra charges, which in some cases can virtually double the posted price of airline tickets. The undisclosed amounts include Nav Canada fees, airport improvement charges, fuel surcharges, insurance and air security charges. Consumers also have to add taxes — GST or Harmonized Sales Tax, and possibly sales tax or other taxes depending on the province or country. The Canadian Transportation Agency is to begin the process of drafting regulations, including consulting stakeholders.

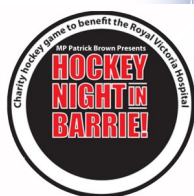
HOCKEY NIGHT IN BARRIE V
Will be held on August 16 in 2012!
& The 2nd Annual Barrie Waterfront Half Marathon is June, 17th

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Helping to Build a Better Barrie



MP Patrick Brown's 4th Annual Family Skate for the Barrie Food Bank- Dec. 10th, 2011



Patrick's annual family skate held at the Barrie Molson Centre was a great success again this year. This admission free event collected 563 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Barrie Food Bank. Members of the Barrie Colts, including Coach Dale Hawerchuk, Josh MacDonald - #11 LW, Jonathon Laser - #3, Victor Terreri - #13 C, Brendan Bell - #10 LW, Erik Bradford - #18 C were on hand to celebrate the season. Also helping out were MPP for Barrie, Rod Jackson and Ward 8 Councillor for Barrie / 6-time Canadian Ladies Figure Skating Champion, Jennifer Robinson. Attendees enjoyed skating to the Christmas classics and free candy canes. A big thanks goes to Don Murphy of Tim Horton's in Thornton for bringing Hot Chocolate for everyone. See you next year!

MP Brown's 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast for Candlelighters Simcoe - Nov. 19, 2011



People of all ages had a terrific time again this year at Patrick's pancake breakfast in support of Candlelighters Simcoe. Candlelighters is a group of parents whose children have been diagnosed with cancer; some cured, some on treatment, and some who have lost their battle. Candlelighters are dedicated to the provision of caring and compassionate support to parents, children and teens with cancer and their siblings at home in the community. Over \$1000 was raised for Candlelighters!

MP Patrick Brown's Passport Clinic for Barrie Residents - Oct. 12th, 2011



With the generous help of volunteers from the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce and his staff, Patrick hosts at least two passport clinics for Barrie residents every year. Patrick has long been an advocate for a Passport Canada Office in Barrie, but in the meantime, this service is extremely well received. Upwards of 200 people an hour have their applications checked over and forwarded to Passport Canada on their behalf at no additional charge. This service is offered year round at the MP's Constituency Office where Patrick's very knowledgeable staff handles approximately 5000 applications per year.

Have your say:

1. Do you agree that the Federal Government has helped the growing City of Barrie meet its transit needs?

YES NO UNDECIDED

2. Do you support MP Brown's continued focus on Health Care research, fundraising for our hospital and improving screening for breast cancer with his Private Members' Bill (C-314)?

YES NO UNDECIDED

3. Has the Conservative Government taken appropriate steps to deal with violent criminals and to support victims?

YES, the system has been too lenient for too long NO, there was nothing wrong with the criminal justice system

4. Are Prime Minister Stephen Harper and MP Patrick Brown on the right track in their approach to serving citizens?

YES, both have my support NO, neither have my support Harper only Brown only

