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Canada on the World Stage



Inside the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Brussels where the 27 member nations of the European Union meet. The 27 countries represent a population of over 500 million people.

- ◆ That is why the International Trade Committee recently travelled to Europe to meet with our colleagues in the European Parliament to discuss the ongoing negotiations of the **Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)**
- ◆ The EU is Canada's second largest trading partner, in 2007 total trade was **\$82.1 billion.**
- ◆ **CETA** would allow Canadian companies tariff free access to the world's largest single market.
- ◆ Our Government is committed to pursuing new trade deals and creating economic growth.
- ◆ Since taking office the following Free Trade Agreements have successfully been tabled:
 - Panama
 - Jordan
 - Colombia
 - Peru
 - European Free Trade Association

- ◆ Expanding and increasing trade provides real tangible results for Canada.
- ◆ We need to keep the momentum going, never before has it been more important to expand Canadian markets and diversify our trade partners.

And we are now actively pursuing trade negotiations with **India**, one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Expanding Markets for Canadian Goods and Services

Among his Parliamentary duties, Lee Richardson is the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade.

Recently the Committee has been focused on Free Trade Agreements, and studying relations with the US and European Union. Of late, Lee tabled the 'Canada-US Agreement on Government Procurement' report in the House of Commons which facilitates Canadian Companies bidding on US Government contracts.

The Government has recently concluded free trade agreements with; Panama, Jordan, Peru, EFTA (European Free Trade Association) and Colombia and are pursuing similar deals with; India, China, Ukraine, Morocco, EU (European Union), Dominican Republic, Korea and Singapore.

For more information on Canada's efforts to expand its markets go to: www.International.gc.ca.



Lee Richardson, Chairman, is pictured overseeing the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade along with Analysts, Procedural Clerks, Translators and other Members of Parliament.

The Montreal Gazette recently published an article about the rampant dysfunction among most House Committees while pointing out two exceptions, the Finance Committee and the International Trade Committee stating that; "The International Trade Committee, under the genial chair of Conservative Lee Richardson, is a collegial exception to the toxic tone of most House committees."

Canada on the World Stage...continued

Jeddah Economic Forum

Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre presented the Canadian perspective on the recovery of the global economy at the Jeddah Economic Forum in Saudi Arabia. Canada was the co-chair of last summer's 4th G20 Summit that addressed recovery and new beginnings. "Enlightened self-interest is perhaps the key to a successful and balanced solution but that solution will only be reached through shared responsibility. The critical areas for the G20 are financial



Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament is pictured at the Jeddah Economic Forum where he spoke on the global economic recovery.

sector reform, involving balanced and transparent regulation: continuation of globally coordinated stimulus measures; and enhancement of global trade and growth through resistance to protectionism and the lowering of trade barriers. Narrow sovereignty must be reconsidered, and

recovery must lift all countries together. This is possible only through cooperation," Richardson said. Representing the US was Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal Wolin who said that the G20 has now become the premier forum for more diverse and balanced coordination of the global economy and has responded quickly to help restore the global financial system.



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2010 International Law Conference: The Future of Canada-U.S. Cross Border Relations

Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre, participated in the International Law Conference in Vancouver, along with top legal practitioners, government officials, academics and stakeholders. While there he spoke on the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that exist between Canada and its southern neighbour and presented the Government of Canada's Economic Strategy: 1) provide temporary stimulus, 2) expand markets for Canadian goods and services and 3) resist protectionism. For the full text of the speech please visit: www.LeeRichardson.ca

Launch of Calgary's Global Business Centre

Calgary Economic Development proudly announced the grand opening and launch of the Global Business Centre. It will help foster and promote new investment and



Lee Richardson and Iris Evans Alberta Minister of Intergovernmental Relations.

trade development in Southern Alberta and support the increase of businesses exporting abroad. Global Business Centre programming has been established to support outgoing business; local companies wanting to market their products and services internationally. "Our Government is proud to have supported the development of the Global Business Centre, which will help create new trade and investment opportunities while improving the international competitiveness of businesses throughout our region," said Lee Richardson, MP.

For more information go to:

www.CalgaryEconomicDevelopment.com

International Research Station



Lee Richardson, MP delivers remarks at the Banff International Research

Banff International Research Station (BIRS), at the renowned Banff Centre received **\$3.25 million** of Federal funding to advance the field of Mathematics. **BIRS** is a collaboration of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the United States' National Science Foundation, and Mexico's Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia. "Our Government is investing in science and technology to create jobs, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life of Canadians," said Lee Richardson, MP. "Our investment in BIRS, through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada will help develop, attract and retain the world's best researchers here in Canada."

Working for You

Funding for Low Income Housing in Calgary



Lee Richardson announces funding to help low-income Calgarians find housing.

The Government of Canada in partnership with the City of Calgary and the Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) celebrated the official opening of a 33-unit building for low-income individuals, located in the community of Sunalta, Calgary.

“Renovating rental properties not only helps to build strong and healthy communities, but most importantly, it improves the quality of life for residents,” said Lee Richardson, MP. *“That’s why our Government is proud to have contributed to these projects in Calgary. We remain committed to giving a hand-up to those in need by providing safe, affordable housing that meets their needs.”*

“This affordable housing is an example of the public and private sectors and community working together to turn a building into a home,” said Tim Richter, CHF President and CEO. *“The City helped us buy the bricks and mortar, using funds allocated by the provincial government towards ending homelessness, and the federal government and private businesses allowed us to renovate the building into a place tenants can be proud of.”*

Investing in Alberta Infrastructure



Lee Richardson, MP and Cindy Ady Minister of Alberta Tourism.

Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre, together with Cindy Ady, Minister of Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, announced a federal-provincial investment of **\$10 million** towards developing the infrastructure for more than 70 Alberta provincial parks and recreation areas.

“Our Government recognizes that parks play an important role in attracting visitors to our communities,” said Lee Richardson. *“This exciting project will create immediate jobs across Alberta, while boosting local economies for the long term.”*

The funding will go towards improving amenities at numerous provincial parks including repairing and upgrading hiking trails, refurbishing campsites, hazardous tree removal, replacing picnic tables and fire pits, and enhancing viewpoints. In addition, Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca, has been expanded with photographs and detailed mapping of campsites at 25 more provincial campgrounds in 2010.

To learn more visit: www.LeeRichardson.ca

Lee Discusses Budget 2011 Proposals With Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

Recently I met with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to present the results of my consultations with constituents. **I would like to thank the several dozen people who took the time to pass along their suggestions, ideas and concerns regarding the upcoming Budget 2011.** Their contributions were invaluable to me and in turn the Finance Minister in his preparations. Most suggestions were for minor revisions to the tax system and ideas for spending reductions. The Minister was impressed with many of the ideas and I think it is quite possible more than one could make it through to the final version of the Budget. Thank you



Lee Richardson, MP and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty discuss the budget.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think that increasing international trade and expanding Canadian markets abroad is the right approach to strengthen the Canadian economy?

Yes No Undecided

Is the Federal Government doing a good job managing the Canadian economy?

Yes No Undecided

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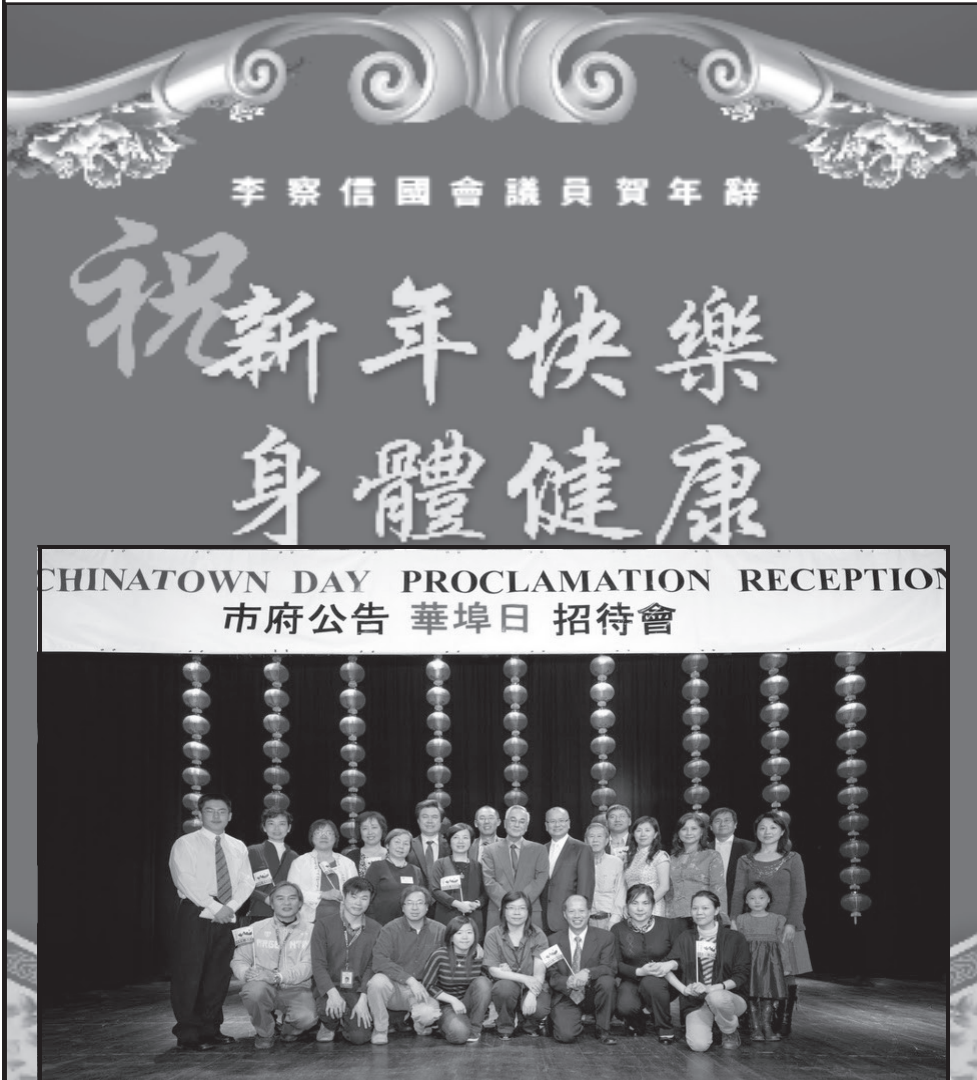
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Celebrating 100 Years in Calgary

Happy Chinese New Year: 2011



Special thanks to Calgary's Sing Tao Newspaper for their help by contributing the above New Years greeting.

Recently Lee Richardson, MP proudly celebrated the proclamation of '**Chinatown Day**' in Calgary. 2010 marked the **100th** anniversary of our Chinatown, often described as the epicenter for Chinese culture and tradition in the city. Calgary's Chinatown is now the fourth largest in Canada and nearly **10%** of Calgarians can trace their heritage back to China. This represents the ever growing diversity of our city.

Visit www.ChinatownCalgary.com to learn more.

Mount Royal University Centennial



L to R: Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, Lee Richardson, MP, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and MRU President Dave Marshall.

On December 16, 2010 Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre joined Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Mount Royal University (MRU) President Dave Marshall in celebrating Mount Royals' 100th Birthday. Founded in 1910 by Dr. George W. Kerby, Mount Royal is Calgary's first post-secondary institution. Today some 12,000 credit students take a variety of programs and courses including bachelor's degrees, applied degrees, university transfer courses, diplomas and certificates.

Currently, MRU comprises thirteen schools and faculties including the Bissett School of Business, the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Communications Studies, and the Conservatory (Music).

To learn more about Mount Royal University please visit their website at:

www.MtRoyal.ca



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