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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



PETER GOLDRING

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me, from modest beginnings reflecting the diversity of the backgrounds of our communities in the House of Commons.

The new Conservative Party leadership race will begin in early 2004. During that same period, candidates for all political parties to represent 308 ridings for the 2004 federal election will also be selected by their respective party constituency associations. I have proudly represented Edmonton East since 1997. There is still much that I wish to do so I would like to continue my work advocating for the best interests of the citizens of Edmonton East.

These are exciting times in Canadian federal politics. For over ten years now, Canadians have called for greater accountability for all elected officials and have made their voices heard, through making many changes in the political landscape.

With the newly-established Conservative Party of Canada, there is a movement back to three federalist parties as even the provincially based separatist Bloc Québécois is rethinking its options. This means that Canadians have clearer political choices available. The main national parties are the Conservative Party, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party.



The New Boundaries of Edmonton East

In Canadian federal politics, everyone can participate in the process. One doesn't have to be a lawyer to be a serious political participant. Many of those are persons like

In these exciting times in federal politics, I encourage all to become involved with the political process. Join the party that appears to best reflect your views. You can make a significant contribution to the democratic process, through participating in the selection of the person or party to represent you in the upcoming federal election. We are very fortunate to live in a country where change can be effected through democratic processes. Do not take democracy for granted; get involved.



Election June 1997 saw Edmonton East politically change again. The riding since 1917 has been represented by every party in Western Canada. Edmonton East before this Reform win was Liberal, NDP, & Progressive Conservative. The longest serving member was Bill Skoreyko who served 21 years. Edmonton East is one of Alberta's oldest ridings, and has a social complexity containing both modest inner city areas and modern suburban areas.



Peter was invited to attend the first Canada Day celebrations in Van Horne Park in Montreal. He has spoken out on Quebec radio and print media encouraging Canadian unity and against special distinct status for any province. Because of an unwillingness of Quebec MP's to confront excessive language laws, he has attended several protest events in support of Quebecers rights.

"The MP with perhaps the most interest in Quebec affairs"
The Suburban - Quebec's Largest English Weekly



Quebec City installed a monument to mark World War II leaders Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt but pointedly left out Canada's Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Peter spoke out strongly against this 'historical revisionism'. Pierre Roy (far left), a veteran, attended with Howard Galganov (far right), a Montreal radio show host who accompanied many Montrealers to protest against Premier Bouchard's staged separatist event.



Peter successfully fought in Parliament for Canada's Hong Kong veterans long outstanding concerns about being forced into slave labour by Japan in World War II. In a historic 20-minute speech, he read the names of all 361 surviving Veterans, which was reprinted on Canada Day in the Ottawa Citizen. When the government finally agreed to the compensation, Peter called on the government to "send the bill to Tokyo."

"MP Gets The Job Done For Canada's Vets" - *Edmonton Journal* Jan 7/99



Peter raised \$200,000 to send veterans to Ortona, Italy for a retake of their wartime Christmas dinner of 1943 because Veterans Affairs lacked the vision to do so. In a national campaign, he raised the funds for the trip and for a permanent monument. 35,000 Canadians, young and old, contributed and made 'Christmas in Ortona' happen. The "Price of Peace" monument, created by artist Robert Surette was installed in Ortona, Italy.



Peter successfully fought to resolve Merchant Navy Veterans long standing grievances. All parties agreed to his list of four concerns, calling for Parliamentary hearings into their claims and also adopted his Minority Report. Upon Mr. Gordon Olmstead's death, he called on Parliament to recognize Gordon's life-long efforts by renaming the Bill the Gordon Olmstead Act. Mr. Olmstead is seen here on the far right.



Peter came to the aid of Edmonton's Skidrow Dogz ball hockey team. Their home, the McCauley Community Hockey Rink faced destruction, as a social project was planned to replace this only full-size outdoor rink in the inner city. He helped in raising funds for the team to attend the World Championships in Florida. The Skidrow Dogz went to their tournament in Florida and the McCauley Community Hockey Rink was saved.



Peter speaks at a protest demonstration in front of the Justice Minister's office where he calls for greater protection for our children from those who make and distribute child pornography. He has also called for an amendment to the Criminal Code that would make "Home Invasion" a separate, much more serious sentence, and has spoken out for improved laws dealing with prostitution, johns and pimps of underage prostitutes.

Election Nov 2000 was an exciting contest. "I was honored by the continued confidence in me on the part of constituents to address such important issues as poverty, affordable housing, crime and tax relief and was pleased with the support received, given the competition presented for the Election. I promised that I would listen and try my best to represent everyone's concerns. Elections are the public's chance to replace or continue their representative in Ottawa."



Peter as Public Works Critic, did an extensive study on the 30 year procurement nightmare for replacement of Canada's aging Sea King helicopter fleet. Sea Kings were delivered to the Canadian armed forces in 1963 when he was a Member of the RCAF and are still shamefully on the front line service today. The ancient Sea Kings also reduce effectiveness of Canada's Destroyer and Frigate Fleet by lowering their mission capability by replacement delays.



Our Voice, the spare-change newspaper has chosen Peter as an honorary vendor, "We are thanking Peter for his support of *Our Voice* and his work to end homelessness," said editor Michael Walters. *Our Voice* vendors are low income inner city residents who have the dignity of accomplishment through the selling of this publication, and the public benefits through being informed on poverty issues. Recently a new street magazine called the "Edmonton Street News" has been published.



The Kingsclear Boys Training School in Fredericton, has been a shameful story of massive child abuse and political cover-up. Peter's investigation of the affair because of the infamous Karl Toft being released in the Edmonton Community has lead to a RCMP Staff Sergeant who must be taken to a court of law to answer charges from 7 victims who have identified him as an assailant. Prime Minister Paul Martin has agreed to an independent inquiry.



Peter Goldring donated copies of his book entitled **Housing Affordability: An Edmonton Concern and a National Challenge** to the Edmonton Public Libraries Director, Linda Cook. He wrote the book as a result of the shortage of space at Edmonton shelters and a lack of affordable housing. Shamefully today the plight still exists continued by a government which ignores the root need of the homeless—affordable independent living homes.



Peter was elected as the Vice Chair on the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs—**SCONDVA**. As vice chair he was part of the Executive, setting the agenda and establishing the Committee's future business. The Committee met twice a week when Parliament was in session to review legislation, investigate issues and to review the \$12B in budgetary Estimates for the Dept. of National Defence. He held this position for 1 year.



Peter has long been a proponent for firearm safety and registration for handguns. He has stood up to senatorial committees & continues to advocate for government to give up on the wasteful, impossible, registration of shot guns. Government bungling & ineptness has resulted in spending of over \$1 billion to date. Its important to note that handguns, have been registered for over 50 years. Canada is mostly a rural country where rifles & shot guns have been rural tools since their invention.



Peter has spoken loud & clearly for the retention of the traditional definition of the word marriage. Dictionaries and Churches throughout the world define marriage as a heterosexual expression describing the special union of one man and one women intended for the hopefulness of procreation and for the continuation of the human species. Marriage is a heterosexual word. He is shown in this picture holding his marriage certificate that states the names of the Bride and Bride Groom, at a rally supporting traditional marriage.



Parliamentary Involvement:

Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton Centre-East, which will soon be renamed and reconfigured to the riding of Edmonton East. He is currently the Official Opposition Critic for Housing.

Many new riding members because of the riding changes may not be familiar with the work in Ottawa that Peter was doing on their behalf.

The attached list is of Peter's involvement in Ottawa.

- Member of Parliament, 1997 - Present
- Senior Critic for Veterans Affairs – 3 years
- Deputy Critic of Intergovernmental Affairs – 1 year
- Deputy Critic of Official Languages – 1 year
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee – Quebec Schools
- Member of Joint Senate/House Constitution Committee – Newfoundland Schools
- Member of Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs 4 Yrs
- Deputy Critic for National Defence – 1 Year
- Deputy Critic for Public Works and Government Services – 1 Year
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services – 1 Year
- Vice-Chair Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA)
- Member of the Transport and Government Operations Committee
- Official Opposition Housing Critic – 3 Years
- Chair, CA Task Force on Homeless & Poverty – 1 Year
- Member Human Resources Development Canada committee



"At the beginning this new year I would again like to get your input on what issues you think I should focus on in 2004, what you think of the work I've done in the past and any general comments you may have. As you know an election is on the horizon and I would encourage one and all to get involved in this democratic process. Our riding is changing and I invite you to visit my website for the full details of the change. "

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This brochure series is intended to highlight special issues that Member of Parliament, Peter Goldring, has been involved in. If you wish to comment, please take a moment and fill out the survey below, write or call to the address above.

On your behalf, what issues should I focus my efforts on?

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2: _____

3: _____

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