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These are exciting times in Canadian federal politics. For over thirteen years now, Canadians have called for greater accountability for all elected officials and have now made their voices heard by handing the Liberals a minority government.

The Conservative Party of Canada had a successful spring Convention in Montreal, once again providing Quebecers an option between Liberal corruption and separation. The country has a choice again, with three national parties vying for their vote.

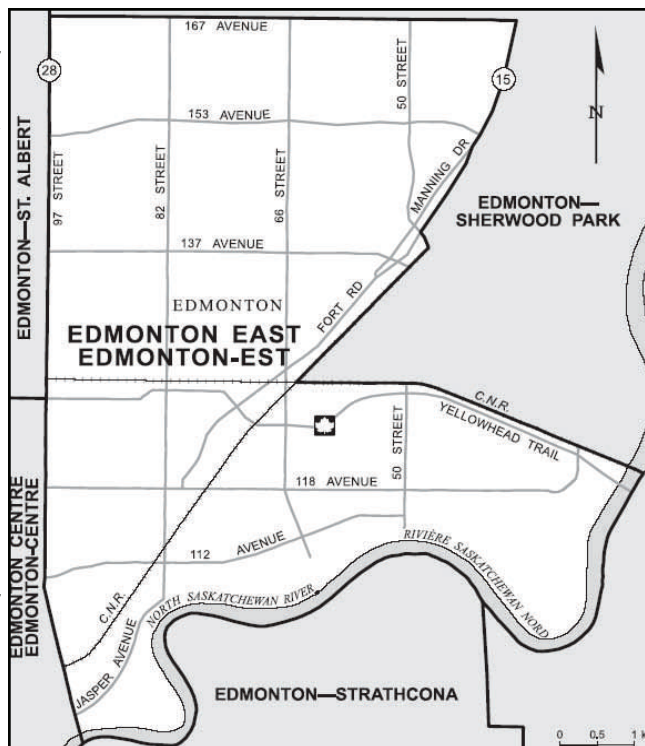
In Canadian federal politics, everyone can participate in the process. One doesn't have to be a lawyer to be a serious political participant. Many of those are persons like me,

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

The new Conservative Party came out of its convention as a moderate and principled alternative to Liberal corruption and ineptitude. As part of this new and exciting party, 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.

In these exciting times in federal politics, I encourage all to become involved with the political process. Join the party that best reflects 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 election. We are very fortunate to live in a country where change can be effected through democratic processes. Do not



The Boundaries of Edmonton East

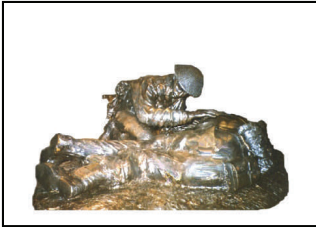
take democracy for granted; get involved.



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, Social Credit, Progressive, Progressive Conservative, and 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 successfully fought in Parliament for Canada's Hong Kong veterans long outstanding concerns about being forced into slave labour by Japan in WW 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 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 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.



ELECTION NOVEMBER 2000 was an exciting contest. "I was honoured 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.

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 personally wrote and paid for 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 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 cultures 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 for the continuation of the human species. He is shown in this picture holding his marriage certificate that states the name of the Bride, his wife of 32 years, and Bride Groom, himself, at a rally supporting traditional marriage.



ELECTION JUNE 2004 was an unprecedented election in modern Canadian history—the first minority parliament in over 20 years. “On June 28th, you elected me to represent you in Canada’s first minority parliament since Joe Clark’s of 1978. It is an honour and a privilege to be chosen as your Member of Parliament, and I would like to thank you sincerely for your support. I will continue to fight for the concerns of Edmonton East, such as criminal justice, homelessness, tax fairness, and the traditional definition of marriage.”



In September 2004, Peter visited four Eastern Caribbean countries using his own funds, to explore political and economic ties with Canada. Many governments and private sector groups of the Caribbean want to explore enhanced economic and related relationships between Canada and countries of the Caribbean Rim. There is a growing appreciation in Canada that such market expansion is a matter of economic imperative, based on a need to have a more diversified export market..



For 14 days in late November, Peter Goldring was witness to a revolution in an emerging democracy and remained in Ukraine until a non-confidence motion was passed in the Ukraine Parliament, signaling an end to the rebellion. He returned again to Ukraine and participated as a Parliamentary Observer with the OSCE, joining over 1000 observers from across Canada for the December 26th vote. Democracy was on trial in Ukraine and with the world watching the will of the electorate won.



Peter, with eight members of the riding elected to represent Edmonton, attended the first convention for the new Conservative Party this March in Montreal, to forge policy to guide a national alternative to the arrogant Liberals. The convention was an overwhelming success, presenting to Canadians a moderate and principled alternative to over a decade of Liberal corruption and dithering. I encourage all the residents of Edmonton East to become active in their party of choice.



Peter Goldring at a Citizenship Ceremony in Edmonton, welcoming some of the many thousands of new citizens who make their way to Canada each and every year. Alberta is a preferred location for many new immigrants from around the world because of our dynamic economy and welcoming spirit. Unfortunately, Edmonton has been without a new citizenship judge for over a year because of Liberal dithering on appointments.



Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton East, which was reconfigured in the last election. The attached list chronicles Peter's involvement in parliamentary, committee, and critic duties from 1997 to 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
- Deputy Critic for National Defence and also Public Works - 1 year
- Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
- Senior Critic for Public Works and Government Services - 1 year
- Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Member Human Resources Development Canada Committee
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Critic (Caribbean) - 1 year



"This spring, I would like to get your input on what issues you think I should focus on in this minority parliament, 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. Do not take democracy for granted. Vote for your political choice on election day!"

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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 to fill out the survey below, write or call to the address above.

What Issues Matter Most To You

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