

100 DAY UPDATE



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



PETER GOLDRING

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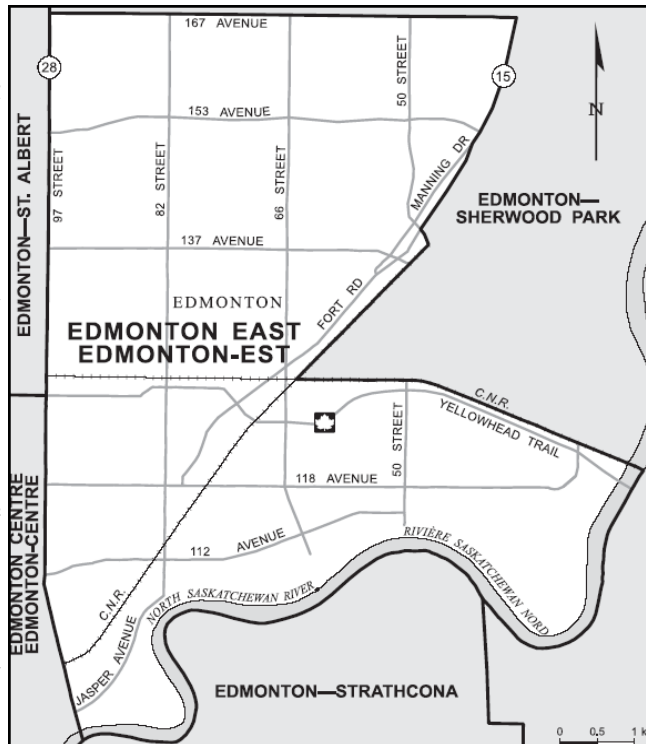
ment should serve the public interest, not personal interests.

Secondly, Canada's Conservative government is reducing taxes – starting with the GST. Our plan calls for the GST to be dropped from 7% to 6% immediately, and eventually to 5%. It's meaningful tax relief for all Canadians. On May 2, Finance Minister Jim

Flaherty tabled a tax relief budget, including the cut to the GST that will take affect on July 1.

It is a pleasure to extend my best wishes to you all as I do my best to keep you informed about what the new Conservative government is doing – for Edmonton and for Canada. Stephen Harper has passed the first 100 day mark as Prime Minister, with a flurry of productive activity.

I was very proud to be re-elected on January 23 with over 50 per cent of the vote. It was a long and hard-fought campaign but the Conservative Party of Canada gave Canadians a clear choice.



The other priorities remain the same. The new Conservative government will negotiate patient wait time guarantees with the provinces – so Canadians finally start to receive essential medical treatment within clinically acceptable waiting times. We will deliver a truly universal childcare plan that assists every family with children under six years old with \$1,200 annually. At the same time, we will introduce incentives for businesses, non-profit and community-based-organizations to add 125,000 new childcare spaces. And our plan respects the fact that parents – not governments – are best at making decisions

On April 4, the Speech from the Throne reinforced Prime Minister Harper's Five Priorities by promising action on the key principles that Canadians from coast to coast supported on election day.

The first piece of legislation, is the *Federal Accountability Act*, which will restore the principle that govern-

about how to care for their kids.

Finally, Canadians deserve to feel safe in their homes, on their streets and in their communities. Beginning with the Speech from the Throne, those days of "hug a thug" are gone.



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 is now a popular inner city sports facility.



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.”



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’s book, entitled ***Housing Affordability: An Edmonton Concern and a National Challenge***, was donated 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. Today the plight still exists but a new Conservative government is envisioning some workable solutions to address 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. Liberal bungling & ineptness resulted in spending of over \$1 billion. Its important to note that handguns, have been registered for over 50 years. Canada is a 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 34 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 1978. It is an honour and a privilege to be chosen as your Member of Parliament, and I thank you sincerely for your support. I will continue to fight for the concerns of Edmonton East, such as criminal justice, the homeless, 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.



ELECTION JANUARY 2006 will be remembered as a hard-fought winter campaign of almost two months duration. Peter was re-elected with over 50 per cent of the vote and returned to Ottawa anxious to be a part of the new Conservative government. He has since been appointed to the Foreign Affairs Committee and been elected as the Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Group and Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Group.



Peter returned to Ukraine for the March 26 parliamentary election. He participated as an election monitor with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Voters were divided about political parties but there were no electoral abuses observed. Here Peter stands with fellow Conservative Party Member of Parliament Joy Smith and a Ukrainian election volunteer at an exit polling station in Kiev.



As a member of the Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee, Peter was asked to represent the Government of Canada on a special exploratory mission to Haiti combined with the April 21 parliamentary vote. Peter then prepared an extensive report on Haiti that will form the basis of a Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry. Here Peter (on right) stands with (left to right) MP Thierry St-Cry, Haitian PM Gerald Latortue and MP Alexa McDonough.



Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton East, which was reconfigured in the 2004 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, Intergovernmental Affairs and 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
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Committee - present
- Chair of Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament—present



"I would like to receive your input on issues that 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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