

EDMONTON EAST UPDATE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



PETER GOLDRING

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Dear Constituents,

When you first gave me your trust and sent me to Ottawa to represent you I couldn't imagine how quickly the time would pass. Through six elections over the past years I have been honoured to serve the people of Edmonton East in Parliament. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and bring you up to date on some of the work the Conservative government of Stephen Harper and I have been doing for you.

Since being re-elected in May 2011 the Conservative government has delivered on its promises.

The world has faced its biggest economic challenge since the Great Depression of the 1930s. While Canada has had its share of difficulties, thanks to prudent management our economy was better able to weather this recession. A report from the International Monetary Fund said: "Canada is better placed than many countries to weather the global financial turbulence and worldwide recession." This is because our Conservative government took early action to strengthen and safeguard Canada's economy. Tax breaks for individuals and families have put more money in your pocket where it belongs, including the cut to the GST we promised. Lower taxes for individuals puts money in your pocket.

Lower taxes for companies creates jobs for Canadians.

Not only has our Conservative Government provided tax relief, we have also supported key sectors of the Canadian economy, such as the auto industry, aerospace and tourism. We have invested in research and development, supported small businesses and entrepreneurs, protected consumers and tackled crime. We have delivered real results on energy and the environment, supported our men and women in uniform, strengthened our immigration system and provided real accountability to government.

Thank you again for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you.

- Peter Goldring



The Boundaries of Edmonton East



Engineers Without Borders Conference – 2011. As a member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Peter was asked to take part in an MP forum on Aid And Development in Toronto. He spoke of Canada’s approach to foreign aid, the effectiveness of focussing on a select number of countries than that of previous governments’ scattered approach and the cost savings that has come from “untied aid.”



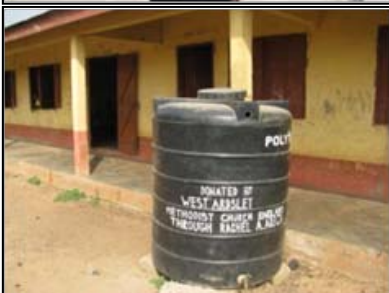
Affordable Housing – 2011. In the last days of the election campaign Peter took time from campaigning to meet with Jonathan Denis, Alberta’s Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, and MLA Doug Elniski at Minister Denis’ office to discuss the “Mayfair Village model” of affordable rental housing and how the federal and provincial governments could work more closely to enhance outcomes favourable to the taxpayer as well as those in need of housing.



OSCE Serbia - 2011. Once again Peter was chosen to represent Canada at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, this time held in held in Belgrade in July. With the theme being security, he spoke forcefully about the need for better safeguards in nuclear installations, warning that without stricter standards there was danger of repeating the tragedies of Chernobyl and Fukushima And that nuclear power is necessary for the immediate future and that it is containable.



Affordable Rental Housing – Mayfair Village 2010. After 18 months of advocating for the project, Peter was pleased to see approval given in May 2010. At \$60,000 per unit in government funding, Mayfair Village will provide 237 units of affordable rental housing at one third the cost to taxpayers of most social non-profit projects. It is expected to be the first of many projects involving private sector developers in providing affordable rental housing.



Ghana Report 2011. As a follow-up to his fact finding trip to Ghana with Dave Van Kesteren and Engineers Without Borders, Peter did an extensive analysis of the trip, reporting how best practices of aid work in Ghana might possibly be able to be applied to other countries, especially Haiti. He gave copies of the 25-page report to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of International Development and the Prime Minister.



Ukraine - League of Ukrainian Canadians/League of Ukrainian Canadian Women - 2010. Peter spoke at the 60th anniversary of the Edmonton Branch of the men’s organization (the 55th anniversary of the women’s organization). He recounted his experiences as an election monitor in Ukraine, stressing that free and fair elections are the legacy of the Orange Revolution and that there was optimism about Ukraine’s future under President Yanukovich.

Canada Day 2011. As well as his customary MP table promoting Canadian unity at the legislature grounds, Peter took part in the 22nd annual pancake breakfast, spoke at the Edmonton Chinatown Centennial celebration and took part in the fourth annual Canada Day celebration at Borden Park. At that event he teamed up with MLA Peter Sandhu and Member of Parliament Tim Uppal and then returned to the legislature grounds to close the booth.



Ghana Trip – 2011. As a member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, Peter was asked by Engineers Without Borders to investigate Canadian aid projects in Ghana, West Africa, and talk with politicians, business people and non-governmental organizations there to determine best practices. This is to lead up to the projected study and visit by the Foreign Affairs Committee to Haiti to examine Canada’s aid initiatives.



Affordable Housing – Wildrose Circle Project 2010. Peter has supported this project since its inception. The 96 units of affordable rental housing are being constructed with \$5 million in taxpayer funding. That works out to approximately \$52,000 per unit, about one third the cost of similar non-profit projects. This project shows that at least some non-profit groups can provide affordable rental housing with similar economies of the private sector.



Colonel Belcher Residence - 2011. Alerted by a constituent that veterans in Calgary’s Colonel Belcher retirement residence had been served with eviction notices, Peter alerted Veterans Affairs in Ottawa and spoke to Alberta Housing and Alberta Health Services about the situation. He stressed the importance of treating veterans with dignity and urged all parties to find a way to renew the P3 deal that had placed the seniors in the residence. A deal was made and the veterans are able to stay in their homes.



Bloor Street Ukrainian Festival - 2011. As vice-chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group Peter was asked to address the crowd at the 15th anniversary of this festival – which was also a celebration of the 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first Ukrainian settlers in Canada. It gave him an opportunity to return to the area of his youth, as he had attended nearby Keele Street Public School and played in High Park. His message was well received.

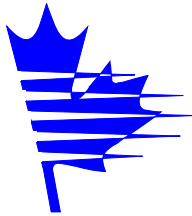


SCPAR - Russia - 2011. Peter was asked to represent Canada at the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region in Syktyvka, Russia. He spoke about Canada’s Arctic Policy, including the priorities of exercising Canadian sovereignty, promoting economic and social development, protecting our environmental heritage and improving and devolving northern governance. He presented a report on his trip to Parliament.



Peter Goldring is the Member of Parliament for the riding of Edmonton East. This 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 - Nfld 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
- Senior Critic for Housing, Homelessness, and Poverty - 3 years
- Vice-Chair of the Canada-Caribbean Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Chair and executive of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group - 6 years
- Member Human Rights and International Development Committee - 1 year
- Foreign Affairs Committee - 6 years
- Chair of Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament - 2 years



Peter Goldring stands firm on issues that really matter to us and has shown his dedication and determination. He's fought to protect children from abusers and predators, has worked hard to support veterans and the military. He has been a champion for affordable housing for the homeless. He's been out front in the effort to expand Canada's economic trade opportunities in the Caribbean and Eastern Europe, particularly Ukraine. He has worked to promote democracy internationally on 12 election monitoring missions.

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This brochure series is intended to highlight some of the special issues that Member of Parliament, Peter Goldring, has been involved in in 2010. 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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