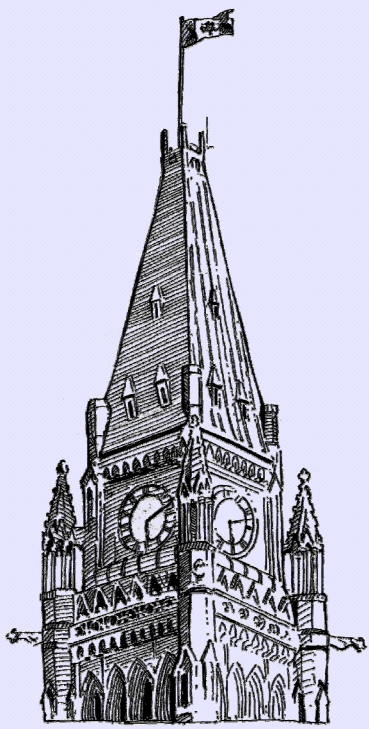


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Travelling Outside of Canada?

The Office of Rick Norlock is pleased to invite you to our fall 2011 **Passport Clinic**.

Staff will be available to assist you with filling out and preparing passport applications and renewals.

A photographer will also be available for your convenience.

Date: November 19, 2011.

Where: Quinte West Municipal Office, 7 Creswell Drive, Trenton

Time: 10am—1pm

Supporting Low Income Seniors

Our Record

- Increased the Age Credit, twice, to increase the amount of income that can be earned without tax consequences;
- Allowed senior couples to split their pension for income for tax purposes, saving senior couples an average of almost \$1,000 per year;
- Invested \$400 million in better housing for low-income seniors, through the Economic Action Plan; and
- Increased the amount GIS recipients can earn without losing benefits;

Our Plan

- Provide a top-up benefit to the Guaranteed Income Supplement, providing an extra \$600 per year for singles seniors and \$840 per year for senior couples,
- Doubling Tax-Free Savings Account Contribution from \$5,000 to \$10,000,
- Implement the Pooled Registered Pension Plan, to help Canadians achieve greater financial security for retirement; and
- Establish a family caregivers tax credit of \$2,000, which will benefit more than 500,000 Canadian caregivers.

Greetings

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. Its hard to believe the warm weather is already gone and that winter will soon be upon us.

Over the summer I had an opportunity to meet and speak with many of you at various festivals, events and our Mobile Constituency Offices. The main message I received was that the people of Northumberland—Quinte West want the Government of Canada to move forward on the commitments we made during the election.

This government will meet those expectations by **enacting key legislation to keep our streets and communities safe, strengthen our economy and achieve democratic reform.**

In addition, your Conservative government will move forward on negotiations with the European Union to enact the **Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement**. This deal will have a net benefit to Canada, encouraging job growth and increased wealth, while diversifying Canada's global trade relations.

Looking forward to seeing you around the riding,

Rick

Stay Connected!

Sign up for our **monthly e-news letter!** You will receive up-to-date information about your Federal Government's initiatives and programs, as well as **job opportunities from around the riding**. To subscribe, e-mail me at NorloR@parl.gc.ca

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Moving Forward on the Issues that Matter Most to You

Bill C-10: Safe Streets and Communities Act

This government was elected because of our tough on crime agenda. In fact, during the election, the Conservative Party promised to implement a comprehensive crime bill in the first 100 sitting days that would ensure jail time for the most serious crimes and protect the most vulnerable in our society. In September the government tabled Bill C-10, the Safe Streets and Communities Act. This bill is comprised of former government bills that were delayed by the Opposition parties in the 40th Parliament. They include:

The Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act (former Bill C-54) which proposes increased penalties for sexual offences against children, while creating two new offences aimed at conduct that could facilitate or enable the commission of a sexual offence against a child;

The Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act (former Bill S-10) which would target organized crime by imposing tougher sentences for the production and possession of illicit drugs for the purposes of trafficking;

Sébastien's Law (Protecting the Public from Violent Young Offenders) (former Bill C-4) which would ensure that violent and repeat young offenders are held accountable for their actions and that the protection of society is a paramount consideration in the treatment of young offenders by the justice system;

The Ending House Arrest for Property and Other Serious Crimes by Serious and Violent Offenders Act (former Bill C-16) which would eliminate the use of conditional sentences or house arrest, for serious and violent crimes;

The Increasing Offender Accountability Act (former Bill C-39) which would enshrine a victims' right to participate in parole hearings and address inmate accountability, responsibility and management under the Corrections and Conditional Release Act;

The Eliminating Pardons for Serious Crimes Act (former Bill C-23B) which would extend the ineligibility periods for applications for a record suspension (currently called a "pardon") from three to five years for summary conviction offences and from five to ten years for indictable offences;

The Keeping Canadians Safe (International Transfer of Offenders) Act (former Bill C-5) which would add additional criteria that the Minister of Public Safety could consider when deciding whether or not to allow the transfer of a Canadian offender back to Canada to serve their sentence;

The Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act and related amendments to the State Immunity Act (former Bill S-7) which would allow victims of terrorism to sue perpetrators and supporters of terrorism, including listed foreign states, for loss or damage that occurred as a result of an act of terrorism committed anywhere in the world; and

The Preventing the Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Immigrants Act (former Bill C-56) which would authorize immigration officers to refuse work permits to vulnerable foreign nationals when it is determined that they are at risk of humiliating or degrading treatment, including sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

Scrapping the Long-Gun Registry

During the election, the Conservative Party promised that if elected with a majority mandate, one of the government's first priorities would be to abolish the wasteful and ineffective long-gun registry. This fall, your Conservative government will move forward on that commitment and table legislation in Parliament to finally put to an end this wasteful and ineffective program.

Bill C-4: Human Smuggling Act

Your Conservative government is taking action to prevent the abuse of our generous immigration system by criminals that traffic human beings.

Human smuggling is a despicable crime and those who take advantage of vulnerable people and put lives at risk deserve to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Your government will continue to welcome legitimate refugees who respect our laws and play by the rules, while targeting criminals that take advantage of our generous system. The Government of Canada received a strong mandate from Canadians to pass The Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act and the Conservative government will meet that commitment.

Once law, the Act will complement existing efforts by Canadian law enforcement to prevent human smuggling operations outside Canadian territory.

This legislation will strengthen Canada's ability to prosecute human smugglers, deter those who would seek to jump the queue and maintain the integrity and fairness of our immigration system.

Bill C-7: Senate Reform

This legislation will encourage provinces to establish a democratic process that will give Canadians a choice in who represents them in the Senate of Canada. Bill C-7 will create greater accountability in the upper-chamber by limiting all Senate appointments made after 2008 to one, nine-year, non-renewable term. Non-renewable terms will ensure a steady renewal of thought and opinion in the Senate.

Your Conservative government campaigned on an agenda that would include unprecedented reform of the Canadian Senate and your government will follow through on this commitment. It is a non-negotiable priority of the Government of Canada.

Supreme Court Judge Appointments

In August, the Supreme Court Selection Panel met to review a list of qualified candidates for appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Panel, comprised of representatives from the government and opposition parties, will provide a short list of six qualified candidates to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice for their consideration.

Your Conservative government is the first party to introduce this unprecedented consultative process in terms of openness, transparency, and consultation with Members of opposition parties.

Due to the Government of Canada's commitment to openness and transparency, only the best possible candidates will become judges on Canada's top court.

Candidates on the short list will be chosen from qualified individuals selected in consultation with the Ontario Attorney General, leading members of the legal community and judiciary, and members of the public.

Pooled Registered Pension Plans

Announced in late 2010, your Conservative Government will carry forward on plans to enact the Pooled Registered Pension Plan. PRPPs provide a new accessible, straightforward and administratively low-cost retirement option for employers to offer their employees.

PRPPs will allow individuals who currently may not participate in a pension plan, such as the self-employed and employees of companies that do not offer a pension plan, to make use of this new type of pension plan.

PRPPs will also enable more people to benefit from the lower investment management costs that result from membership in a large, pooled pension plan, while allowing for the portability of benefits that will facilitate an easy transfer between plans.

A high level of regulatory harmonization across the federal and provincial governments will be instrumental in increasing the scale of these plans and achieving low costs.

PRPPs will make it more attractive for employers, particularly SMEs, to offer pension plans to their employees because a third-party administrator will take on most of the responsibilities that employers bear in existing pension plans. The administrator will be responsible for the management of the pension fund and the day-to-day administration of the pension plan. This will include ensuring that the money being contributed into the plan is being managed prudently, that appropriate investment options are offered and that plan members are informed of up-to-date plan information.

While any individual will be eligible to join a particular plan, members who join by the virtue of an employment relationship with an employer will have somewhat differing administrative treatment. These plan members are referred to as "Employed Members".

Employed Members will participate in PRPPs much like defined contribution Registered Pension Plan members do at present. The employer may make direct contributions and will remit contributions on behalf of employees.

The self-employed and employees of an employer that does not offer a PRPP are referred to as "Individual Members". In general, these members will be responsible for the tasks that would otherwise be borne by an employer, including making the choice to enroll, selecting contribution rates and remitting contributions to the plan.

An employer that chooses to offer a PRPP will enroll its employees (or certain classes thereof) into the plan it has chosen. The employer will select a default contribution rate. Employers may be permitted to enroll their employees into a PRPP during the tenure of the employee's employment, and not simply at the hiring stage. This may be accompanied with a provision allowing these employees to opt out shortly after being enrolled.

Libby Davies' Private Member's Motion

During the last election Canadians made a clear choice by electing a strong, stable, national majority Conservative Government. The election of the Conservative Government was a rejection of the opposition parties and their vision for Canada, a vision that would have included former bill: C-428, which would have reduced Old Age Security residency requirements from 10 years to 3 years.

It is because of the clear choice Canadians made during the election that I am disappointed to see that the Official Opposition's Deputy Leader Libby Davies recently introduced a Private Member's motion that calls on the government to reduce the residency requirement to receive tax-payer funded Old Age Security.

Like the former Bill C-428, this motion calls for residency requirements to be reduced from 10 years to 3 years, a decision that would cost Canadian taxpayers a billion dollars, giving expensive tax-payer funded benefits to those who may have never paid any taxes in Canada.

This would mean that someone who only recently arrived in Canada would receive Old Age Security and a Guaranteed Income Supplement, just like someone who has worked hard for 10 years or more, paid taxes, and contributed within Canada.

While some members of the Official Opposition have said that the motion will be withdrawn from the House of Commons, it is nonetheless troubling to see such a high-ranking member of the Official Opposition supporting an idea that Canadians are so fundamentally opposed to.

I would like to assure everyone in Northumberland – Quinte West that your Conservative Government is opposed to this costly and irresponsible motion put forward by the Official Opposition, and if it is not withdrawn by Ms. Davies, I will vote against its adoption in the House of Commons. This motion is offensive to Canadians who work hard and pay their taxes, and goes against the Canadian spirit of fairness and fiscal responsibility.

If you wish to send Rick additional comments, please feel free to write or e-mail him at Norlor.R@parl.gc.ca.

The European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement

Following the results of the May 2nd election, your Conservative government received a strong mandate from Canadians to focus on creating jobs and ensuring economic growth for Canadian workers and families, while completing the economic recovery. As such, the Government of Canada is committed to protecting and strengthening the long term financial security of hard-working Canadians. This will be accomplished by keeping taxes low, controlling government spending, returning to balanced budgets by 2014 (well ahead of our other G7 partners), and, of course, pursuing an **ambitious, job-creating free trade plan**.

Canadians understand that trade is, fundamentally, a 'kitchen table' issue—preserving jobs, and helping people provide for their families. The benefits of international trade to Canadian workers and families are clear. Trade accounts for over 60% of Canada's annual GDP and one in five Canadian jobs. When we trade, prices for goods and services go down, wages, salaries and standard of living go up, and businesses are able to hire more workers.

The Government of Canada's trade negotiations with the European Union is Canada's most important trade initiative since the signing of the historic North American Free Trade Agreement. A trade agreement with the European Union is expected to boost Canada's economy by \$12 billion and increase two-way trade by 20%. The government's ambitious free trade plan will create jobs and economic growth for Canadians in all regions of the country. In less than 6 years, our Conservative government has concluded new free trade agreements with 9 countries, more than any previous government.

Benefits of CETA

Canada has always been a nation of traders. Canada's population represents only one-half of one percent of the world's population, but accounts for 2.6% of world exports of goods – a 5 to 1 ratio. According to European statistics, Canada is the European Union's fourth-largest source of non-European Union foreign direct investment.

Nearly 1 dollar of every 2 dollars of Canadian manufacturing output is sold outside of the country, while 1 in 5 jobs in Canada are linked to trade and over 60% of the country's GDP. Moreover, more than 45,000 Canadian businesses are engaged in exporting, selling close to half of Canada's manufacturing output abroad.

As such, it is estimated that CETA will increase the average annual income of a Canadian household by almost \$1,000. Furthermore, it is estimated that as a result of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement the size of our economy will increase by more than \$12 billion.

Historical Benefits of NAFTA

In 2010, research showed that the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and NAFTA contributed to an increase in productivity of the Canadian manufacturing sector of between 13.2% and 14.0%. Other benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement and U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement include:

- Canada-U.S. trade almost doubled to \$502.4 billion by 2010;
- Canada-Mexico trade grew nearly six-fold to \$27.1 billion by 2010;
- Canada's services trade with the U.S. and Mexico has also increased substantially since 1993;
- Foreign direct investment stock in Canada from NAFTA partners has tripled since 1993 to reach \$306.3 billion by 2010 (almost all from the U.S.); and
- Research suggests that the Canadian tariff reductions that followed the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement were associated with a 5% rise in earnings (Trefler 2004).

Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement Myths

Agriculture

Will a free trade agreement with the European Union hurt Canadian farmers?

No. Through these negotiations, we are seeking expanded opportunities for Canadian workers, farmers and agricultural producers. Sectors include beef, grains and oilseeds, pork and processed foods. A comprehensive economic partnership with the EU will lead to lower tariffs and improved access to hundreds of millions of consumers across Europe. Enhanced access to EU markets will lead to more exports, more jobs and more prosperity for Canadian workers and farmers. The Government of Canada is working closely with provincial governments and is consulting with stakeholders in Canada's agricultural and agri-food industry on how we can strengthen and protect the financial security of Canadian workers, farmers and their families while creating jobs and economic growth. Moreover, EU export subsidies have been a longstanding issue of concern for Canadian farmers and our government is seeking strong commitments in this area.

Is the National Farmers Union right when it says CETA will eliminate the age-old practice of farmers to save, reuse, exchange and sell seed from their crops?

No. This privilege is protected under *Canada's Plant Breeders' Rights Act*. Canada's current plant breeders' rights legislation prohibits the sale of farm-saved seed of a protected variety, but does not prevent farmers from saving and replanting these seeds. Under current Canadian legislation, the exchange of seeds of a plant variety that are protected under the *Plant Breeders' Rights Act* is an infringement of the breeder's rights and a comprehensive and economic trade agreement with the European Union would not change that.

Manufacturing

Will Canada lose a significant number of manufacturing sector jobs to the European Union?

No. To the contrary, opening new markets, not protectionism, is the key to creating more jobs for Canadian workers and their families. Broadening and deepening our trading relationships, especially with a large developed market like the EU, enables manufacturers to improve efficiency and better refine technology, making them more competitive at home and around the world enabling them to create jobs and economic growth for Canadian workers and their families. A Canada-European Union joint economic study shows that an agreement has the potential to boost Canada's gross domestic product by \$12 billion annually and increase two-way trade by 20%. Greater access to the EU market for Canadian manufacturers means more jobs for Canadian workers and their families across many industrial sectors. For example, Canada's manufacturing industry would stand to benefit from increased access as the EU currently maintains an average tariff of **4 percent** on industrial goods, with some specific tariffs reaching as high as 22 percent on certain products.

Government Procurement

Will CETA give Europeans unlimited access to government procurement at the level of provincial and municipal governments?

In all free trade negotiations, our government works closely with provinces and territories and they are actively involved in our current negotiations with the European Union and the Government of Canada is also closely consulting with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Minister Fast's recent letter to the President of the FCM answers key questions that municipalities have on CETA.

Job Creation

Will Canadians lose their jobs as a result of CETA?

No. One in every five Canadian jobs is directly or indirectly related to our foreign trade. Trade will lead to more jobs, which in turn will create jobs and economic growth for Canadian workers and their families. The Canada-European Union joint economic study shows that an agreement has the potential to boost Canada's gross domestic product by \$12 billion annually and increase two-way trade by 20%.

Water Rights

Will Europeans gain unprecedented access to Canada's water under CETA?

It is Canada's longstanding position that water in its natural state is not considered a "good" or "product" and therefore remains outside the scope of Canada's trade agreements. Provinces also have measures in place to protect water within their jurisdictions. Nothing in any of Canada's international trade agreements can force countries to privatize or to deregulate their public services. Claims to the contrary are false.

I Want to Hear From You!

Do you support the Government of Canada's free trade negotiations with the European Union?

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If you wish to send Rick additional comments, please feel free to write or e-mail him at Norlor.R@parl.gc.ca.

News from Ottawa

As the fall session of Parliament began this past September, so too did Rick Norlock's work with the Standing Committees on National Defence and Public Safety and National Security.

Recently, the Standing Committee on National Defence met to be briefed on the situations in Libya and Afghanistan. Senior government officials, diplomats and military leaders met with the committee on two separate occasions to answer both government and opposition questions about the two missions. In late September the Government of Canada extended the Libyan mission beyond the September deadline for renewal. For more information about the committee please visit <http://www.parl.gc.ca/CommitteeBusiness/Committee> and select "National Defence".

With respect to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, the committee will be moving forward on initiatives not completed in the previous Parliament, such as a study on mental health in Canadian federal prisons. Additionally, the committee has undertaken a study of how drugs and alcohol are smuggled into Canadian prisons. For more information about the committee please visit <http://www.parl.gc.ca/CommitteeBusiness/Committee> and select "Public Safety and National Security".

Rick Norlock will also be giving two statements in the House of Commons this fall. To view these statements, please tune into the Canadian Public Affairs Channel between 2:00pm and 2:20pm on October 26th and December 14th. All statements are subject to date changes. If you miss these statements or want to view other statements and speeches made by Rick Norlock in the House of Commons, please visit <http://www.ricknorlock.ca/speeches.htm> or type "Rick Norlock" into the youtube search engine.

Announcements and Events in Northumberland-Quinte West



Rick at the 1st Annual Lilac Festival in Warkworth

L to R: Sandy Macmillan, Hector Macmillan, Mayor of Trent Hills and Rick Norlock, MP Northumberland—Quinte West



Rick Announces \$24,960 in Funding for the Cobourg Museum Foundation

L to R: Gil Brocanier, Mayor of Cobourg, Rick Norlock, MP for Northumberland—Quinte West, Joan Chalovich, Chair of Cobourg Museum Foundation, and Cobourg Councillor John Henderson



Rick announces \$24,980 for the Warkworth Legion

L to R: Len Kenny, President Warkworth Legion, Rick Norlock, MP, David Coulter, Hector Macmillan, Mayor of Trent Hills, Kim MacNeil, Councillor, Ward 2 Percy and Joyce Nickerson



Julian Fantino, Associate Minister of Defence and Rick Norlock Tour CFB Trenton

L to R: John Graham, Mayor John Williams, Rick Norlock M.P., Associate Minister Julian Fantino, Colonel Sean Friday, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Lewis, Lieutenant Colonel Dan Harris, Phil Smith and Tony Jeronimus

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