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## Getting Things Done

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### WELCOME!

Welcome, and thank you for taking the time to read the first installment of my weekly email newsletter, where I hope to share with you important updates from our Government and information about what I'm doing as your federal representative in our community of Ottawa West-Nepean.

### BUSY SUMMER

It's been a busy year and a busy summer as your Member of Parliament and as Canada's Transport and Infrastructure Minister. One of the highlights of my summer came in June when I announced the City of Ottawa's stimulus package in partnership with the Province of Ontario. As part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, these projects total over \$250 million and will create jobs and stimulate our regional economy. Projects benefiting in our community include:

- Baseline Station Tunnel at College Avenue - \$38,000,000;
- Centrepointe Theatre Project: \$12,000,000;
- Woodroffe Avenue Overpass to Baseline Station - \$5,000,000;
- Woodroffe Pathway Extension - \$100,000; and,
- Hurdman Station improvements - \$75,000

Another important announcement that I made recently was for the City of Ottawa's RInC (Recreational Infrastructure) funding. Several of our recreational facilities, including the Merivale Centennial Arena, will be receiving funding for important repairs through Canada's Economic Action Plan.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

There has been lots happening in Ottawa over the past few weeks. These are but a few of the events, announcements and meetings that I've attended:

- Citizenship Ceremony with Her Excellency, Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada;
- a visit to St. Patrick's home;
- Muslim Summer Festival at Andrew Haydon Park;
- Rideau Canal Festival;
- acted as Grand Marshall of the Ottawa Floatilla;
- meetings with Nortel Pensioners
- Horizon House BBQ;
- Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association memorial service;
- a tour of the Ottawa Islamic School;
- a tour of the Preston Street Business Improvement Association;
- meeting with the Chinese Ambassador
- Ottawa GreekFest '09;
- announcement for Ottawa's Chinatown Gateway project, which is receiving federal financial stimulus support through Canada's Economic Action Plan

### LOOKING AHEAD

With the House of Commons about to resume sitting for the fall parliamentary session, I have a busy schedule next week of meetings, local events and National Caucus with my Conservative Colleagues. That said, I'm really looking forward to attending the Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre AGM and BBQ on Wednesday evening--I was honoured by their request for me to present the 2009 Volunteer award. The Centrepointe Jewish Community will be holding a free Family BBQ in Centrepointe Park on September 9th and I will also be having my Community Booth at Carlingwood Mall on September 26th. I look forward to seeing you there!

### CAN I HELP YOU?

Do you have a question or issue that you think I can help you with? Please give my constituency office a call at **613-990-7720**, or visit my online office at [johnbaird.com](http://johnbaird.com) for more information and pictures.



Announcing Ottawa's Stimulus Package



Announcing Ottawa's RInC (recreational infrastructure) funding



At the Ottawa Chinatown Gateway Announcement