

Our New Government

Getting Things Done - For all of us

James Bezan Working For You

After a busy summer filled with funding announcements, community events, speaking engagements, and town tours, another hectic fall session in the House of Commons is underway. It's a great time to be a Conservative!

Our Prime Minister is getting things done for all of us and with your continued support, I am working on a record of results for Selkirk-Interlake.

When the Conservative Party of Canada won the election in January, we set out with an ambitious agenda with 5 main priorities. And one-by-one, we are tackling those priorities and demonstrating to Canadians that unlike the Liberals, we don't just talk the talk....we walk the walk!

Ottawa turned over a new leaf in January, five new leaves in fact, in the form of our five priorities. They include:

1. Cleaning up Ottawa by introducing the *Federal Accountability Act* (FAA);
2. Lowering taxes by cutting the G.S.T;
3. Cracking down on gun, gang, and drug crime;
4. Delivering the Universal Child Care Benefit; and Ensuring Canadians receive the health care they paid for.



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Your MP James Bezan &
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Federal Accountability Act:

After 13 years of Liberal scandals, financial mismanagement, and cronyism at its worst, Canadians voted for change. Canadians wanted a plan to address government accountability and Canada's new government delivered...the *Federal Accountability Act*. The FAA will toughen rules concerning lobbying, strengthen the offices of the Auditor General and Ethics Commissioners, introduce whistleblower protection, and streamline management policies to ensure that public servants are carrying out their work in the most effective ways possible.

It should come as no surprise that the Liberals are attempting to stall the FAA. Let's face it, for 13 years the Liberals ruled their policies based on scandals, illegal sponsorship deals, and shady forms of transparent government. The new Government of Canada is proud to introduce the FAA because Canadians expect and deserve their government to be accountable and we are delivering on this commitment.

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Reducing the G.S.T.:

The CPC wants to leave more money in the pockets of hard-working, ordinary Canadians like yourself. And a good place to start was with the G.S.T. On July 1, 2006, Canadians had a new reason to celebrate Canada Day...we saw one of the largest tax cuts in our country's history when the G.S.T went from 7 per cent down to 6 percent.

More money in your pockets makes sense and I'm proud that we finally have a Prime Minister and a new government that puts commitments into reality.



Cracking Down on Crime:

It's time to take back our streets and our communities and part of our third commitment involved tackling crime. One only needs to watch the evening newscast to see story after story detailing violent crime, gangs, drug deals gone bad, and innocent victims of crime.

Canadians have told us that they want us to crack down on crime. We have introduced legislation to end house arrest (conditional sentences) for serious offences,

mandatory minimum sentences for serious and repeat firearms crimes, increased the age of consent from 14 to 16 years to protect our youth from sexual predators, created a separate criminal code for street racing, and invested \$161 million to hire 1000 new full-time RCMP personnel. But, thanks to opposition amendments, the Liberals, Bloc, and NDP have watered down our justice bills.

Criminals who burn down your house or steal your car may still serve their sentence in the warm confines of their home, instead of in jail. The Opposition parties want to play political games with your safety but we're committed to making our streets safer. It's time to get serious on crime and the CPC will continue to move forward with tough, sensible measures to tackle crime and protect Canadians.

Providing Parents with a Choice:

Canada's new government is delivering choice, support, and spaces though our country's first *Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB)*. This plan includes \$1,200 per year paid directly to parents for each child under the age of six years. We believe that parents should have choice in choosing the best options for their children. It's clear that no two families are alike, which means that the "one-size-fits-all" approach that the Liberals tried to use just didn't work. Our UCCB will allow parents to use that \$100 per month, per child under age six, for the child care they deserve.

The CPC realize the need to bal-



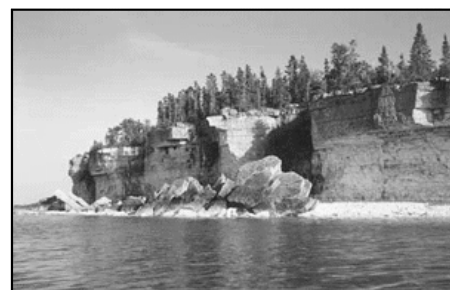
ance workplace and family responsibilities and pay the bills, which is why we're giving parents a choice in child care so they can find the best ways to meet their needs and those of their children.

Helping Canadians to Breathe Easier:

Our fifth commitment was to ensure that Canadians get the health care they need and deserve. We're currently working with all the provinces and territories to set maximum limits on wait times for certain medical treatments.

We have already started to help Canadians' health by introducing our country's first *Clean Air Act*, which will help all of us breathe easier. Our Clean Air Act will lead to significant and long-term reductions in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

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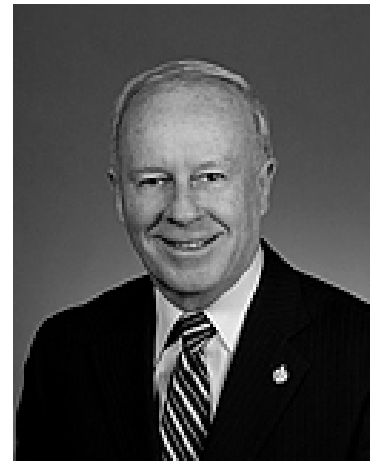
Christmas Get Together Banquet

Date Nov 25, 2006 Time: Reception 6:00pm — Dinner 7:00 pm
Waterfront Centre, Johnson Hall

Location 94 First Av , Gimli

**Special Guest Hon. Loyola Hearn,
Minister of Fisheries & Oceans**

Event Ticket Price \$ 100.00 Tax Receipt Value \$ 75.00
For tickets phone: (204) 389-2314



More Commitments...More Accomplishments:
Canadians have told us loud and clear they wanted change. And judging from our 5 priorities, the CPC has delivered. But our commitments to Canadians go above and beyond our 5 priorities. I am very proud to say that we are scrapping the ineffective gun registry, we are helping farm families, and we identified \$1 billion in savings from programs and activities that were no longer effective.

The Gun Registry:

Unlike the Liberals, we listened to the Auditor General's scathing report...the long-gun registry is a billion-dollar boondoggle that wasted taxpayers' money and punished law-abiding duck hunters and farmers. Repealing the long-gun registry will take time but the CPC is committed to a criminal justice system that puts police on the streets. Canadians want effective gun control, not Liberal bureaucratic waste! We promised to take action and we have acted on those promises by introducing a one-year amnesty to protect previously licensed owners and implementing license renewal fee waivers and refunds. Criminals DON'T register their guns and the new Government of Canada will not continue to fund wasteful, ineffective programs.

Helping our Farmers:

We are committed to helping our farm families during their income crisis. CAIS is not working and we are committed to replacing CAIS with new

farm income programming that will separate disaster relief from income stabilization. The new program will be simpler, more responsive and bankable. We have invested \$1 million to boost the agricultural work force to help recruit and retain skilled workers. We have introduced the Cover Crop Protection Program by investing a one-time federal payment of \$50 million to producers who were impacted by springtime crop flooding in 2005 and 2006. We have also introduced the Farm Family Options Program to help low-income farm families and have already given out \$51.3 million in payments. The total government spending on agriculture programs this calendar year will come to over \$4 billion, and over \$5 billion this fiscal year (ending March 31st) – of which over \$3 billion are federal funds. I understand this agricultural crisis all too well as a farmer myself, but I would like to let all farmers know that the Government of Canada has heard them and we are committed to finding short and long-term solutions to end the farm income crisis.



James Bezan, your Member of Parliament for
Selkirk-Interlake
Conservative Party of Canada

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CPC Selkirk Interlake Members

Usually at this time of year greetings come from Presidents of various organisations. In addition to my report I would like to wish all Peace and Joy over the Christmas Season and hope that the New Year will bring you happiness and prosperity.

Our board of directors is selected by the membership at our Annual General Meeting. This term we have 26 directors of which 7 form the executive committee. The main purpose of the board is to make sure a suitable candidate is selected to represent us in Ottawa by making a candidate search and holding a nomination meeting. Other duties include fundraising, recruiting members and other supporters and the every day operation of the Association. The board meets monthly and dates and locations are posted on our website www.selkirkinterlake.com as well as other riding information and activities.

In 2006 we successfully organized an excellent election team of volunteers in addition to the efforts of the Board of Directors. Thank you all for your extra special effort that made victory possible.

A fundraising dinner is planned for November 25, 2006 at Gimli. The guest speaker will be The Minister of Oceans and Fisheries the Honourable Mr. Loyola Hearn. His portfolio is a major interest in our community and we hope that many will turn out to hear him speak. I hope you will make it. Banquet details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely
Dave McLelland, President.
Selkirk-Interlake CPC

Your Support Makes The Difference

Thank you to all who contributed over the past year and the past election to provide Canadians with a new government. We are very fortunate to have a Member of Parliament on the government benches working on our behalf to ensure that our issues are addressed. This was only possible from your past support.

As many of you are aware, we are preparing for another election that could take place at anytime. We need your continued support to ensure we have the resources to compete with another Liberal/NDP challenge. Enclosed you will find a membership application and donation form along with a self addressed envelope. As always we appreciate your support as we prepare for our next challenge.

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