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Member of Parliament
Parkdale-High Park



Invites you to a **PUBLIC MEETING** of the **Parkdale-High Park
Community Council on Federal Issues**

“Federal Transportation Policy and Metrolinx”

**Wednesday, May 19, 2010
7:00 - 9:00pm**

**Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton
Catholic Secondary School**

1515 Bloor Street West (Dundas West and Bloor)



Dear Friend:

Please join me for my next regular public meeting. It is an opportunity for me to learn your views on current federal issues and to let you know about the initiatives that I am undertaking on your behalf.

As you may know, Metrolinx/GO is proposing a large increase in the number of diesel commuter trains travelling through our neighbourhood. Our next meeting will discuss their proposal in relation to federal government transportation policy.

I invite you to help shape Canada from Parkdale-High Park by joining my non-partisan “**Community Council on Federal Issues**”. The council is made up of interested community members and leaders of local organizations. Members are invited to attend regular public town hall meetings, receive MP reports as well as review information and provide advice on issues that they care about.

Some of our current projects, arising out of area residents’ concerns, are listed on the back and you are invited to become involved in any of them. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 19th.



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welcome! On-site child care
can be provided with 48 hours
notice.**

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Agenda

7:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions
7:05 pm	Focus Issue: Federal Transportation Policy and Metrolinx.
8:00 pm	M.P. Report - May: Presentation & Q/A
8:45 pm	Other Items
9:00 pm	Adjournment

PS: If you are unable to attend this Community Council but would like to attend future meetings or get involved in any of the current projects, please contact my office (see front of flyer) and I will be happy to add your name to my Community Council mailing list.

Selected Current Initiatives:

Parkdale-High Park Community Council on Federal Issues - over 600 area residents have attended eight meetings to discuss unemployment budget, childcare, and economic measures, and about 1,800 residents have joined in the past year. A report on MP activity meetings, with my vote positions and perspectives on current issues, goes out every four to six weeks. Meeting locations are rotated around the riding to ensure the best access.

Eliminating Mental Health Stigma - allows local residents to encounter their potentially mistaken or false perceptions of persons with mental health illnesses, with a view to increasing the possibilities for full participation in society through work, supportive housing and good family and neighbourhood supports.

GO/Metrolinx 1) Electrification - working with the community and 12 other MPs to ensure planned expansion does not negatively impact health and benefits access to both 416 and 905 communities. 2) **Piledrivers** - worked with a local neighbourhood group to decrease the excessive noise and vibration of railway construction through advocacy and a successful appeal to the Canadian Transportation Agency.

Canada Communities Network - influencing national infrastructure, cities, communities and housing policies by connecting interested individuals and organizations to my work as the Official Opposition Critic. The goal is to ensure the federal government is in a position to be an effective partner for better quality of life in our communities, and ensure that current infrastructure projects benefit our neighbourhoods.