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Hello everyone,

Wow, pretty hard to imagine that school is almost finished for the year, the construction season is in full swing and some of my favourite events of the year are just around the corner. Despite the recent arrival of summer and the beautiful weather we have been experiencing the pace at work in the constituency and at the provincial level remain hectic. Always more to do than the hours in a day allow - but all of the work is important!

One of the important infrastructure announcements from last fall was the Boundary Road Connector Project. Today I had the pleasure of participating in the groundbreaking for the project. This road will establish a direct route between Highway 16 and 97 and will be important for the Prince George Airport to diversify its operations with an airport logistics park. The Boundary Road Connector construction is supported by grants from the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component. The total budget for the project is \$28 million, which includes \$7.5 million in federal funding, \$7.5 million in provincial funding, \$6.5 million in City of Prince George funding, and \$6.5 million in private developer funding. Through investments and partnership such as Boundary Road we are moving the economy of the North forward. Boundary Road is scheduled for completion in March

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BC Nurse line: 24 hour,
Toll free 1-866-215-4700

Pharma Net Hotline:
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1-800-387-4700

Health Info Line: Mon-Fri
(8:30-4:30pm)
1-800-465-4911

Victim Link: 7 days a
week,
24 hours, 1-800-563-0808

2011. This project was identified as a high priority for the City of Prince George and we worked very hard to ensure that the Province was a partner through the grant program.

On Tuesday I attended another great event that brought together many community leaders in Prince George. The event marked the 10th anniversary of the Health Care Rally held in the Multiplex on June 22, 2000. The year 2000 was a difficult time for health care in the North. Those of us who choose to make the North our home realized that it was time for action if we wanted to have the kind of services we require and deserve. It was out of this rally that the Northern Medical Program was born and was a catalyst for a remarkable decade of investment and improvement. The investments we have made in health care in the North since June 2000 are significant. In addition to the Northern Medical Program, we are building the Cancer Centre for the North, started the Medical Radiography Program at CNC and invested \$300 million in a new hospital in Fort St. John just to name a few of the initiatives. Our government has delivered health care investments in the North and will continue to do what is necessary to ensure that Northerners have a high quality health system to rely on.

Monday of this week was National Aboriginal Day and I had the pleasure of participating in the groundbreaking of a new logistics park on the land of the Tsawwassen First Nation in Delta. Although we still have a long way to go to close the social and economic gaps for First Nations in BC, we are making progress through our emphasis on a new relationship. The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in February were co-hosted by the Four Host First Nations. Last week we restored the name Haida Gwaii to the Queen Charlotte Islands. In Prince George I work closely with First Nations leaders to address the concerns that are important to them. There is certainly much work to be done, but we are committed to working with First Nations throughout the province to ensure they have the same opportunities as all British Columbians. As we all enjoy the summer months, I want to

continue to emphasize safety both on our roads and in our wilderness. Be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife on our highways as you do your summer driving. The wildfire situation south of Vanderhoof is also a reminder to be careful when enjoying the backcountry. Effective at noon Thursday, June 24, all medium- and large-sized open fires are prohibited across the Prince George Fire Centre's jurisdiction to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. Anyone contravening an open fire prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$345, or, if convicted, be fined up to \$100,000 and sentenced to one year in jail, so remember the consequences before you start an open fire.

This weekend I am attending the first Legion Red Marathon at Ft. George Park. Now you don't have to run a marathon to attend and I hope many of you will come out and support our veterans in this new project. I know your attendance and pledges would mean a great deal to them. I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Darren Fitzpatrick Memorial Dinner on Saturday night. It was a success by all measures and in fact raised more than \$45,000 to support youth who want to pursue a career in the Canadian Armed Forces. It was a special night that I will not forget and I want to say thanks to Shawn Rice and his organizing team, to the sponsors and everyone who attended. Together we celebrated Darren, supported his family and raised money for a lasting legacy. Great job everyone! Many other events this weekend including a unique fundraiser for Badly Hughes Therapeutic Community and the ALS Walk. There is still time to catch HAIR at the Playhouse (we did and enjoyed humming along) and don't forget about the 50th anniversary celebration of the St. Jean Baptiste French Canadian Heritage Society Saturday night. We are planning a busy weekend in the community and hope you are too. I look forward to seeing you out and about!

Until next week,

Shirley

This week's bouquet of recognition

goes to....

*Jaymie Lee Derksen
As she goes off to compete
In the Miss BC Pageant
Good Luck Jaymie!*

Community Announcement
Happy Canada Day
Come out and Celebrate at
Fort George Park
Food, entertainment, fireworks.

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**Big Brothers Big Sisters - ATV Raffle! (Back by Popular Demand!)**

You could win a SPECIAL EDITION YAMAHA RHINO 700FI (complete with 3000lb winch, windshield and trailer). You also have chances to win other great prizes including

Early Bird Draw 1: Airfare for two on Westjet's Regular scheduled service – **DRAWN JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Early Bird Draw 2: Outdoor Patio Pergola – Drawn June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Early Bird Draw 3: Webber Spirit E310 Series 3 Burner Propane BBQ – Drawn August 4<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 41" Mastercraft Euro Tool Cabinet, Chest and \$500 Canadian Tire Shopping Spree!

Tickets are \$20.00 and are now available at our office, at Canadian Tire, Prince George Yamaha or you can charge by phone at 250.563.7410. Only 4,999 tickets available!

Help us make a difference for children living in Prince George! To Volunteer call 250-563-7410.

*You must be 19+ to play, BC Gaming License Number 24716. Know your limit, play within it!*

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**E-Fry Society Fundraising Goal \$20,000**  
**Adopt a shelter and a House campaign at Canadian**  
**Tire for the month of June**  
**In July, the campaign continues at both Boston Pizza**

locations. Come out and show your support!

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**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**Prince George Métis Community Association**  
**After Hours Drop In Center**

**Prizes**

**1st. \$500.00**

**2nd. \$300.00**

**3rd. \$200.00**

**TICKETS \$2/EACH**

**Draw date August 6, 2010**

All Proceeds to Help the After Hours Drop In Center  
A Safe haven for the Homeless and Street People

If anyone wishes to sell tickets for us  
Please Contact Patrick Pocha **250-561-9484**

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Mark your calendar...

- ❖ June 26 – **Dinner and Dance** at the Kinsmen Hall, 777 Kinsman Way, \$20
- ❖ June 27 – **Bob Harkins Fishing Derby** West Lake Provincial Park, \$30
- ❖ June 27 - **Walk for ALS Prince George** at Fort George Park from 1to 3pm, registration is at 11:30 am. There will be silent Auction, food and refreshments, entertainment and prizes. Free ALS tote Bag for all registrants. Pledge forms can be picked up at all Mr. G's locations, pre-register on line at walkforals.ca
- ❖ July 2 – **CD Fundraiser Concert** 8pm Art Space. Tickets \$20 includes one CD available at Books and Company.
- ❖ July 5th – 9th – **Free Camp** - Kinsmen Community complex (located on the corner of 5th and Ospika) Families will be responsible for participants transportation to and from camp, there is an application process, as there are limited seats available , call for more info, Jamie Kranrod, Big Bros Big Sisters at 250-563-7410 or email at Jamie@bbbspq.ca
- ❖ July 5 – Aug 20 – **Downtown Walking Tour** - One hour walking tours to discover the history of Prince George. Leave from front desk of the Bob Harkins Branch weekdays at 1pm. Visit www.liq.pg.bc.ca for more information.
- ❖ July 9, 10, 11- **Cottonwood Music Festival** at Cottonwood Park at Fort St. James. Roots and Bluegrass music, Weekend pass \$30, for more info go on line www.cottonwoodmusicfestival.com or call 250-996-0026

- ❖ July 29 – 5th Annual Lawn Bowling with the Mayor Tournament from 1pm to 8pm at PG Lawn Bowling Club , 3rd Ave and Watrous St. Proceeds to Cops for Cancer , for more info call Jsmine at 250-564-0005 and register your team.
- ❖ August 7 – Razzle Dazzle Do – 2nd Annual event fundraiser for cystic fibrosis research takes place at Sweder berries U-Pick on Sweder Rd. farm tours start at 5pm Dinner at 6:30pm. Autographed acoustic guitar will be auctioned off as well.
- ❖ August 11-15- **PGX** – Set these dates aside to attend.
- ❖ August 20-22 – **Robson Valley Music Festival**- for more info on the festival visit www.robsonvalleymusicfestivalbc.com

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