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**Tory backbenchers missed important step to make PBO independent, says MP Rathgeber**

Government House Leader Peter Van Loan has had a shortlist of three candidates for PBO since May.

By JESSICA BRUNO

The recently-defeated NDP private member's bill to give the Parliamentary Budget Office true independence would have been an "important step" to make the office sustainable, says former government backbencher Brent Rathgeber, who recently left the Conservative caucus and who voted for the bill.

"It wouldn't have been the be-all and the end-all, or the panacea. But that would have been an important step to enhance the reputation and independence of the Parliamentary Budget Office and Parliamentary Budget Officer," said Mr. Rathgeber (Edmonton-St. Albert, Alta.).

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**Wouters asks federal public servants to help on his vision thing**

Blueprint 2020 offers a new vision of Canada's public service and PCO Clerk Wayne Wouters asks all public servants to weigh in.

By JESSICA BRUNO

Federal public servants are launching into a once-in-a-generation re-envisioning of how the civil service should work, advise, and serve Canadians with Blueprint 2020, a paper launched by Wayne Wouters, Clerk of the Privy Council and head of the public service of Canada, setting out the principles for a modern bureaucracy.

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**On a hot summer night, Hill staffers lawn bowl**



**for charity fundraiser, looking pretty rad doing so**



**The are chillin':** Hill staffers and others are bowling to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. The Greasy Grass Men: Darcy Dunne, Derek Barnes, Chad Featherstone, Derek Storey. The Ball Rockers: Adam Bolek, Catherine Eaton, Morgan Hayduk and Linton Taylor. Lisa Thibedeau. The fashion. Max McGuire. See Party Central p. 19.

**MPs, Senators defend rules to sit on corporate boards**

Transparency group says vague rules let Parliamentarians act as 'inside government lobbyists.'

By CHRIS PLECASH

MPs and Senators are defending rules allowing them to moonlight in corporate boardrooms, but critics say the vague rules allow politicians to lobby from within Parliament.

A Hill Times analysis of the Senate's public disclosure registry found that 37 of 105

Senators served on the board of directors for some for-profit entity at the time of their 2012 disclosures to Senate Ethics Officer Lyse Ricard.

While many Senators reported no corporate involvement, several reported involvement on multiple for-profit boards.

Ontario Conservative Senator David Braley sits on the board of directors for seven com-

mercial entities. He is president and a board member with auto parts maker Orlick Industries and AlexanderTools, and is president and chairman of the board for both the Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions football teams.

Alberta Senator Scott Tannas continues to be deeply involved in the financial services sector.

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**Potential Tory nominations battles shaping up in Alberta**

But Conservative Party's Fred DeLorey says the party will hold 'open nominations,' does not see a 'scenario in which incumbents will have to challenge each other.'

By LAURA RYCKEWAERT

Conservative Alberta MPs, who hold 27 of the 28 seats in the province, will need to discuss the effects of the new electoral boundaries in the province because significant riding boundary changes in the province also mean current MPs will likely expect nomination challenges, Conservative MPs tell The Hill Times.

Conservative MP Kevin Sorenson (Crowfoot, Alta.) said MPs in the province "can expect that there may be challenges in nominations" in some ridings in Alberta, when six more ridings will be added as part of the 10-year electoral redistribution process and

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**Trudeau's promise to run open nominations could cause problems for incumbent Grits**

But other Liberals say it will re-energize the party.

By LAURA RYCKEWAERT

Liberal Party Leader Justin Trudeau's promise to hold open nominations in all 338 ridings in the 2015 federal election could cause problems for the 34 Grit incumbent MPs who will have to run in nominations again, say Liberal MPs. But the party says it's also currently reviewing the promised new rules.

Liberal MP Carolyn Bennett (St. Paul's, Ont.) told The Hill

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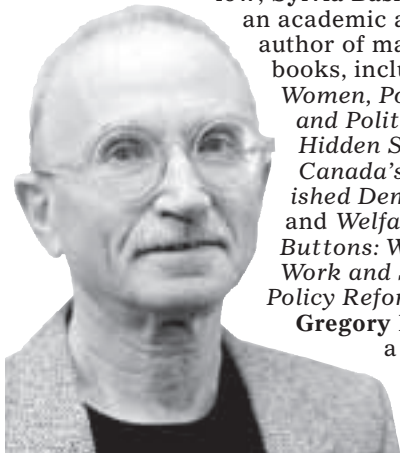
# HEARD ON THE HILL

BY THE HILL TIMES STAFF

## Wiseman releases new book, *The Public Intellectual in Canada*

Nelson Wiseman has a new book out, *The Public Intellectual in Canada*, which looks at “the place of the public intellectual in the context of a rapidly changing and diverse Canadian society in an increasingly interdependent world.”

Published by the University of Toronto, *The Public Intellectual in Canada* features an “all-star cast” of contributions from Environics President **Michael Adams**, also a bestselling author of *Fire and Ice* and *Unlikely Utopia: The Surprising Triumph of Canadian Pluralism*; Council of Canadians national chairperson **Maude Barlow**; **Sylvia Bashevkin**,



The full Nelson: Nelson Wiseman, editor of the recently-released book, *The Public Intellectual*.

an academic and author of many books, including *Women, Power, and Politics: The Hidden Story of Canada's Unfinished Democracy and Welfare Hot Buttons: Women, Work and Social Policy Reform*; **Gregory Baum**, a student of the interaction of religion and society, and former longtime editor of *The Ecumenist*; **Stephen Clarkson**, author of many books including *Canada the Reagan Challenge*, co-author of *The Big Red Machine* and University of Toronto professor; **Tom Flanagan**, academic and award-winning author *Beyond the Indian Act: Restoring Aboriginal Property Rights*; economist and author **Pierre Fortin**; **Alain-G. Gagnon**, Canada Research Chair in Quebec and Canadian Studies at l'Université du Québec à Montréal; philosophy professor **Mark Kingwell**, also author of national bestsellers *Better Living, The World We Want, Concrete Reveries*; economist and academic **John Richards**; *Globe and Mail* European bureau chief **Doug Saunders**, also author of *Arrival City: The Final Migration and Our Next World*; Conservative Senator **Hugh Segal**; **Margaret Somerville**, founding director of the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law; **Janice Gross Stein**, an internationally-recognized authority on conflict management and co-author of *The Unexpected War: Canada in Kandahar*; and, of course, Prof. Wiseman, a well-known political pundit who teaches Canadian government and politics at the University of Toronto and is author of the award-winning book, *In Search of Canadian Political Culture*.

### Buzz around expected Cabinet shuffle gets louder

A specific date for the next Cabinet shuffle has emerged from the tide of gossip and speculation surrounding Parliament Hill: Tuesday July 9. PMO spokesperson **Andrew MacDougall** has confirmed a shuffle would take place this summer, and consensus in the chattering classes is that it will be in the first half of July. By that math, the shuffle would have to take place in this week.

Bureaucrats at one Crown corporation have been told to expect changes to come down July 9. A number of bills prepared by the public service but not introduced in the House are also on hold, in case departments get new ministers. Some government Hill staffers are also holding off on summer vacation plans, in case they find themselves learning a new portfolio in the coming weeks.

A strike against the potential legitimacy of the date is the government's tendency to announce major changes—such as the approval of the Nexen deal, or changes to the senior bureaucracy—on Friday evenings, just as everyone who cares is settling into Happy Hour.

But we all know only one man really knows when the shuffle will happen: Prime Minister **Stephen Harper**.

### Rae joins U of T's School of Public Policy and Governance



What about Bob? Bob Rae is now a distinguished senior fellow at the U of T's school of public policy.

Former interim Liberal leader **Bob Rae**, who announced he was resigning as the MP for Toronto Centre, Ont., on June 19 to focus on his role as a First Nations

advocate, has added a new title to his resumé: On July 1, Mr. Rae officially joined the University of Toronto's School of Public Policy and Governance as a distinguished senior fellow.

Mr. Rae has already also been acting as the chief negotiator on behalf of nine First Nations

communities in their dispute with the Ontario provincial government over resource development in an area of First Nations land known as the “Ring of Fire” in the James Bay Lowlands north of Thunder Bay, since accepting the role last May.

Now, Mr. Rae has also accepted a role at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Rae is a graduate of the University of Toronto, having studied both his undergraduate and law degree at the university, and his work there led to him being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

As of publication, a by-election date had yet to be announced for Mr. Rae's former riding of Toronto Centre, Ont.

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## OPINION

## GEORGES BANK &amp; FISHING

## Feds need to keep Georges Bank moratorium, now

Discussions between Natural Resources Canada and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy aimed at drafting ‘mirror legislation’ to protect Georges Bank from oil and gas activity through 2022 seem to have reached an impasse this spring.



BY CLAUDE D'ENTREMONT

WEST PUBNICO, N.S.—Discussions between Natural Resources Canada and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy aimed at drafting “mirror legislation” to protect Georges Bank from oil and gas activity through 2022 seem to have reached an impasse this spring. As a result, Georges is without the protection of an oil gas activity moratorium, backed by federal and provincial legislation for the first time since 1991. Moratorium legislation expired at the end of 2012.

Georges Bank is a shallow, under-sea plateau, that stretches from the mouth of the Bay of Fundy in Canadian waters almost to the shores of Cape Cod in American waters. Georges has a rich fishing history and was the subject of a boundary dispute between the two countries that was finally decided at the International Court of Justice in The Hague in the early 1980s. Canada was awarded about 20 per cent of what is the most productive spawning and fishing grounds in the North West Atlantic Ocean.

One of the features that makes Georges so productive is the strong circular current that flows around the bank, trapping nutrients and larval marine life. That same circular current would quickly spread oil pollution in the event of a spill or blowout to the American side of Georges. Georges is not only home to commercially fished species, but it is a rich feeding ground for marine mammals, seabirds, tuna and swordfish.

American-Canadian relations on Georges Bank have evolved since the World Court decision settled the boundary to one of cooperation, principally in the joint management of groundfish stocks.

As an owner of a fishing and processing business based in Nova Scotia, I am vitally interested that Georges Bank remains protected by a moratorium from the risks of oil and gas activities. My family has lived in the Pubnico, N.S., region for 13 generations. Our history is tied to the fishery. Georges Bank is the only area in Canadian Atlantic waters to have witnessed a sustained recovery of a groundfish stock (haddock). It is the main species that we process in our plant and export to markets in New England and eastern Canada.

The entire U.S. Atlantic Coast and offshore area (from Florida to Maine) is off-limits to oil and gas activity. The entire Canadian Atlantic Coast and off-shore has

been open to oil and gas activity, except for Georges Bank. A three-person panel review in 2000 looked at the productivity of the ecosystem, trans-boundary issues, and the risks associated with oil and gas development and recommended a continuation of the Canadian moratorium. The panel recognized that not only could the productivity of the spawning bank be at risk in the event of a major spill or blowout, but that the oil pollution would quickly flow into American waters due the strong circular current on Georges. Such an event could have negative consequences for U.S./Canada relations.

This spring, Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver and his staff have continued to refer to a verbal promise to protect Georges until 2015, as opposed to the unanimous wishes of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to extend the protection through 2022 and to entrench that protection with joint provincial/federal legislation through the Offshore Accord Acts.

I come from a plain-speaking fishing family. The 10-year moratoria supported by the Mulroney and Chrétien governments have been reduced to just three years. The strong legislation that supported the past two moratoria has been replaced with a verbal promise from a politician. Previous federal governments looked to leadership from Nova Scotia on the moratorium decision. Minister Oliver, who represents a Toronto riding, follows the lead of bureaucrats focused on oil and gas development. The intentions of the Canadian government, from an American perspective, are unclear at a time when the Canadian government is in an all-court press to convince Americans that we are serious about climate change and the need to protect the environment.

Oliver wrote the Nova Scotia Energy Minister on Dec. 19, 2012 and closed his letter by saying, “...we are open to exploring options to extend the moratorium to 2022.” The two governments could reach an agreement to amend the Accord Acts this fall if the “will to get it done” starts with Oliver. Continuing to trot out the verbal promise of two more years of protection will only be interpreted as an Ottawa agenda not aimed at protecting this rich, American/Canadian ecosystem, but one of phasing out the legislated moratoria of the past 20 years.

Claude d'Entremont is a third-generation manager of a family fish harvesting and processing business in West Pubnico, N.S. Mr. d'Entremont has been engaged as a harvester and supervisor in fishing on Georges Bank for more than 40 years and knows the region as well as he knows the back of his hand.

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## NEWS

## PBO

# Tory backbenchers missed important step to make PBO independent, says Rathgeber

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The NDP Bill, C-476, was introduced by NDP Leader Tom Mulcair (Outremont, Que.) in the spring. It would have made the PBO a full officer of Parliament, required the consultation of all party leaders in the selection of a budget officer, clarified his or her mandate, and ensured the office's free and timely access to government data, among other items.

The bill was defeated at second reading on June 12, in a vote of 131 for and 148 against. The NDP, Liberals, and Bloc Québécois all voted unanimously in favour of the bill. Green Party Leader Elizabeth May (Saanich-Gulf Islands, B.C.) and former New Democrat Bruce Hyer (Thunder Bay-Superior North, Ont.) also supported the measure.

Every member of the Conservative caucus in the House voted against it.

Mr. Rathgeber, who had quit the party on June 5, was the only conservative-minded person to vote in favour of the bill.

He said his new independence allowed him to decide for himself whether he would support the measure.

"Previous to that, as I'm sure you can appreciate, others tried to make the decision for me as to whether or not a piece of legislation had merit, and therefore a ye or nay vote was cast," he told *The Hill Times* last week.

The offices of Government House Leader Peter Van Loan (York Simcoe, Ont.) and Government Whip Gordon O'Connor (Carleton-Mississippi Mills, Ont.) would not confirm whether the vote was whipped, but Mr. Rathgeber said at least one other recent vote on an NDP private member's bill was. Regardless, he said, there would have been pressure on Conservative backbenchers to vote against it.

"Some votes that are not formally whipped, there's still incredible pressure upon Members of Parliament to stick to the party line," he said.

"Given that this bill's sponsor was the leader of the opposition, I would suggest that there was very strong pressure for the entire caucus to vote against that bill... if anybody had supported Mr. Mulcair that would have been looked upon extremely negatively by the partisans both inside leadership and the fellow caucus members," he added.

Mr. Rathgeber said Conservatives "intuitively" understand the importance of the Parliamentary Budget Office, but backbenchers would have been facing "incredible pressure" from the government to vote against a recent NDP bill strengthening the office.

"Conservatives have to, conceptually, in my view, support the Parliamentary Budget Office," said Mr. Rathgeber.

"True Conservatives intuitively understand the importance of an office like the PBO to represent the taxpayer, to give advice to Parliamentarians to ensure that the government's budget forecasts are reasonable, realistic, sound and



Time for an independent PBO: Independent MP Brent Rathgeber, former PBO Kevin Page, and NDP MP Peggy Nash.

therefore are going to spend taxpayers' dollars prudently," he said.

When asked if he heard from any Conservative backbenchers who said they were being pressured, Mr. Rathgeber said, "Not expressly."

"But I do know that there are backbench members of Parliament who are very fiscally conservative, who do support the concept of a Parliamentary Budget Office loosely modeled on the Congressional Budget Office in holding government to account," he added.

*The Hill Times* contacted a number of Conservative backbenchers for comment, but none were able to respond by publication time.

Mr. Rathgeber said he supported the NDP bill because it had obvious merit.

"Very succinctly, I believe that Parliament's role is to hold the government to account to force the government to account for how it spends taxpayers' dollars," he said, adding that a well-functioning Parliamentary Budget Office was critical in helping MPs to do so.

The relationship between the budget office and the government under the first budget officer, Kevin Page, became strained after the media-savvy PBO released the first of a number of reports challenging the government's financial assumptions. The office released reports on the cost of the war in Afghanistan, on how much it would cost to buy and maintain F-35 fighter jets, on the government's future deficits at the start of the financial crisis, and many others, and Mr. Page became a thorn in the government's side.

The office's work was often criticized by government ministers. Last year, government departments refused to give the budget office access to information on how they would implement \$5.2-billion in cuts announced in the 2012 budget. Mr. Page eventually brought the issue to the Federal Court, asking it to rule whether or not it had the mandate to demand the documents.

The court dismissed the case on a technicality, but admonished the government for not adhering to the rules laid out in budget office's enabling legislation.

"Clearly there are some backbenchers in the Conservative caucus who clearly are very troubled by the secrecy of this government, and who still believe in the principle of accountability. Sadly, it seems they've been muzzled," said NDP MP Peggy Nash (Parkdale-High Park, Ont.), her party's finance critic.

"If this was good enough for them to campaign on, good enough for them to pass into law, why are they trying to undermine the position now that it is in place and it has shown that it has been doing the job for Canadians?" she said.

During the House of Commons debate over Mr. Mulcair's bill, Conservative MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Finance Shelly Glover (Saint Boniface, Man.) said the office already has the tools needed to do its job.

"It has the mandate. It has the resources and the independence needed to perform its role and to hold the government to account. It is doing its job of providing independent fiscal and economic analysis, and it is serving parliamentarians and Canadians very well," she said in the House April 29.

Splitting the PBO from the Library of Parliament would also duplicate administrative costs, she said.

"This means that more of the PBO's funding would be diverted to bureaucracy, particularly for services such as corporate administrative support for information technology, which is currently shared with the Library of Parliament, rather than to providing services to parliamentarians," she said.

Ms. Nash said the complaint "doesn't hold water."

The bill would increase the cost of the office, said Mr. Rathgeber, but he added he wasn't concerned.

"In the grand scheme of things...they weren't going to be significant," he said.

An independent budget office would "pay for itself many times over in providing Parliamentarians with thoughtful, objective, analysis of the government's spending estimates," he added.

Ms. Glover and Andrew Saxton (North Vancouver, B.C.), Parliamentary Secretary to Treasury Board President Tony Clement

(Perry Sound-Muskoka, Ont.) and who responded to the bill on behalf of the government, both argued an independent budget office would cause overlap with the auditor general of Canada.

The budget office provides costing information on legislation before the House, and government programs. It also produces independent economic forecasts. The auditor general's office examines programs retroactively to ensure funds were well-administered and well-spent.

"Because of the vague, broadly-worded and proactive mandate proposed for the PBO, the position will become less responsive to the research and analytical needs of parliamentarians," argued Mr. Saxton in the House April 29.

The reason the government didn't support the changes wasn't financial but because it would have required them to be more transparent, said Ms. Nash.

The lack of support is a clear example of where the Conservatives have abandoned their foundational values, said Mr. Rathgeber.

Mr. Saxton and Ms. Glover said the government supports the budget office.

"We may not always agree with his conclusions, but the Parliamentary Budget Officer has sparked debate and enriched the political dialogue in Canada," said Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Page's mandate as the PBO expired in March, after five years in the post. The government, working with the Library of Parliament, is searching for a new budget officer.

The Library of Parliament was in charge of soliciting applications for the position, and hired headhunters Renaud Foster to help. Former senior public servants, private sector leaders with expertise in economics and financial management and senior officials familiar with the Parliamentary environment formed a selection committee that came up with a shortlist of candidates, explained Library of Parliament spokesperson Cynthia Cusinato.

The Library has not released the names of the individuals on the selection committee, but it was reported last month that Adam Church, chief of staff to Mr. Van Loan was a

member, as well as someone from the Privy Council Office. Last week Mr. Van Loan's office would not confirm whether Mr. Church was on the selection committee, or commit to releasing its membership now that its work has concluded.

Mr. Mulcair has said Mr. Church's presence indicates political interference in the selection process, and so it should be redone.

Mr. Page recently told *Maclean's* magazine the process should be started over, saying that it is wrong to have a political staffer on the selection committee. He also said the names of the selection committee should be publicly available, and he questioned the judgment of the current Parliamentary Librarian Sonia L'Heureux, who is also interim budget officer, for including a political staffer in the process.

The Parliamentary Librarian, however, is standing by the selection committee. The Library did not deny Mr. Church's involvement.

"Ms. L'Heureux is confident that the recruitment process and the work and deliberations of the selection committee were effective in attracting and assessing the highly-qualified candidates who put their names forward for consideration for the position of the PBO in a fair and objective manner," said Ms. Cusinato.

The headhunting and appointment process that resulted in Mr. Page's selection took nine months. The search for his replacement is now in its sixth month.

The overall lack of transparency, and Mr. Church's apparent involvement, is troubling, said Mr. Rathgeber.

"We don't know conclusively who is on the selection panel. ... That creates problems. The end result of that selection process is likely to be an individual that is more sympathetic to the partisan direction of the current government," he said.

The selection committee submitted its final shortlist of three potential budget officers to Mr. Van Loan's office at the end of May, said Ms. Cusinato.

It's now up to the government to make a decision, she added.

When asked when the government would make an announcement, Mr. Van Loan's office would only say the position "will be filled in due course."

Mr. Mulcair's bill is the NDP's third attempt to pass legislation making the PBO independent.

The party will continue to pressure the Conservatives about the Parliamentary Budget Office, said Ms. Nash, and it will be an election issue in 2015.

"The last thing that Canadians deserve is to see this fiscal watchdog turned into a lapdog at the beck and call of the federal government. I think that there is a danger that a tainted process could lead to an outcome that creates a PBO that is less than fully independent and accountable," she said.

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## NEWS

## NEW RIDINGS

# Potential Conservative nominations battles shaping up in Alberta

But Conservative Party's Fred DeLorey says the party will hold 'open nominations,' does not see a 'scenario in which incumbents will have to challenge each other.'

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where some boundaries have been altered quite dramatically. Alberta will go from 28 ridings to 34 ridings.

"It's certainly in mind [for Conservative MPs]. I understand some are, because of the redistricting, it moves their house right out of the riding they were in, and they have to rethink where are they going to go, are they going to live out of the riding or whatever, but that's natural, that's the way things happen," said Conservative MP Peter Goldring (Edmonton East, Alta.). "There just might be people in nominations against each other in the party."

Across Canada, a total of 30 new ridings have been established as a result of the ten-year riding review, which will bring the total number of seats in the House of Commons from 308 to 338 come 2015.

Of those 30 new seats, 15 will be added in Ontario, three in Quebec, six in British Columbia and six in Alberta. On May 22, the Alberta commission wrapped up its work on the new electoral map and at present, only the provincial commissions in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have yet to complete their work on the new federal riding map.

"There have been some discussions and there will be ongoing discussions on this," Conservative MP Leon Benoit (Vegreville-Wainwright, Alta.). "It's something you work [out] amongst the MPs. We work together and we'll figure it out. There's so many different factors, and, again, we'll be looking at all these. I've started that already, and over the next two years or a-year-and-a-half, we'll reach an agreement amongst MPs who's going to run where."

Already some potential Conservative nominations battles are shaping up in Alberta.

At the end of May, Conservative MP Jim Hillyer (Lethbridge, Alta.) announced his intention to run in the reconstituted riding of Medicine Hat in the 2015 election, but his colleague, Conservative MP LaVar Payne (Medicine Hat) said he intends to run for re-elected in Medicine Hat too.

Boundary changes to the current Medicine Hat riding mean that Mr. Hillyer, who currently lives in Raymond, which is now in the riding of Medicine Hat and is no longer part of the reconstituted riding of Lethbridge.

"When the boundary realignments come into effect with the next federal election, I will no longer reside within the current Lethbridge constituency," said Mr. Hillyer in a news release. "Therefore, I am declaring my intention to run in the Medicine Hat jurisdiction, where my residence is located."

Mr. Payne said he was contacted by Mr. Hillyer to discuss his intention to run in Medicine Hat after it was reported in the media, and told *The Hill Times* that he thought that "wasn't appropriate."

Mr. Payne said he lives in the actual city of Medicine Hat, which he said represents "a little over 60 per cent" of the riding's population. He said his current constituency office is "right in the middle of the city."



Rob Merrifield, LaVar Payne, and Brian Storseth all spoke out against the new electoral boundaries in Alberta. They say they're frustrated over the Alberta commission's decision not to implement changes recommended by MPs at the Procedure and House Affairs Committee earlier this year.

Mr. Payne also said he was previously a riding president in Medicine Hat for eight years.

"If there are overlapping [boundaries] I'm sure that there will be some discussions going on. When we broke in June there were people talking about the new boundaries," said Mr. Payne told *The Hill Times*.

Conservative MP Rob Merrifield (Yellowhead, Alta.) said the decision for where to run is a "difficult" one for him because the Whitecourt area where he lives has been moved into the new northern Alberta riding of Peace River-Westlock, but said he will run for re-election in the riding of Yellowhead. Peace River-Westlock is wedged between the ridings of Fort McMurray-Cold Lake and Grande Prairie and will become the third largest geographical riding in the province.

"They kind of ripped my boundaries apart, but Yellowhead is basically intact. We've lost parts of Yellowhead, but then added a little bit in the south, so my loyalty would be to the ones who brought me and who I've been able to serve and they've supported me over the last 12 years," said Mr. Merrifield, adding that his current constituency office in Edson remains in the Yellowhead riding.

Mr. Goldring said he's "reserving judgment" on whether he will run for re-election in 2015, however, said the riding of Edmonton Griesbach "is probably the preference, but we can wait and see."

Mr. Goldring's current riding of Edmonton East is essentially being split between the new ridings of Edmonton Griesbach and Edmonton Manning, the latter of which takes up most of the current riding of Edmonton-Sherwood Park, currently held by Minister of State for Democratic Reform MP Tim Uppal (Edmonton-Sherwood Park, Alta.).

Conservative MP Brian Storseth (Westlock-St. Paul, Alta.) said he will run in the riding of Lakeland, which takes up much of his current riding, as well as a significant northern chunk of the current riding of Vegreville-Wainwright, including the city of Vegreville.

Mr. Benoit declined to discuss which riding he would run in, but pointed out that, in terms of population, his current riding is split into three equal parts between the new ridings of Lakeland, Battle River-Crowfoot, and Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan.

Mr. Benoit said where he lives in Alberta "isn't relevant" because "there's lots of people" who live outside their constituencies, but said his current constituency office in Mannville falls in the Lakeland riding.

Mr. Sorenson confirmed with *The Hill Times* that he intends to run for re-election

in 2015, but also declined to say which riding he would run in

"If you look at the map and what I represent now, I mean, you might get a fairly good indication," Mr. Sorenson said.

Mr. Sorenson lives in Killam, which is currently inside Mr. Benoit's riding of Vegreville-Wainwright, but with the boundaries changes will be included in the new riding of Battle River-Crowfoot. The riding is a combination of the current ridings of Vegreville-Wainwright (and will include the city of Wainwright itself) and Mr. Sorenson's current riding of Crowfoot.

"I don't live in my riding right now, with the addition of the changes I'll basically get my old riding back," said Mr. Sorenson.

Mr. Sorenson said in 2004, following the last redistribution, himself, Mr. Benoit, and former Conservative MP Ken Epp all ended up living within the boundaries of the then newly-reconstituted riding of Vegreville-Wainwright.

Mr. Sorenson said Prime Minister Stephen Harper (Calgary Southwest, Alta.), who at the time was the official opposition leader, informally spoke with him and Mr. Benoit and encouraged them to work things out together.

"He just said, 'Listen guys'—[this is] in 2004—'basically you guys are going to have to work it out, but I'd prefer that you both stay here in government and not go against each other,' but he's never said that there wouldn't be an incumbent going against another incumbent...it wasn't a big formal meeting where he had this big strategy, it was more in just passing," said Mr. Sorenson.

All three MPs were re-elected in 2004, with Mr. Sorenson in Crowfoot, Mr. Benoit in Vegreville-Wainwright, and Mr. Epp in Edmonton-Sherwood Park.

"We figured it out, but that really doesn't start happening until you know six months or so before the election, so that's something I've learned to be patient about," said Mr. Benoit.

Mr. Sorenson said he'd like to see Conservative MPs sit down together to discuss their electoral plans beginning six to eight months before the next election, and Mr. Payne also said that conversations between Conservative MPs will begin in earnest closer to the election. The next federal election is expected in the fall of 2015.

"I don't think there's going to be too many incumbents versus incumbents," said Mr. Sorenson.

All the Conservative MPs who spoke with *The Hill Times* said at present their focus is on representing their current constituencies.

Much focus has also been given to the province of Saskatchewan, where Con-

servative MPs hold 13 of the province's 14 seats and where the riding boundaries have undergone a relatively dramatic change.

As the party with the majority of seats in the House going in to redistribution, it's logical that Conservatives incumbents, who hold 166 of 308 seats, are more likely to run into potential nomination conflicts.

Conservative Party director of communications Fred DeLorey said the party will hold "open nominations," and said, "given there are 30 additional seats, we see no scenario in which incumbents will have to challenge each other."

Mr. DeLorey said the Conservative Party's national council "will be establishing" an internal process for dividing up the finances of electoral district associations.

The Conservative Party confirmed that open nominations means that incumbents will not be protected from candidate nomination races. The party was just newly-constituted when the 2003-2004 redistribution took place, and at that time used a policy established by the interim council used to merge the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative parties.

Mr. Benoit said in the past, riding association finances have been divided up according to where percentages of the population of the former district go.

"So, for example, in Vegreville-Wainwright, the constituency is split into three parts, almost equal based on numbers. So our funds will be divided amongst those constituencies based on the population switch, so that contributors can feel pretty confident that their money is going to the area they're living in," said Mr. Benoit.

Minister of State for Finance Ted Menzies (Macleod, Alta.) announced last week that he will not be running for re-election in 2015. His current riding of Macleod will largely fall within the new Foothills, Alta. riding, with some of his current constituency also to be included in Banff-Airdrie, Alta., and Bow River, Alta.

Last week, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Diane Ablonczy (Calgary-Nose Hill, Alta.) announced that she also would not be running for re-election in 2015, and said she was prompted to make that announcement, in part, following queries over where she would be running following the electoral redistribution.

Under the new boundaries, there will still be a riding named Calgary Nose Hill, but it has been moved closer into the centre of the city and takes up some of the southeastern portion of the current Nose Hill riding. The new riding of Calgary Rocky Ridge has been added on the northwestern border of the city.

Mr. Merrifield, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Storseth all spoke out against the new electoral boundaries in Alberta.

Mr. Storseth said it's "unfortunate" the way the boundaries have been divided, and said they "don't necessarily make a lot of sense for northern Alberta." He cited the example of the town of Bonnyville, which itself will fall within the Lakelands riding, but its airport will be in the riding of Fort McMurray-Cold Lake.

"They didn't accept anything. I think they made one minor change in the whole process, which was really a surprise to me because basically the members who had submitted objections had all agreed on how the whole thing should have lined out, but obviously the commission didn't listen for whatever reason," said Mr. Payne.

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## NEWS

## LIBERAL CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

# Trudeau's promise to run open nominations could cause problems for incumbent Grits

But other Liberals say it will re-energize the party.

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Times that from what she understands, the nominations will be open.

"I think that we'll all hold a nomination, and it will all be open. I think whether the riding association chooses to actively search for people to run or whether they decide—obviously they'd be open to anybody who chooses to run—but the active search for someone to run against the incumbent, which I think what we've heard from the riding associations I've talked to probably won't happen," said Ms. Bennett.

"I think another thing that has been decided is that riding presidents will have to stay neutral but I think those are the kinds of structures that will be sorted out this summer," she said.

Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger (Ottawa-Vanier, Ont.) said for the next election all Liberal incumbents will have to run to be nominated as candidates in their riding, "including in Papineau," held by Mr. Trudeau.

"I'm curious to see who will run against him, but I don't think anyone will, but it's open," said Mr. Bélanger. "The ground rules will be worked on, be prepared and I would expect it would be communicated perhaps at our summer caucus meeting, certainly that's my expectation."

The Liberals will meet for their annual summer caucus Aug. 26-28 in Roseneath, P.E.I.

During his recent leadership campaign, Mr. Trudeau promised that the Liberal Party will hold open nominations.

"I will ensure that in 2015, every candidate for Liberal Party will be nominated through an open nomination process. I will not appoint any candidate in any of Canada's 338 ridings," reads a release on Mr. Trudeau's website.

Liberal Party spokesperson Olivier Duchesneau, said the party is currently reviewing its nomination rules when asked to define open nominations and whether or not that means incumbent MPs will be protected.

"Open nominations: it's under review how they will translate, but, obviously, the leader has said he believes in the concept of open nominations...the leader has been very clear that he was open to and he wanted the concept of open nominations and then it's under review. I can't really speculate about the outcome of this," said Mr. Duchesneau.

Since a review is still underway, Mr. Duchesneau said the party will operate under its currently-existing nomination rules in the upcoming byelections in Toronto Centre, Ont., and Bourassa, Que.

Mr. Duchesneau said Mr. Trudeau has committed to not appointing candidates as Liberal leader, and said new rules will be in place by the next 2015 election.

The riding of Toronto Centre was previously held by now former Liberal MP Bob Rae, who announced he was retiring from politics at the end of June to focus on his role as a negotiator on behalf of a number of Ontario First Nations, and the riding of Bourassa was previously held by now former Liberal MP Denis Coderre, who announced his resignation in order to run in Montreal's mayoral race.

Currently, Liberal Party nomination rules include a "Green Light Process," whereby

a committee is formed to interview potential nomination candidates and recommend them for approval, or, "where appropriate in the circumstances," for refusal. The relevant provincial or territorial campaign committee is able to determine that a candidate search is unnecessary in certain circumstances, such as if a riding "is presently represented by a Liberal incumbent."

In 1992, under the leadership of Jean Chrétien, the party voted to give the leader the power to appoint candidates, in addition to being able to refuse to sign the nomination papers for a candidate.

Under the Liberal Party's constitution, Mr. Duchesneau said it will be up to the board of directors of the party's election readiness committee that will be responsible for determining and passing new rules on nominations.

"I think it's a part of democracy," said Liberal MP Kevin Lamoureux (Winnipeg North, Man.) in an interview last week with *The Hill Times*, referring to open nominations. "Yes it does make me a little nervous. Every nomination I've had there's always a little bit of anxiety. And you hope and sometimes maybe even you assume that you're going to be okay for the nomination, but at the end of the day, it forces you to do a little work, not take anything for granted. At the end of the day, what you've got to do is introduce new rules, and those rules have to allow for that open nomination process."

Mr. Bélanger said he thought open nominations were a "good move" for two reasons.

"One, it will require incumbents, of course, to perhaps be more attentive to the riding associations. The second reason is it causes a new energy into the party. It brings energy. Nobody can take a nomination for granted. I think that's very positive," said Mr. Bélanger. "Knowing that that's going to be the way it is, of course, I'll pay more attention to my riding association, my membership. As far as I can tell, they're satisfied with the work I'm doing."

Ms. Bennett said "obviously there is concern" among Liberal MPs over open nominations, but said "it's also exciting," and will show the party's grassroots that they're being heard.

Former Liberal MP and Cabinet minister Don Boudria said there's a "school of thought" that incumbent MPs should be spared nomination races because of the work they already do for caucus.

"In terms of the incumbency, whoever holds the riding already, there's a school—and I don't know how Mr. Trudeau is going to do that part—but there's a school of thought that says, 'Look, if you want the caucus to be all over the country delivering speeches and so on, we can't spend time in our own riding re-winning the nomination that we have. And typically, those have been treated differently than new nominations. But I don't know what Mr. Trudeau has said he's going to do about those,'" said Mr. Boudria in an interview with *The Hill Times*.

Warren Kinsella, president of the Daisy Consulting Group, said he's "of two minds" on the party's idea of holding open nominations.

"I'm torn on it, like probably a lot of Liberals. On the one hand, I think it's good to have open nominations, he [Mr. Trudeau] has said he wants to get new blood and new faces and that certainly is one way to do it. The problem I have with it is the history when you have open nominations is that you tend to just get an over-repre-

sentation of white men and it becomes harder in those circumstances for women, female candidates," said Mr. Kinsella in an interview with *The Hill Times*, adding that with open nominations ridings would "absolutely" be more susceptible to special interest groups looking to take over riding associations.

Mr. Kinsella said he's spoken with former Liberal MPs, who do not intend to run for re-election, about the party's plan for open nominations and said they agreed with him that "it really is not going to engender good feelings in caucus, when you tell them that you've got to fight for your jobs."

Mr. Kinsella said, from his view, "open nominations" would also mean the Liberal leader could no longer refuse to sign nomination papers.

"If he's said that it's totally open, how can he then subsequently say, 'I'm not going to sign your nomination papers?'" said Mr. Kinsella.

Mr. Kinsella said he's heard that "a lot of members of caucus" have been critical of open nominations, and said Mr. Trudeau's "heard about it a lot and there may be a move underway to dilute that a little bit, and make them a little less open."

Amanda Alvaro, who worked on Mr. Trudeau's leadership campaign and is man-

aging director of narrative PR at agency Bensimon Byrne, said concerns that open nominations could lead to an abundance of white male candidates are a "pretty dated view of how nominations work."

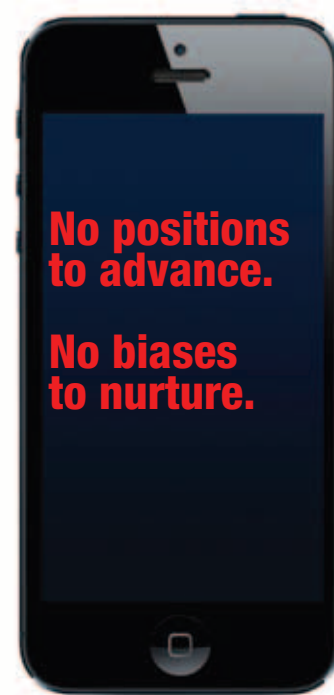
"You can't have a candidate torpedoed or parachuted in, this really requires doing a lot of heavy-lifting as the candidate, and I don't think it dictates that it would be one gender over another or any kind of age discrimination," said Ms. Alvaro, adding that winning a candidate nomination is about forming relationships on the ground, selling memberships, fostering a fundraising network, and creating some "earned media buzz."

Former Liberal MP and Cabinet minister Sheila Copps, who supports open nominations, said she was "never in favour of protecting MPs."

"I always felt if you can't win your nomination when it's won fair and square, then it's a signal. I think for some MPs [open nominations are] probably tough because it does mean that they can be challenged in their ridings and in the past when they couldn't be challenged in their ridings it freed them to do more, especially when you're in small numbers, it frees them up to do Parliamentary work, so there is a balance," said Ms. Copps.

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## NEWS

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

# MPs, Senators defend rules to sit on corporate boards

Transparency group says vague rules let Parliamentarians act as 'inside government lobbyists.'

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He is president and director of the Western Financial Group—a company he founded. He also sits on the board of directors for a number of Western Financial subsidiaries and has interests in tourism and real estate.

Sen. Tannas is also a member of the Senate's five-member Conflict of Interest for Senators Committee, as is fellow Ontario Conservative Senator Linda Frum, who also disclosed a number of directorships related to family-owned holdings companies. The committee, which only meets in camera, is responsible for considering changes to the Senate's Conflict of Interest Code and giving direction to the Senate ethics officer's interpretation of the code.

The Senate adopted its Conflict of Interest Code in 2005. The rules governing Senators' outside activities are similar to those laid out in the House Conflict of Interest Code adopted in 2004. Both codes allow Parliamentarians to engage in outside activities provided they do not use their Parliamentary position to further their personal interests or lobby on behalf of an outside interest.

The rules also require MPs and Senators to disclose their outside activities, incomes, assets, and liabilities annually, and to notify their respective ethics officers of potential conflicts of interest.

Cabinet ministers and parliamentary secretaries are governed by the more restrictive Conflict of Interest Act, which requires them to give up directorships and relinquish control of investments.

A recent *Toronto Star* report found that all but 17 Senators earned at least \$2,000 in outside income within 12 months of their fall 2012 disclosures, in addition to the \$135,200 base salary they earn as members of the Red Chamber. *The Toronto Star's* analysis found that nine Senators sit on the boards of publicly-traded companies, with their combined directors fees totalling more than \$860,000, and nearly \$300,000 in additional investment options.

Other Senators with significant corporate involvement include Nova Scotia Liberal Senator Wilfred Moore, whose 2012 public disclosure listed directorships with four holdings companies and three other inactive entities; Quebec Liberal Senator Paul Massicotte, who has extensive activities in investment and real estate and is president of a private investment com-

pany bearing his name; and Ontario Conservative Senator Hugh Segal, who serves on the board of directors for Just Energy, Hudson Energy, construction materials producer Holcim Inc., and Sun Life Financial, and is a senior advisor with Aird and Berlis law firm.

Saskatchewan Independent Senator Pamela Wallin disclosed directorships with Porter Airlines and Gluskin Sheff & Associates wealth management firm in her most recent disclosure. She has since resigned from both positions and the Conservative caucus after her Senate travel expense claims came under scrutiny earlier this year.

Sen. Wallin billed the Senate for more than \$340,000 in travel expenses since being appointed to the Senate in 2009. The Senate's Internal Economy Committee expects to receive an external audit of her expenses from Deloitte in August.

Alberta Conservative Senator Douglas Black defended the ability of Senators to serve on corporate boards. He said that it allows he and his colleagues to stay informed and connected.

"There's a tremendous advantage to being in touch with other people and gaining other points of view. It makes me more effective because I'm more informed," he said. "We need to ensure that we can be as effective as possible. Having connectivity is absolutely key, or we end up all drinking the Ottawa bath water."

Sen. Black sits on the board of directors for European energy company AOG Group and chairs the advisory board for DYNALIFE Diagnostics, an Edmonton-based medical laboratory. He also serves as senior counsel with Dentons law firm. Before joining the Senate in January of this year, Sen. Black said that he relinquished between eight and 10 corporate and community responsibilities over concerns about conflicts of interest and time constraints.

Ontario Conservative Senator Vern White also defended the current rules. He said that critics of Parliamentarians' outside activities often assume that an MP or Senator is acting purely for financial gain, which he argued is not the case.

"Some of our people want to keep their life going from a personal growth perspective, and I think that's something that isn't discussed. It's not always about money," he said.

Sen. White, former chief of police for Ottawa Police Services, continues to serve as a consultant on policing issues and sits on the board of directors for nTerop, a company that produces software

to assist law enforcement.

Sen. White said that the Senate Conflict of Interest Code makes it clear that he is a "Senator first and foremost."

"I would hope that everyone understands their roles and separates their roles as directors of boards from the Parliamentary process," he said. "If they don't I would expect someone would hold them to account."

MPs are also active outside of Parliament, but only a small number serve on corporate boards.

Conservative MP Scott Reid (Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, Ont.) is a director for his family's Giant Tiger retail chain, as well as two investment companies and a private holding company.

Conservative MP John Carmichael (Don Valley West, Ont.) is chairman of the board for Quorum Information Systems, a company that produces software for automotive dealers. He also serves on the board of directors for three non-profit entities.

Liberal MP Scott Brison (Kings-Hants, N.S.) serves as his party's finance critic and is chairman of the board for SeaFort Capital, a Halifax-based private investment firm.

Mr. Brison also serves on the House Finance Committee. The six-term MP told *The Hill Times* that his role at SeaFort helps inform his work as a Parliamentarian.

"One of the reasons that I'm an effective Parliamentarian is that I understand the economic issues from the perspective of the private sector," he said. "Doing this actually strengthens my understanding of economic issues and opportunities facing Canada from a very practical perspective."

Mr. Brison rejected suggestions that Parliamentarians should be barred from participating in the private sector.

"The next thing we'll be questioning is whether or not it's appropriate for Parliamentarians to play golf," Mr. Brison said. "Frankly, my understanding of [business] issues is very helpful to me as a Parliamentarian. This is something that I enjoy, as I do serving as a Parliamentarian."

While a number of Parliamentarians defended the current rules that allow for MPs and Senators to also sit in corporate boardrooms, transparency watchdog Democracy Watch has called for tighter rules to ensure that politicians are acting in the public interest.

Democracy Watch coordinator Tyler Sommers told *The Hill Times* that Senators and MPs have created conflict-of-interest codes that



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Photograph courtesy of Scott Tannas

In the Senate: Ontario Conservative Sen. Vern White, pictured top right, Alberta Conservative Sen. Doug Black, above left, and Alberta Conservative Sen. Scott Tannas.

are intentionally vague to allow for outside activities that enable them to advance their personal interests from within Parliament.

"The entire system, as it currently exists, is designed to be vague and allow politicians to do whatever they want without being held accountable for their actions," he said. "You essentially turn [Parliamentarians] into inside government lobbyists. They're able to pull levers, make decisions, and nudge people in the right direction without it ever being reported to anyone."

Mr. Sommers noted that there were difficult cases, such as whether or not MPs and Senators should be able to also serve on the board of directors for non-profit entities, or be allowed to continue to play an advisory role in family-run businesses.

"There would have to be some strict rules set out around what would have to be done in those situations," Mr. Sommers said. "The issue is that politicians have been negligent about creating clear ethics rules and clear rules around their job description and what is and isn't allowed."

But former Senate ethics officer Jean Fournier defended the current system that is in place in both the House and the Senate. Mr. Fournier, who retired in 2012 following a seven-year tenure as the Red Chamber's ethics officer and a 46-year career in the public service, said that critics of the system were asking for a "watchdog who is omnipotent."

Mr. Fournier said that Parliamentary ethics officers are responsible for playing an "investigative" role when it comes to violations of ethics codes, and they should not be responsible for punishing violations.

"If an ethics commissioner had that responsibility as well, that would put a lot of responsibility in the hands of one person—a person who's not elected, who may or may not be a lawyer or judge, and a per-

son who could be over their head in determining what's important," he said. "That's not consistent with our democratic system of government. ... There's no other country that gives its ethics commissioner those sorts of extreme powers."

Mr. Fournier added that he sees "no compelling evidence" that Parliamentarians use the existing codes to their personal advantage.

"There is really no documented case that would indicate that Senators or [MPs] are sitting on boards and calling deputy ministers, ministers, or CEOs of Crown corporations, and trying to influence them in the award of contracts or in financial assistance," he said. "There are serious consequences, which I think most Parliamentarians would be aware of."

The NDP, which has no representation in the Senate, has called for tighter restrictions on Senators' outside activities, even though the House follows a similar conflict-of-interest code.

NDP MP Charlie Angus (Timmins-James Bay, Ont.) told *The Toronto Star* last week that loose Senate rules often allow Senators to escape scrutiny, as evidenced by the current expense scandal involving Senators Mike Duffy, Patrick Brazeau, Mac Harb, and Pamela Wallin.

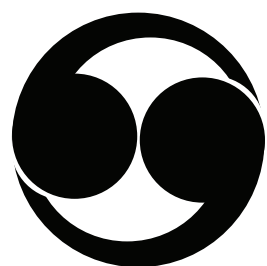
Fellow NDP MP Pat Martin (Winnipeg Centre, Man.) has routinely blasted the current system in the House of Commons.

In a June debate he called the Senate expenses scandal "the tip of the iceberg" before detailing a lengthy list of NDP grievances with the Upper Chamber.

"One thing that really bugs me about the Senators is that they are allowed to sit on boards of directors. The Senate of Canada is one big institutionalized conflict of interest," Mr. Martin said.

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## POST-PARTISAN PUNDIT

## MONEY &amp; POLITICS

# Good ideas engage people, not political scorecards

Politicians and the media are focusing so much on the 'game' of politics, that they're forgetting that other things matter too, such as vision and ideology and values.



BY GERRY NICHOLLS

OKAVILLE, ONT.—The federal New Democrats and Liberals recently sent their donors “urgent” fundraising appeals.

“Send us lots of money and send it right away!” was essentially their message.

Why this sense of urgency? Are the Liberals and NDP desperately short of cash?

Nope. It seems both these parties simply need funds to help them win bragging rights.

It's true. Here, for instance, is a line taken from the NDP fundraising pitch: “Make an urgent online donation right now. ...The media will be watching closely—to see how we match up to the Conservative fundraising machine.”

Similarly, the Liberals told their donors: “Here is what's at

stake: How much we raise could affect how we stack up against the Conservatives and NDP.”

Now a lot of people might think these are pretty odd reasons to ask for money.

Why is it so “urgent” that one party “stack up” or “match up” well against another party in terms of how much cash they can each raise? And who cares if the media is “watching closely?”

Isn't it enough that a political party has enough money to pay its bills?

Well actually, in the real world of politics, it isn't enough. And the

reason for that is simple: It's all the media's fault.

Okay, that sounds a bit harsh, so let me put it this way: journalists are obsessed with what I like to call the “politics of politics.”

Rather than focusing on boring stuff like policy issues, the media like to shine a spotlight on things like gaffes, scandals, endorsements and polling numbers.

Most especially, the media like to talk about which party is “winning,” even if the next election is still years away.

And this is one reason why parties urgently want to stack up well against other political parties when it comes to fundraising.

They realize the media see fundraising as a key indicator of which side is winning.

In other words, if a party lags behind the others in raising dollars, the media are likely to see this as a bad sign.

So, for instance, if the next quarterly party financial report indicates the Liberals are raising more money than the NDP, the media could take this as evidence that NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair might be in trouble.

Column after column will be churned out suggesting Mulcair can no longer motivate his base; journalists and pundits will appear on TV talk shows to debate if and how the NDP can “turn things around”; the NDP

will be compared unfavourably to the Liberal Party fundraising “juggernaut.”

And certainly no party wants that kind of bad press.

Hence, just to look good in the media's judgmental eyes, the NDP and Liberals are both sending out urgent notices pleading for cash.

From a public relations perspective, of course, all this makes perfect sense.

But I wonder if this emphasis on the “politics of politics,” both by the media and by political parties, isn't leaving the general public just a little bit cold.

After all, voters care more about tax rates and grocery bills and the price of gasoline, than they do about which political party happens to be raising the most money.

Indeed, perhaps this disconnect between voters and Ottawa elites as to what truly matters in politics, explains why voter apathy is such a growing problem.

Simply put, politicians and the media are focusing so much on the “game” of politics, that they're forgetting that other things matter too, such as vision and ideology and values.

They are forgetting, in short, that it's good ideas that engage people, not political scorecards.

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## COPPS' CORNER

## 2015 ELECTION

# It's on: battle for Quebec

And this time, for the first time in a decade, the federal Liberal Party is not heading into the fight with one arm tied behind its back.



BY SHEILA COPPS

The battle for Quebec is already on. And this time, for the first time in a decade, the Liberal Party is not heading into the fight with one arm tied behind its back.

The federal and provincial youth wings of the party are actually starting to work together.

With the virtual collapse of the Conservative Party in Quebec, a united Grit election machine could be formidable.

On the eve of Canada Day, more than 250 young people gathered in Montreal for a federal Liberal youth convention at College Brebeuf.

The huge presence of provincial Liberals, led by president Madwani Nika Cadet was the talk of the convention.

According to organizer Lea Couture-Theriault, the “Trudeau effect” is also attracting previously apolitical young people. “Trudeau inspires young people. He is so positive.”

The federal youth vice-president joined the party last year.

Couture-Theriault says Trudeau compares favourably to New Democratic leader Thomas Mulcair.

“Young people see Mulcair as a leader who opposes. They do not



It's on: NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau will be running hard in Quebec in the next federal election.

see him as someone who actually has the ideas and inspiration to lead a government.”

Next weekend, young New Democrats will be meeting in the same place to plot their own pre-election strategy.

The upscale classical college is situated in the heart of Thomas Mulcair's tony Montreal riding of Outremont. It boasts some pretty famous graduates like Pierre Trudeau and Quebec premiers Robert Bourassa and Pierre-Marc Johnson.

Mulcair's party will be working hard to build on the Quebec popularity of predecessor Jack Layton.

But as former NDP-MP-turned-Liberal Lise St-Denis said, Quebecers voted for Jack Layton.

The province moved en masse in the final days of the last federal



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campaign to support le bon Jack and make history in the process.

As the last election vaulted the New Democrats to official opposition, the next election is crucial to solidifying gains.

And it is obvious to all parties that, in Quebec, whoever wins the youth vote, wins the war. In the last provincial election, student protesters solidified a wavering Parti Québécois effort, attracted by a proposed tuition freeze.

This time, Grit youth organizers say the Trudeau effect is attracting a new group of political players.

More than 40 per cent of the participants had never attended a political convention in their lives.

And they spent the weekend debating a range of issues from Supreme Court bilingualism to

assisted suicide, from the green economy to Senate reform.

There was unanimity on one issue of particular interest. A resolution endorsing the full legalization of marijuana was embraced by convention goers.

Handouts were trumpeting the Grits as the only party in favour of such a move.

Surprisingly, the NDP official position stops short, espousing decriminalization, so possession of small amounts of cannabis would not be subject to criminal penalties.

The Grits think they have a winner in this one. They are anxious to publicize Mulcair's statement that legalizing pot would be a mistake because of associated health risks.

Couture-Theriault says the young people hope the convention momentum will be carried over to a national debate at the Liberal biennial convention next January.

She is convinced that her leader's vision best reflects the aspirations of young people.

The young people are also trying to break away from the federal Liberal's reputation of being a Montreal-based party.

Delegates were present from across the province, including a sizeable number from vote-rich, and very political, Québec City.

Lea-Couture expects a number of them will get involved in the open nominations promised by Trudeau.

The same energy that went into the planning the Brebeuf event will be galvanized in support of a huge Quebec delegation to the a national youth convention expected early next year.

“Young people want to be involved because they see Trudeau as best representing their generation and their aspirations,” said Couture-Theriault.

Given the influence of young people on Quebec voting patterns, Couture-Theriault hopes to encourage more youth participation in her party of choice.

Mulcair and his young deputies will be meeting in the same room next week to plan their strategy to woo the same voters.

The NDP has more boots on the ground in the 57 ridings they already hold in Quebec.

But as Layton proved in the last election, incumbency is not always the deciding factor when Quebecers vote. A charismatic leader, virtually unknown in Quebec, managed to take la belle province by storm in the last federal election.

Young Liberals are hoping another charismatic leader, with much deeper local roots, will be able to replicate Layton's historical feat.

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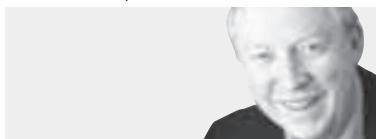


## OPINION

## CLIMATE CHANGE

# With Obama in lead, it's time for Canada to change course on climate change

As other nations begin the slow transition to a low-carbon economy, Canada's reputation as a bad actor on the international climate stage will hurt more than just the environment. If Obama's plan to move to cleaner sources of energy is any indicator, Canada's reputation as a climate laggard will also hurt our economy.



BY JIM HOGGAN

VANCOUVER, B.C.—U.S. President Barack Obama's recent climate speech at Georgetown University has shaken up the atmosphere of complacency around climate policy, and it's time for Canada to stand up and take notice. The much-anticipated speech unveiled the Obama administration's Climate Action Plan and put climate change back at the centre of the global economic agenda, a development that Canada cannot afford to ignore.

As other nations begin the slow transition to a low-carbon economy, Canada's reputation as a bad actor on the international climate stage will hurt more than just the environment. If Obama's plan to move to cleaner sources of energy is any indicator, Canada's reputation as a climate laggard will also hurt our economy.

Although the Copenhagen Accord forged an international agreement to limit the average global temperature increase below two degrees to avoid catastrophic warming, it contained no legally binding plan on how to get there. Since 2009, climate politics have been stuck in a state of paralysis, with nations around the world waiting for others to act first.

Now the United States has made a move.

The U.S. is the world's largest economy, and the second-largest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub>, behind China. The steps laid out in the Climate Action Plan are a clear signal to the rest of the world that not only is it time to begin reducing emissions in earnest, but also that the future belongs to those countries who embrace and invest in the low-carbon economy.



U.S. President Barack Obama, pictured June 18 in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland with Britain Prime Minister David Cameron and Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the G8. Mr. Harper's recent climate speech at Georgetown University has shaken up the atmosphere of complacency around climate policy, and it's time for Canada to stand up and take notice.

For Canada, the implications are clear. The United States is our largest trading partner, and Canada is perfectly positioned to become a leader in providing green technology, renewable energy and innovative solutions to meeting the challenges of climate change. But while we should be putting clear provisions in place to drastically reduce emissions and get a head start on building a low-carbon economy, we're ignoring the international scientific community and recklessly committing Canada to decades of growing emissions.

And really, committing to a high-carbon economy has been a lot more trouble than it's worth for Canada.

The Conservative government has worked overtime to suppress and attack scientists and environmentalists critical of rapid tar sands expansion and a lack of adequate environmental protections.

In early 2012, the Harper government engaged in a campaign to undermine the credibility of citizen groups, philanthropists and scientific bodies that opposed the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

This effort was designed to demonize environmental and community groups as ideological "extremists" bent on undermining the Canadian economy.

The rhetoric reached an all-time high last year when Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver accused environmental groups of being "foreign funded radicals" acting on behalf of American charitable foundations. Minister Oliver suggested that American foundations supporting conservation efforts in Canada were working to "undermine Canada's national economic interests," although no evidence exists to support this claim.

Accusing American philanthropic foundations of "interfering" in our politics is not likely to foster stronger relations with the U.S. Given their generosity, we should thank these good Samaritans rather than subject them to treatment they might better expect in Russia or Egypt.

Until now, the Conservatives have been milking the narrative around responsible economic management, intended to nudge public conversations away from the environment and climate change. But that narrative is now looking worse for wear.

Obama was right on the money when he said that arguments against action on climate suggest "a fundamental lack of faith in American business and American ingenuity." The same holds true

for Canada. Do the Conservatives really think that Canadians aren't up to the challenge of implementing a low-carbon economy?

Sound economic management doesn't mean holding on to outdated business models while the world changes rapidly. It means recognizing challenges and opportunities, and drawing on Canadian innovation and entrepreneurship to make clean energy the stable foundation of our economy - well into the future.

Building pipelines and expanding the tar sands may seem profitable in the short term, but in the long run it will cost Canadians billions in both missed opportunities to lead technologically as well as damages to public health and infrastructure. Scientists warn that climate-charged weather events will only become more frequent and severe as global temperatures warm.

At a time when we need to have honest, democratic debate about the future of the Canadian economy, the Conservative government is running public relations campaigns to discredit prominent environmental and scientific leaders while promoting pipelines and the expansion of the tar sands on the international stage.

These shortsighted tactics make Canada look out of touch. We look like a country trying to cash in on the last dirty energy boom before internationally binding restrictions on carbon emissions are put in place.

Instead of trying to get as much of our high-carbon bitumen to market as possible—at whatever the cost to civil society—we should be spending our political capital to lead the fight against climate change.

To do that, we need leadership that convenes an honest, democratic discussion based on what our best scientists are telling us. We need to cut the funding of slick PR campaigns and prioritize the science-based decision-making that will carry us into the low-carbon future.

As President Obama said so powerfully in his speech, "I refuse to condemn your generation and future generations to a planet that's beyond fixing."

Canadians need to ask Stephen Harper if he's on the same page, and if not, hold him accountable for the consequences of inaction.

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## OPINION

## HOUSE ART &amp; HISTORY

# Who dunnit in the Commons Chamber?

The group of objects that have graced the Clerk's Table in the House Chamber since 1926 are often referred to as 'the jewels.' Made up of a calendar, an ink well, a seal press, and four bookends, they were introduced into the Chamber in May 1926 and a detailed description of three of the four pieces was presented to the House by the Speaker on May 28, 1926.

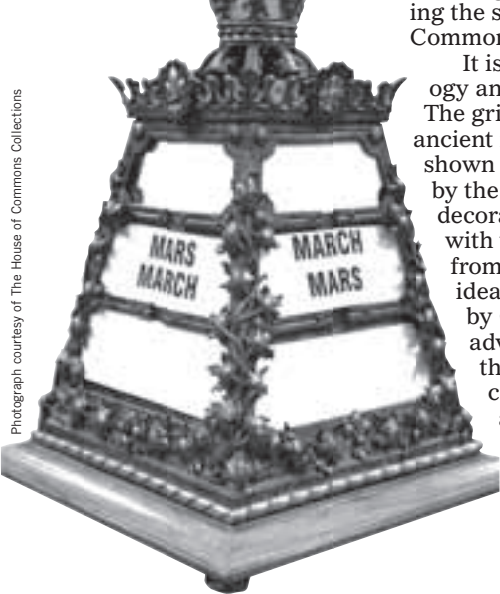


BY DAVID MONAGHAN

PARLIAMENT HILL—One of the more important activities associated with the care and management of an historical collection is research into the provenance of an object or work of art. Observation provides us with many of the key pieces of information about an object: its measurements, materials used in its fabrication, occasionally even its maker and "birthdate" when a signature and date are provided.

Provenance involves research, both on the object but more importantly on any documents that may shed further light upon the object's history. Provenance provides us with an in-depth history of a work of art or an object from its very inception to the present; it is the detail that fleshes out a story in an authoritative manner. While it is important to know what an object is, knowing for certain why it was created and by whom adds just that much more depth to its character.

One case in point is that of the group of objects that have graced the Clerk's Table in the House of Commons Chamber since 1926. Often referred to as "the jewels," the group is



Ta-da! The royal calendar stand.

made up of a calendar, an ink well, a seal press, and four bookends. They were introduced into the Chamber in May 1926 and a detailed description of three of the four pieces was presented to the House by the Speaker on May 28, 1926.

The description of the pieces is recorded in the Journals in the following manner:

## Calendar Stand

The general lines of the stand follow closely the original one used in the House of Commons. This new one is made of iron hand wrought with a base of black walnut to match the table on which it will stand. Wrought iron is a medium requiring careful handling for proper expression.

If too simple and severe, the particular article is liable to look crude. The stand being primarily for the exhibition of the current month, day and date, must have large, plain surfaces, thus the base, corners and top were the logical place to apply the delicacy. The motive on the base and at the corners is the wild grape vine, native to Canada; its habit is to cling and climb with increasing vigour as days pass and years come and go. The calendar stand serves a like purpose, recording the days as they come and go.

Surmounting the stand is a circlet emblematic of the honour of being elected to Parliament; over the circlet is the royal crown denoting allegiance and expressing the sovereignty of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

It is a composite of mythology and historical motives. The griffins or dragons which ancient men believed in are here shown subdued and controlled by the four square bastion decorated with shields charged with the arms of the nations from which Canada and her ideals originated and who, by Christian education and advancement dispelled the myths. Mythological traditions live long and slowly die and the griffins show this by the balls which they grasp in their claws, symbols of their hold in the ancient times. The size of the balls indicates their sphere of control is getting smaller and smaller.



The intricate, ornate ink stand.

Supporting each shield is a sprig of maple leaves, the emblem of Canada comprising all nations within its Dominions, with the historical green of the House of Commons as a background and giving emphasis to the maple leaf motive.

Surmounting the bastion on which the nations are depicted is an embattlement signifying defence by Parliament of the institutions under the sovereignty of the Crown, allegiance to which is expressed by the arms of the dome upholding same.

## Seal Press



The grand looking seal press.

This being primarily a mechanical device the motive of treatment had to be of a decorative nature principally. This was accomplished by placing the monogram of the House of Commons on one side of the counter weight and on the reverse the Canadian beaver treated in character after the historical style established by our North American Indians. The beaver is a good symbol; he is a builder; thus his presence on the seal press of the House of Commons is appropriate, as well as historical. The fleur-de-lys of ancient France is also incised at the rear and the minor decorations are conventionalized treatments of Canadian flowers.

While we know what the items are, what they look like, and



One of the four elaborate bookends.

when they first appeared on the Clerk's Table, what exactly is their history? Who designed them and why? Hansard provides us with an answer with respect to who made the three pieces, recording a tribute on May 26, 1926, in which the noted Canadian metalwork craftsman Paul Beau was credited with creating the three items. This is not surprising given the fact that Beau had been hired by John Pearson, architect of the Centre Block, in 1919 to head an ornamental ironworks that had been set up on the Hill to produce handmade ornamental materials from hinges to fireplace accoutrements for the new building.

However, continued research has indicated that, while Beau may have fabricated the pieces, the credit for their design should rest with the Chief Architect's Office at the Department of Public Works. In the early 1990s, curatorial staff identified two technical drawings at Library and Archives Canada dating from May 1924 and another from February 1925.

The first drawing to be prepared was that of the inkwell and the second, the seal press. Based on the drawings, the design was generated by the Chief Architect's Office. The gap in the production date of the drawings suggests that they were not produced together, but separately, nor were they fabricated at the same time. This fact is further supported by a notation on the drawing of the seal press which states "black walnut base to match inkstand," suggesting that the inkwell already existed by February 1925.

As to the production date of the pieces, that is another matter. While one might suggest that the inkstand was completed by 1925, the seal press is another matter. The drawing clearly shows that the body of the press had the date 1925 cast into its side. However, the actual press has the date 1926

cast on its side. Evidently, there were some delays in the actual fabrication of the pieces.

No detailed information exists regarding the design or fabrication of the calendar. Given the fact that it was the only item previously that existed on the Table, but was lost in the fire of 1916, it may well have been the first item commissioned. This was followed by the inkstand and then the seal press.

Each was designed by the Chief Architect's Office at Public Works and the design beautifully executed by Paul Beau.

The four bookends that complete "the jewels" were not listed among the original group and appear to have been a complete afterthought. Drawings, once again from the Chief Architect's Office, indicate that the design was only approved in February 1927. By that date the ornamental ironworks had closed and Paul Beau had left the country, so the fabrication of the bookends needed to be arranged elsewhere. The design was given to Pritchard-Andrews Company Ltd. of Ottawa for fabrication.

Bookends Records indicate that all four bookends, cast in brass, were finally delivered in 1928. The visual record also indicates that the two crouching figures on each bookend were originally provided with a miniature bow and arrow and musket, respectively. These are now missing.

Research into the provenance of "the jewels" has revealed some fairly clear and useful information. However, key pieces of information are missing. The most obvious are "who initiated the project and why?" We have already noted that the calendar, an essential tool in a legislative setting, needed to be replaced. The House resumed sitting in the Chamber in February 1920—why wait five or six years to find a suitable replacement calendar for the Clerk's Table? Did the fact that the three items were unveiled ten years after the fire of 1916 have any significance?

Given the relationship of the "the jewels" to the Clerk's Table, the Clerk or some procedural officer would be a logical choice as the initiator of the request to have at least the calendar designed. There is a certain irony in this assumption, given the fact that the Clerk's Office initiated a request with Public Works in 1972, inquiring as to the origins of the items on the Table. Based on that inquiry, Procedural Services staff could not find any evidence to indicate that the project was initiated by either the office of the Clerk or the Sergeant-at-Arms. The originator remains a mystery.

These questions and with it a clear understanding of the origins of the "the jewels" remain unanswered. The detailed symbolism associated with the items suggests considerable thought was placed into their design. Were they the work of one person or the result of consultation? Like some mysteries, the answer may never be found; however, research has enriched our understanding of these fascinating heritage objects even if we cannot yet answer the important question of "why?"

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## OPINION

## PROGRESSIVE POLITICS

# It's time to reinvent progressive politics

There are scattered efforts across the country to elect progressive councils but the left needs to focus on serious resources and planning if civic politics is to become the battleground for changing the political culture.



BY MURRAY DOBBIN

POWELL RIVER, B.C.—We are so accustomed to the connection between political parties and democracy that to question the relationship between the two might seem absurd. But for those who recognize the multiple crises faced by humanity—the destruction of our environment, climate change, the ravages of unfettered finance capital, the undeniable limits to growth—the failure of our liberal, multi-party democracies seems increasingly obvious.

To many people, the millions who can't even be bothered to vote, they are simply irrelevant.

Of course for the elites and the corporations that feed off it, the current system is working fine. Deregulation, privatization, high-end tax cuts and the Orwellian security state now being exposed in the U.S. all contribute to wealth and political power of the One Per Cent (actually more like the Ten Per Cent). While they still have to breathe the same polluted air as the rest of us, the elites believe they can somehow achieve immunity from the global forces now in play. Of course, they are wrong. But so long as they believe they are right, the crises will continue to worsen and the rest of us will continue to suffer.

The tragic irony in all this is that in most democracies the majority of people actually share values that, if they drove government policy, would begin to address the crises. But there is a persistent disconnect between what people want and what the system can deliver. The multi-party system is designed to be dominated by money and increasingly sophisticated marketing, micro-targeting and data-mining. Disengaged citizens haven't a prayer in dealing with the modern election machine.

Left-wing parties try to play this game but inevitably come up short. The "game" has been designed not to represent the needs of people or communities but to manage capitalism in the interests of the elites. As soon as you accept the rules of this game, that is what you end up doing. The electoral contest is inherently corrupting of genuine democracy.

Reflective of this decay of democracy is the recent British Columbia election in which a totally bankrupt Liberal government won re-election against an NDP which thought it could stroll to power using the conventional machine approach to elections. But to truly draw upon people's progressive instincts you have to engage them at the community level year round. Just think of the odds against winning in the conventional B.C. contest: a totally hostile media which effectively operates like the propaganda arm of the Liberal Party, live-streaming neo-liberal ideology into every home every day of every year.

Elections as we experience them are themselves apolitical. People are supposed to suddenly become informed citizens—for one month every four years. There is no substantive dialogue with the citizenry. The parties are like alien entities that suddenly arrive in your living room, not to engage you but to somehow coax you into voting for them. Even working in elections is apolitical. The NDP insists that its callers and door knockers not talk to people off script—because they fear their own members are so ill-informed about its policies that they might say something to harm the campaign.

The inevitable result of a progressive party adopting the election tactics and operating principles of its right-wing opponents is that it has to move to the right to be competitive. If you don't trust your support base or even your members to be progressive you have little choice. At the federal level, a single policy area fatally reduces the NDP's capacity for progressive positions. The NDP refuses to seriously address

the revenue/tax issue. Conservative and Liberal tax cuts have lopped off between \$50-billion and \$80-billion a year in revenue without which the NDP can do virtually nothing to reverse the dismantling of the social democratic features of the federal state.

To be fair to the NDP, the other missing element in national politics are robust, grassroots social, and labour movements whose role it is to move the ideological and political goal posts to the left. With the aforementioned media ready and willing to trash any policy or party that steps outside the bounds of what is acceptable to Bay Street, it is not difficult to understand the NDP's reluctance to provide bold leadership on critical issues. Without social movements creating the political space an electoral machine party is vulnerable when it comes to taking bold positions.

Two recent examples of the NDP taking advantage of political space created by social movement organizations demonstrate how it should work. Last year the NDP alarmed social activists with statements suggesting broad acceptance of corporate rights ("free trade") deals, including the odious CETA deal with the EU. But recently, both Don Davies the NDP trade critic and Mulcair himself have come out clearly against the investor-state provisions of these deals—provisions that neutralize government's capacity for legislation by allowing corporations to sue governments directly for laws that affect their profitability. That change followed effective grassroots campaigns against CETA and FIPA, the 31-year deal with China.

On the tax front the NDP has taken a strong position on the issue of tax havens. While this is an easy one to lead on, the party's position is strongly reinforced by an effective campaign by the group Canadians for Tax Fairness. It remains to be seen if the party will take on tougher tax issues like increasing personal and corporate income

taxes and whether the fair tax movement is there to back it up.

While these are positive signs for progressive politics, they are rearguard actions aimed primarily at stopping things from getting even worse. There is another political world out there that is the elephant in the room—the need for a steady state, low growth economy, bringing finance capital to heel and dealing with the rapidly-unfolding climate crisis. The formal political scene still operates as if it is business as usual, incapable in its current state of seriously addressing the most important issues facing humanity. At some point, progressive forces are going to have to come to grips with the need to change the way they do politics both at the party level and the civil society level. Both branches of progressive politics are in desperate need of fundamental change though at this point there is little appreciation of this fact.

It will require an enormous effort in both camps which have institutionalized their approaches to politics to such an extent they cannot see the need for change. It is difficult to imagine the NDP suddenly returning to its CCF roots and once again becoming a movement rooted in community. History does not move backwards and there is no grassroots push within the NDP membership for developing a movement/party that actually engages ordinary citizens on a year round basis.

Similarly, the remnants of what were once robust and effective social movements are (with some important exceptions) increasingly weak, demoralized and isolated. Small wonder. The context for the creation of these single-issue movements was the early Trudeau era when governments actually listened to citizens' groups while expanding the social and economic role of governments. The efficacy of this kind of civil society organizing has however been in a steady decline since the signing of the FTA with the U.S. What is now needed is a broad social movement which

incorporates all of the issues now dealt with by hundreds of disconnected organizations.

It all has to do with recovering community and the commons. The destruction of community has been the great success of the right. When Margaret Thatcher stated there was "no such thing as society" she was not describing current reality — she was describing her goal. It has been largely achieved in English-speaking developed countries. If we are to even begin to address our share of the global crises we will have to do it by creating a political culture that reinvents the commons and ends people's isolation from each other.

It's a difficult and long-term task—likely as long as the right has been dominant. There is at least one reason for optimism on this front—the recent coming together the CAW and CEP unions to launch Unifor, billed as a reinvention of unionism "for the unemployed and self-employed, a union for women and young workers—a union for everyone." That sounds a lot like a union rooted not just in the workplace but in the community. It will, we can hope, be a challenge to the rest of the labour movement which finds itself in a state of embattled relevance in the struggle for a better world.

But, how, in the next five to 10 years, can civil society organize in such a way as to reverse the decline of community and transition from "silo" politics? A key to this goal is to be found at the level of civic politics. It is the level of government closest to people in their daily lives and presents a scale of politics with the most potential for community building. There are scattered efforts across the country to elect progressive councils but the left needs to focus on serious resources and planning if civic politics is to become the battleground for changing the political culture.

The right has already thrown down the gauntlet. Preston Manning's Centre for Building Democracy announced this spring that it is putting major resources into civic politics. It's the last field of battle for the hearts and minds of Canadians. We had better show up.

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## TERRORISM CHARGES

# Random, unfocused violence near impossible to predict

The RCMP says it was a tip from the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service that twigged police to the alleged B.C. plot. If this turns out to be a real plot, good on CSIS.



BY THOMAS WALKOM

TORONTO—The first thing to note about the pair arrested in British Columbia on terrorism charges is that until compelling evidence proves otherwise, they are innocent.

Presumption of innocence is not just a pro-forma right. It's an essential starting point, particularly when allegations of terror are involved.

The second thing to note, from the little that has been revealed by the RCMP, is that the case involving John Nuttall and Amanda Korody is a very weird one.

Police are not claiming that the alleged plot to plant explo-

sives at the B.C. legislature in Victoria was part of an international plot. In fact, they claim the precise opposite—that there was no foreign involvement.

The RCMP does say the alleged scheme was “inspired by Al Qaeda ideology.” But it hasn't quite said it was religiously motivated, although that is the clear implication.

Nuttall's lawyer says the arrested man was a convert to Islam. Was Korody? That's uncertain although the *Star* has reported she was seen wearing the kind of garb that some Muslims sometimes wear.

Converts to Islam have been involved as secondary figures in religiously inspired terror plots, including that of the Toronto 18.

But in this alleged plot, the RCMP says Nuttall and Korody got into whatever they got into completely on their own. No accomplices.

Nuttall is presented as a troubled soul with a criminal record—a drug addict, not terribly successful musician and occasional thug.

Other than the fact that she came from St. Catharines, Ont., not much is known about Korody.

The police say this unlikely pair living on the margins somehow morphed into full-scale activists dedicated to committing violent acts for political, religious or ideological purposes (which is the Criminal Code definition of terrorism).

That would be bad enough if true. Even more frightening is the possibility that individuals are now embracing terrorism not for grand ideological or political goals—but just for something to do.

The Boston Marathon outrage had an element of this—a suggestion that the attacks this spring were carried out not to win, say, Chechen independence

but to play out some kind of grudge that the perpetrators had against the world.

In that sense, Boston was a crucial event. It linked the Islamist terrorism behind the Sept. 11 attacks to the just plain craziness that plays itself out regularly in the United States (and to lesser extent in Canada).

It's a random craziness we know all too well—one that has produced an array of tragedies, from the 1989 massacre of women at Montreal's École Polytechnique to the Newtown, Conn., shootings of last year.

But have the crazies now got a new hero? To put it another way: Has Osama Bin Laden now become a poster boy not just for misguided Islamists but for every loon with a grudge? If so, we are in for some rough times.

Political movements eventually play themselves out. At some point, the antipathy towards the U.S. that inspires suicide bombers in Yemen and Algeria will wane.

Perhaps life will improve in those countries. Perhaps the U.S. will become a less important force globally.

We don't know precisely what will happen. But if history's a guide, we do know the world will shift.

Nuttiness on the other hand knows no end. It will last as long as there are humans on this planet.

But against nuts, there is almost no defence. Spies can eavesdrop on conversations between foreign masterminds and their domestic lackeys. Security services can infiltrate organized groups.

But when a couple of people simply decide to do something crazy, who is to know?

The RCMP says it was a tip from the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service that twigged police to the alleged B.C. plot. If this turns out to be a real plot, good on CSIS.

It's probably fair to say the agency was also lucky. Random unfocused violence is near impossible to predict. No one knew Boston was going to happen. No one anticipated Newtown.

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## Q&amp;A

RON DEIBERT

# Canada risks losing its voice in rapidly-changing cyberspace

Citizen Lab director Ron Deibert uncovers the multi-polar struggle for control in the information age.

By CHRIS PLECAH

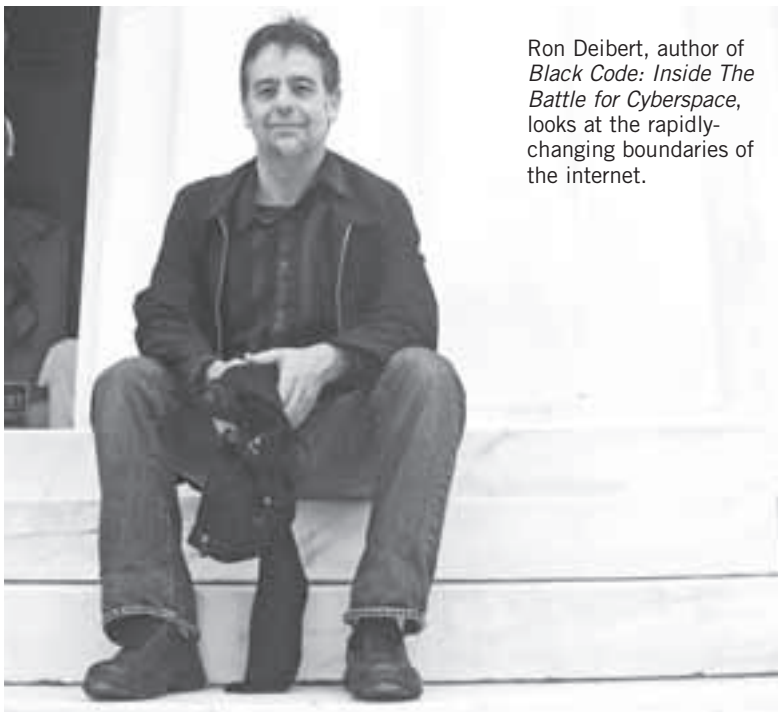
New revelations of the ability of the 'Five Eyes'—the U.S., the U.K., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand—to survey the online comings and goings of their own citizens couldn't have come at a better time for University of Toronto political scientist Ron Deibert, whose new book, *Black Code: Inside The Battle for Cyberspace* (Hardcover, Signal/McClelland & Stewart, 312 pp., \$32.99) looks at the rapidly changing boundaries of the internet.

*Black Code* peels back the superficial images washing over users' computer and mobile screens and reveals the real cyberspace: a decentralized global information infrastructure where state and non-state actors struggle to shape and control the future of the medium.

The internet is at a pivotal time in its young history, Prof. Deibert contends, as emerging economies are rapidly coming online and exerting their own influence on cyberspace norms that were once decentralized and egalitarian but are shifting towards censorship and control. Whether the internet is free and equal everywhere or cordoned off like gated communities will depend on the ability of states, citizens, civil society, and the private sector to reject the tendency of authoritarian and criminal elements to dictate what is permissible online.

"[Today] you have governments coming into this space with security at the top of their agenda," he tells *The Hill Times*. "The governments are very involved in shaping this space. Unless we pay attention to what's going on... Canadians will quickly find themselves communicating in a domain that's determined by others."

Prof. Deibert is director of the Munk School of Global Affairs' Centre for Global Security Studies and the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto, where his research focuses on the relationship between information technology, human rights, and global security. This interview was edited for length and style.



Ron Deibert, author of *Black Code: Inside The Battle for Cyberspace*, looks at the rapidly-changing boundaries of the internet.

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**Polling has shown that a large segment of the public approves of the U.S. government's ability to access online data and communications. Are you surprised by the apparent public acceptance of online surveillance in North America?**

"It really doesn't surprise me because part of the challenge of what I do is in trying to raise public awareness and explain to people why this is important. A lot of people respond to revelations like we've seen, that if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear. To me that's a mistaken assumption on so many levels. Especially here in liberal democratic countries, I think we're losing sight of what it is that we're ostensibly securing in the first place—a liberal democracy. We need to remind ourselves of that occasionally. Busy people who are otherwise distracted don't see it for what it is, and I think that's the job of public educators like myself."

**A common response is, 'I've got nothing to hide, so I'm not worried.' How do you respond to that line of reasoning?**

"Everyone has something that they don't want to share publicly. I don't think you'd be human if you didn't. Part of what makes a liberal democracy healthy is to allow space for that. If people feel that they're constantly watched, they'll be more careful about how they behave and what they even think and say. We see that in societies where there is total surveillance. Places like China, Burma,

and so on. We don't want to, as a matter of principle, have that be the architecture for politics in a liberal democratic society. But that's an issue for the individual.

"A much bigger issue around all of this is the potential for abuse of power when it is concentrated in very few hands and there is not proper oversight or checks and balances. This is the big issue. You risk creating a set of structural conditions where dissent could be quelled for partisan purposes if the machinery of government is manipulated in ways that are not transparent. Certainly that's happened in the past. I lived through Watergate; it was a formative experience for me. A lot of the prior checks and balances on the National Security Agency came from the Church Commission, which arose directly as a result of Watergate. Ironically, it's the same checks and balances that were rolled back after 9/11 that have put in place what we're seeing now in the United States."

**Is it possible that intelligence agencies are gathering so much data that it could be counter-productive?**

"That's certainly a plausible scenario. After all, it's human beings who make the judgment calls. For all the examples of abuse of power, we can find there are just as many examples where there were huge screw-ups, or all of the intelligence [fails to] anticipate something like the Arab Spring. There's always a problem of deluge. I do think that this insatiable quest to vacuum

up everything can be misleading because it's not so much about the volume of data as the precision of the analysis around it.

"I think another part that needs to be addressed is the political economy dimension, if you will. There are so many companies that see in big data analytics this huge growth market at a time of otherwise financial austerity, and they're orbiting around the defence and intelligence community in ways that we've never seen before. The number of companies with security clearances, especially in the United States, has really exploded and I think that feeds policy-makers with a desire to extract more and more data for better and better analysis to get at this constant quest for certainty and total understanding and awareness."

**Defence Minister Peter MacKay was recently asked in Parliament about Canada's participation in U.S. cyber surveillance. He said, "This program is specifically prohibited from looking at the information of Canadians. This program is very much directed at activities outside the country, foreign threats, in fact. There is rigorous oversight. There is legislation in place that specifically dictates what can and cannot be examined. [T]he CSE Commissioner found: activities were authorized and carried out in accordance with the law, ministerial requirements, and CSE's policies and procedures." Do you buy that?**

"It's certainly plausible. The problem that a lot of us have is that we're just not confident in the system of 'rigorous oversight.' I just can't buy that language. We have a commissioner [Robert Décar] who's essentially a retired judge with a small staff who issues an annual report and in eight years, they've not found a single problem. Only three times has Parliament asked for clarification or further information on the audits that were done. This is not a great system of checks and balances as far as I'm concerned, for something potentially so enormous.

"I think we need to step back and recognize that we're not just at any old time. In just the last three years we've undergone this huge transformation in how we communicate with mobile devices, social networking, and cloud computing. Meanwhile we have these major security agencies whose budgets have in some cases doubled or quadrupled, their powers expanded, safeguards around them relaxed.

"We're really at a transformative moment, in my opinion, and, as a liberal democracy, we need to reflect on what the proper framework should be around how agencies like that operate in relation to the rest of us. That's something that deserves a royal commission rather than just bad answers in Question Period. There is a legitimate concern around dispersed threats. Individuals can cause enormous loss of life and I think there are real threats that we have to concern ourselves with. It's a question

of how we architecture [cyberspace] in a way that provides for a robust public space and protection for rights and freedoms."

**Are we at a pivotal time in the history of the internet? How is now different from five or 10 years ago?**

"There are many ways that it's different from five or 10 years ago, but the biggest change, in my opinion, is the shift to the global South that's happening. You have this huge number of people connecting at a rapid pace to the same information space that you and I inhabit, and yet they're coming from failed, fragile states, in some cases authoritarian regimes, in many of these countries religion and even national culture and ethnicity play a greater role. Also, those countries are coming into this domain not in the same way that governments in the West came into this domain. If you think back to the time when the internet first started, governments—if they had any policies at all about the internet—it was *laissez faire*, hands off.

"Fast forward to today and you have governments coming into this space with security at the top of their agenda. It's entirely different now for countries like Indonesia, India, and so on, who are rapidly connecting. The governments are very involved in shaping this space. Unless we pay attention to what's going on, get our own house in order, and have a foreign policy for cyberspace, Canadians will quickly find themselves communicating in a domain that's determined by others. That space may be shaped in ways contrary not only to our national interest, but to our basic principles as a society.

"One good example is BlackBerry. Originally, one of this product's selling features was its robust security. However, as its market has been saturated in North America and Europe, it's had to look to emerging markets in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, India, and so on. All of those countries issued ultimatums to BlackBerry: give us access to your encrypted data streams or you can't operate in our jurisdictions. We don't know exactly what's happened because BlackBerry is not

transparent. My assumption is unless there's information to the contrary, they've made special arrangements with those countries. That's fundamentally changed a product that many Canadians use on a daily basis,

and it's that type of thing that will come back to bite us unless we get our own house in order."

**What is 'distributed security' and how is it an alternative to current trends in cyber security?**

"Essentially, it's the idea that you do not want to have any one single organization with a concentration of unchecked power. My argument is not only that this is the system of rule that we should strive for politically when it comes to governing cyberspace and securing it, but it turns out if you spend time with the



**Black Code: Inside The Battle for Cyberspace**, by Ron Deibert, Signal/McClelland & Stewart, 312 pp., \$32.99

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## CIVIL CIRCLES

## BLUEPRINT 2020

# Wouters asks federal public servants to help on his vision thing

Blueprint 2020 offers a new vision of Canada's public service and PCO Clerk Wayne Wouters asks all public servants to weigh in.

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"This is one about us and our future, and who we are," said Mr. Wouters at the launch of consultations on the new public service vision on June 7, in an online town hall broadcast to public servants across the country.

Blueprint 2020 is an outline set out by senior public servants envisioning the kind of public service needed to serve Canadians well in the coming years. Its four main principles are an open and networked environment that engages Canadians and civil society; modern workplaces that make good use of technology; a whole-of-government approach to delivering services and value for money; and a high-performing workforce.

The team putting together the vision, at the request of Mr. Wouters, is led by **Louise Levonian**, who aside from her regular duties as assistant deputy minister of Finance Canada is also chair of a group of senior bureaucrats who have been working on the Blueprint since fall 2012.

"It's our generation's turn to make sure our institution keeps pace with the changes so that we can best serve Canada and Canadians now and into the future," said Ms. Levonian at the town hall.

The team of deputy ministers was supported by a research team from Privy Council Office, Policy Horizons Canada, and the Canada School of Public Service, stated PCO spokesperson **Nicolas Boyer** in an email to *The Hill Times*.

The research team interviewed more than 40 leading thinkers on the public service and reviewed academic papers on the subject. The ideas were also tested in workshops with public servants and key senior officials, said Mr. Boyer.

Finally, during federal deputy ministers' annual retreat in January 2013, the Blueprint was reviewed and further refined.

"I care about this because I plan to be here in the Public Service in 2020. It's personal for me. I feel an acute sense of responsibility today, as you should," said Ms. Levonian.

Blueprint 2020 is available in full on the PCO Clerk's website. All public servants have been invited by the Clerk to send their thoughts on the vision, and what needs to be done to achieve it, in for comment.

Commentators have until March 2014 to make their views known, and for the first time, they can email them directly to the Privy Council Office, or post them on the public service's version of Wikipedia, GCPedia, or the networking site GCconnex.

"This is the first time that we are launching an engagement strategy whereby it will not be filtered through your boss. ... This is an opportunity for all of you to basically participate directly, because we now have the tool to do this. So we're scared as hell!" joked Mr. Wouters.

Feedback will be incorporated into an interim report, to be released this fall. So far, the Privy Council Office has received about 500 comments, said Mr. Boyer.

"We are receiving ideas, perspectives, and comments on how to help turn the vision into reality," he said.

Each department's deputy minister is responsible for starting a dialogue in their respective department on Blueprint 2020. They are appointing people to champion discussions about the Blueprint in their organization, and some organizations have begun assembling engagement teams.

"Lots of energy and ideas on how to contribute," tweeted one public servant June 26 after the first meeting of his department's engagement team.

The government would also like to hear from groups like the Public Policy Forum, the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, universities, and others who follow the public service.

The unions who together represent hundreds of thousands of public servants also have an important role to play, said Mr. Wouters.

"We see them as real partners in this. I think our bargaining agents and ourselves, we have a common objective, which is to make the workplace a better workplace for everyone," he said.

The Chief Human Resources Officer for the government, **Daniel Watson**, said he has already met with the National Joint Council, which includes government and union representatives, to let them know about Blueprint 2020.

"That's the first step. We obviously work very closely with all the bargaining agents who always have excellent suggestions

regarding the future of the public service," he said at the town hall.

Serious consultation will be a welcome change for the unions, who have often stated the government has made major changes to the public service without their prior input.

On the inside, interest groups like the Federal Youth Network, the National Managers' Community, as well as official language communities and other groups will be consulted.

The final Blueprint will be published in spring 2014, according to PCO.

"It will take some time for us to take the ideas, and actually begin to change the workplace," said Mr. Wouters.

University of Ottawa public administration professor **David Zussman**, a former part-time commissioner of the Public Service Commission, said he was consulted in the formation of Blueprint 2020. He said it would take three to five years after the new vision is launched for any of it to really take hold.

"Its success will be determined, to a large extent, by the commitment of the senior public service in making it happen. The announcement itself is just a first step in what I consider to be a very long process," he said.

"You can't just leave this to run its own course, because ... trying to change the way that we're doing things, it takes a huge amount of effort. It has to be seen to be a high priority for the government," he added.

Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** (Calgary Southwest, Alta.) said in a preface to Blueprint 2020 that he is pleased with the initiative.

"In order to adapt to the rapid rate of change in our world, all successful organizations need to consistently reflect on how they do business and pursue continual improvement. Canada's public service is no different," he said.

Prior reform efforts, like Public Service 2000, which was launched in 1989 with the aim of streamlining government management and changing the culture of public service to better serve Canadians, as well as La Relève in the late 1990s, petered out as leadership changed and other priorities emerged, said Prof. Zussman.

Continuity in the senior management and consistent communication to the wider public



Clerk of the Privy Council Wayne Wouters wants to hear from all public servants about what sort of changes they want to see to the public service to make it more capable of serving Canadians in the future. 'This is one about us and our future, and who we are.'

service will be key to following through on the vision, he added.

"The vision will be used as a guide to transform the public service for the long term and to inspire and reinvigorate people on the important role of the public service," said Mr. Boyer.

Blueprint 2020 was provoked by the changes in technology, demographics and politics happening around the world, explained Mr. Boyer. The pace and complexity of change is getting faster, he noted.

"Transformation is inevitable. We can sit back and let it happen, or we can think about how we want it to happen. I believe in the latter," said Ms. Levonian.

It's too early to say how exactly Blueprint 2020 will affect government policies or ways of working, said Mr. Boyer, but some changes are already happening.

The government's new annual performance review system is one of those recent changes, noted Prof. Zussman. Public servants' pensions, voluntary severance pay, sick days and other items will be, or already have been, modified by the government too.

The Blueprint's whole of government principle also encompasses the work of Shared Services Canada, which is consolidating the government's IT and email systems. The government also plans on moving to a single website for Canadians, among other service changes on the books.

While the Blueprint is short on specifics, it's meant to solicit comments and signal that the Clerk has given it some serious thought, said Prof. Zussman.

"It's not fully fleshed out; this is a document of good intentions," he said.

Most people haven't noticed how much change has happened in the public service over the last 10 years, noted Prof. Zussman.

"It's an unbelievable renewal that's going on, but we've not actually paid that much attention to it," he said.

About 62 per cent of core public servants, or 163,000 people, have been hired in the last 15 years, according to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to the Prime Minister on the Public Service of Canada.

The public service has been undergoing budget cuts and downsizing for the past five years, and

will be following through on cuts made in the 2012 and 2013 budgets until as late as 2017. There are currently 262,902 core federal public servants and the public service lost 15,190 positions between March 2012 and December 2012.

The cuts, and the resulting restructuring, have meant less time training and imparting the values of the public service to employees, said Prof. Zussman. He added it would be important to consult middle managers across departments, who are their institutions' "culture carriers."

"They won't necessarily know the deputy minister, but they definitely will be impacted by how the deputy moves ahead," he said.

The view of senior bureaucrats, who meet regularly to discuss issues in the public service, will already be well-represented, he added.

"Part of this whole exercise is to change the mindset of the public service as a whole," said Ms. Levonian.

"We need a common and shared vision. Those are not just words that don't mean anything. We need to all be thinking about where we want to be and where do we want the public service to be," she said.

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## Blueprint 2020 Guiding Principles

1. An open and networked environment that engages citizens and partners for the public good.
2. A whole of government approach that enhances service delivery and value for money.
3. A modern workplace that makes smart use of new technologies to improve networking, access to data and customer service.
4. A capable, confident and high-performing workforce that embraces new ways of working and mobilizing the diversity of talent to serve the country's evolving needs.

—Source: *Blueprint 2020: Getting Started—Getting Your Views, Building Tomorrow's Public Service Together.*



## HILL LIFE &amp; PEOPLE

## FEATURE

# 'Soldiers coming back from war are fighting for their rightful place in society,' says Scott Taylor

Scott Taylor exposes the current battle in Canada, for veterans with PTSD, in new documentary *Homecoming: The Casualties of War*.

By SARAH SPENCE

Scott Taylor, editor and publisher of *Esprit de Corps* military magazine, a documentary filmmaker, military journalist, and former private in the Canadian Forces from 1982-1986, reveals the mental rehabilitation process of Canadian soldiers in his recently-released CPAC documentary, *Homecoming: The Casualties of War*.

The documentary investigates the issues surrounding Canadian soldiers living with post traumatic stress disorder and looks at both the resources and the lack of them offered by the federal government. Mr. Taylor leaves it up to the viewer to decide if the government is doing enough for Canada's ill and injured soldiers, but ends the documentary by asking, "Does unlimited risk commit the government to unlimited liability, or will homecoming always mean an ongoing battle for the casualties of war?"

Starting from St. John's, Nfld., to Vancouver, B.C., a wide variety of accents and Canadian culture are showcased in *Homecoming* which also features interviews with federal Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney; Quebec Liberal Senator Roméo Dallaire; Walter Natynczyk, former chief of the defence staff; Pat Stogran, former federal ombudsman of Veterans Affairs Canada; as well as many veterans and government.

Mr. Taylor says he made the hour-long *Homecoming* in an attempt to reach a general audience, one that may not necessarily have ties to the military. *Homecoming* looks at the state of Canadian veterans' mental health, the impact of the 10-year war in Afghanistan and its impacts on the families of soldiers who died, suffered physical and mental wounds and the public and private support services in place to help them.

Mr. Taylor opens *Homecoming* saying: "Canada faces a new generation of sacrifice and a renewed obligation to honour the fallen, care for the wounded and care for their families. Soldiers coming back from war are fighting for their rightful place in society."

*Homecoming* reaches modern-day veterans, public citizens, private institutions, and high-policy advocates in the Canadian government. There are stories from inspirational veterans who have lost limbs and those who chose rehabilitation and are continuing to progress. In contrast, there are those who were not as fortunate, as the film shows the addictions, drugs or alcohol, those who lost family members, or are homeless or living in shelters.

But it's painfully obvious that the process of transition for veterans back into civilian life needs to be overhauled. There's a need for more transitional programs and support for veterans in Canada.

Shaun Fynes, stepfather of Canadian soldier Stuart Langridge, who was killed in Afghanistan says in the film, "Those that put on the uniform for our country are the best of the best, they have deserved proper treatment. It is disgraceful the way soldiers are treated now, no one cares to fix it. It breaks my heart that I encouraged Stuart to join the Army."



Scott Taylor, 'Does unlimited risk commit the government to unlimited liability, or will homecoming always mean an ongoing battle for the casualties of war?'

Emotional and intensely raw stories, such as this one, riddle the documentary.

*Homecoming's* message is that positive change must happen for veterans who suffer from PTSD and that the Canadian government and private citizens themselves must accept the challenge and face it head on as a community.

This is Mr. Taylor's third documentary. In 2010, he hosted/produced *Afghanistan: Outside the Wire* and in 2011 *F-35: The Politics of Procurement*.

Mr. Taylor is no stranger to the Canadian Forces. He first served in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Second Battalion, in Winnipeg, then Germany. He took his commando training with the French Army. He did not see combat while in uniform, but witnessed the carnage of war for the first time during the Gulf War in 1991.

Over the past 22 years, he has exposed himself to war through being a military journalist. He has never been diagnosed with PTSD and does not suffer any symptoms.

But he has his own war stories. In September 2004, he went to Iraq to report on the current state of the Iraqi invasion. Once there, he and Turkish journalist Zeynep Tugrul were captured in Tal Afar by Mujahideen fighters and held captive for five days. During their captivity they were moved to and from various different locations, beaten, tortured for information and threatened with execution. The Arabic extremist faction, known as Students of Islam, made allegations against Mr. Taylor claiming he was a Jewish spy or an American and therefore couldn't be trusted. After five days of psychological and physical torture, on Sept. 12, 2004 the Mujahideen agents released Mr. Taylor. Zeynep Tugrul, who had been

released earlier, stayed in Tal Afar to help save Mr. Taylor's life, by pleading with religious leaders and people within the community.

As a veteran military and war correspondent, Mr. Taylor says in the film, "The biggest advance is the stigma of mental health within the Canadian military, it has gone from a sign of weakness to being as visible as a physical wound with the ability to be repaired."

According to Brig.-Gen Jean-Robert Bernier in the documentary, the Canadian Medical Association has determined that 49 per cent of the general population would not consider having a relationship with someone who has a severe mental disorder, whereas only seven per cent of soldiers within the Canadian military feel this same way. The stigma is slowly changing, but as soldiers return from war there is not this same acceptance in civilian society.

Mr. Blaney (Lévis-Bellechasse, Que.) says in the film that Veterans Affairs Canada is constantly trying to adapt to modern-day veterans.

"We are at a point in time that we have more modern veterans than we have Great War veterans, that's why we are going about a major transformation in the way we are providing services to our veterans," Mr. Blaney says in *Homecoming*.

The Canadian military, however, still has difficulty diagnosing PTSD in veterans; only eight per cent of veterans have been diagnosed with PTSD distinctly linked to their mission, according to the documentary.

Liberal MP John McKay (Scarborough-Guildwood, Ont.), his party's national defence critic, says in the documentary that the "Library of Parliament says about 15 per cent within a year will suffer operational stress injury and about five per cent from PTSD and within a lifetime you double those figures."

The Library of Parliament report, titled "Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and the Mental Health of Military Personnel and Veterans," prepared by Jean-Rodrigue Paré and published in October 2011, says that with the end of combat operations in Afghanistan, between 25,000 and 35,000 soldiers will be released from the Canadian Forces over the next five years. Canada has sent 40,000 servicemen and servicewomen to Afghanistan since war began in 2001. At least 2,750 of them can be expected to suffer from a severe form of PTSD and at least 6,500 will suffer from a mental health problem.

But last week *The Ottawa Citizen* reported that the Department of National Defence report claiming 13.5 per cent of Canadian soldiers who served in Afghanistan returned to Canada with mental illness severely underestimates the problem, and suggests the number is likely twice that, according to experts.

Mr. Taylor's passion for veterans and their well-being is obvious. He says he and his staff will continue to bring awareness to the plight of veterans in their magazine *Esprit de Corps*. Meanwhile, Mr. Taylor and his crew are compiling the massive amount of material that they could not put within the hour-long film for CPAC. *Homecoming* can be seen at <http://www.cpac.ca/eng/homecoming>

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## FEATURE

## BUZZ

# Former veteran Liberal fundraiser, adviser Millikin dies; Cardozo part of Glebe Art, Garden Studio Tour

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**Former veteran Grit fundraiser, adviser Millikin dies on plane from Dublin**



**A life lived:** Cameron Millikin, left, pictured with his son Rory, died last week at the age of 80. Federal Liberals said he was a one of kind.

**Cameron Millikin**, 80, former adviser to every Liberal prime minister since **Lester B. Pearson**, founding director of Big Rock Brewery, and a former Canadian honorary consul general to Ireland, died on June 28 on a plane back to Calgary from Ireland, "his heart halfway between the places he loved," according to his obituary in *The Calgary Herald*.

Born in Dublin, Ireland on Nov. 20, 1932, Mr. Millikin left Dublin for New York in the 1950s, with only 56 cents in his pocket, his son **Rory Millikin** told *The Hill Times* last week. He came to Canada in 1956 and then made his next move to Calgary in 1958 where he eventually worked his way from the oil rigs to the corporate offices in Calgary.

Mr. Millikin also started volunteering with the federal Liberal Party in Alberta and eventually became a major fundraiser for the federal Grits. He was also an adviser to Liberal prime ministers.

Rory said he his father was a strong, respected, funny, and courageous man. He said his father had him helping out on every Liberal campaign since he could remember, walking around neighbourhoods passing out campaign pamphlets.

"Back in the day in Calgary there really were no Liberals, but my father," Rory said. "When they had election results that would pop up on the screen, it would just be Conservatives 550, and Liberals 0. He would sit there and wait, then this one vote would pop up and he would leap out of his chair and say, 'That's my vote, boy, right there.'"

Former prime minister **Jean Chrétien** appointed Mr. Millikin Canada's honorary Irish consul general.

"His role with the Good Friday Peace Accord was a very important one because he was monitoring the financial input from Canada towards the process. I think it was also the respect that the IRA had for Dad and his family history," Rory said.

Liberal Senator **David Smith** said Mr. Millikin was one of his really great friends.

"I got to know him in the Lester Pearson days literally 50 years ago. He was a great Liberal, never ended up running him-

self, but he was always there for everybody. He just had a great sense of humour. Any room that he would walk into he would liven up, and I just thought the world of him," Sen. Smith said.

**Arthur McComish**, president of Calgary Centre Federal Liberal Association, told *The Hill Times* that Mr. Millikin was a big part of the community.

"He was an entrepreneur and founding member of Big Rock Brewery. He also played a significant role in Calgary's rugby and rowing communities. Cameron had a boisterous character that ensured that you wouldn't forget him," said Mr. McComish. "Cameron was passionate about the Liberal Party of Canada and was a great fundraiser and supporter in all our activities."

Mr. Millikin is survived by his wife of 50 years Susan Patricia and three sons, Rory, Craig and John, and five grandchildren. The funeral for Mr. Millikin was held on Friday, July 5 at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Calgary.

**Meet Andrew Cardozo: think tank czar by day, landscape painter by night**



Andrew Cardozo is also a prolific painter.

**Andrew Cardozo**, president of the Canadian Centre for Progressive Policy, and a regular columnist with *The Hill Times*, is also an artist. Mr. Cardozo, who started painting in 2005, showcased his Blue China Series acrylic paintings in the Glebe's Art and Gardens Studio Tour on the weekend. The paintings are based on his travels in China last summer and capture scenes from the Great Wall of China and "mesmerizing blue mountains that surround" the historic site. The Glebe Art Tour included nine homes and 15 artists.

Mr. Cardozo told **HOH** last week that he enjoys painting abstract landscapes especially when he travels. He's painted mountains in Vancouver, Mount Rundle, Lake Louise in Alberta, the Prairies in Saskatchewan, lakes and snow in Ontario and Quebec, and the ocean from Pouch Cove, Nfld.

"I enjoy painting, have long wanted to paint and, by and large, I surprise myself with the outcomes. Many people say it must be relaxing. Au contraire," Mr. Cardozo said.

This was Mr. Cardozo's third year with the Glebe Art Tour. His work is available [www.cardozoart.ca](http://www.cardozoart.ca)

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## Q&amp;A

RON DEIBERT

## Canada's future in cyberspace 'deserves a royal commission,' says Citizen lab director Deibert

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engineers who actually started the internet and to this day help keep it functioning, they may not be thinking in terms of political philosophy, but those principles inform everything they do. Distributed security is widely seen ... as the best approach to securing the infrastructure of cyberspace. There can't be an internet governance organization. Instead you want multiple, distributed, overlapping forms of governance, and they should be mixed between the private sector, the public sector, civil society, with no one of those sectors able to determine anything without the participation of the others.

"On the one hand you have people who are really into hierarchy—they want governments in control, secrecy, and closure. On the other hand, you have people who don't want any of that—they're essentially anarchists. Distributed security is in between those. It's the negation of concentrated power. That's what I'm trying to advocate for in the book."

**How is policy lagging behind cyber-reality in Canada? How can policymakers make better policies and legislation that respects privacy and ensures security?**

"I think that there are some troubling trends. When I look at what the Canadian government is doing, it's certainly encouraging to see that finally the Department of

Foreign Affairs is talking about the need to develop a cyber foreign policy, and the person at DFAIT steering this process [Policy and Planning director Michael Walma] is a very capable person. Canada is beginning to engage more with like-minded countries like the Dutch and the Swedes—there is a coalition of like-minded governments. The problem is that we're devoting so little resources to it. People at Foreign Affairs who probably share the same perspective I do are under equipped and under resourced.

"When you think about what I said about the next billion digital natives, here in Canada we've eliminated our development agency. Meanwhile, huge resources are going to, for lack of a better term, the 'spooks.' A \$900-million airport terminal-like complex is being built on Ogilvie Road for the [Communications Security Establishment Canada]. Lord knows what they're doing with it because there's very little oversight. This is the wrong approach. I think we should be putting more resources to where we can have the most effect in terms of shaping cyberspace in a way that will protect our national interests in the future.

"Domestically, I think if anything we should be giving as much power to privacy commissioners as we do to the security agencies."

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## HILL CLIMBERS

## POLITICAL STAFFERS

# Top jobs remain unfilled in five Cabinet ministerial offices

Still no word on a new chief of staff for Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty needs a new director of communications.



BY LAURA RYCKEWAERT

Five different Cabinet ministers appear to be on the hunt to fill top jobs in their ministerial offices, including Citizenship and Immigration Minister **Jason Kenney**, Health Minister **Leona Aglukkaq**, Public Works and Status of Women Minister **Rona Ambrose**, Defence Minister **Peter MacKay**, and Finance Minister **Jim Flaherty**.

In the Citizenship and Immigration Minister's office, Mr. Kenney's office has seemingly been operating without a permanent new chief of staff since former chief **Howard Anglin** left for the PMO during the first full week of May. Mr. Anglin was hired to the PMO as a special adviser for legal affairs and policy, where he works closely with PMO director of policy **Rachel Curran**, among others.

Since Mr. Anglin's departure from Mr. Kenney's office, **Hill Climbers** has been contacting the minister's office to attempt to determine how the office has handled Mr. Anglin's departure. The government's electronic directory service (GEDS) has not yet been updated to reflect the fact that Mr. Anglin is no longer working for Mr. Kenney, though he has also been added to the PMO staff roster.

**Hill Climbers** has left messages for Mr. Kenney's director of communications **Ana Curic** and his press secretary **Alexis Pavlich** both by phone with office staff and by email intermittently since Mr. Anglin's departure in May, but has yet to receive a response.

If a new chief of staff has been hired, the name has not been added on GEDS, and it's not clear who has filled in as chief of staff in the interim.

Current top staff working in Mr. Kenney's ministerial office include: Ms. Curic, who is also director of Parliamentary affairs; **Chris Champion**, director of citizenship policy; **Gerrit Nieuwoudt**, director of policy; **Dominic Roszak**, director of multiculturalism; **Peggy Anderson**, director of regional affairs; and **Christopher Mahon**, director of operations.

In the Health Minister's office, Ms. Aglukkaq has been without a director of policy since **Leah Canning** was promoted to the role of chief of staff on Feb. 6, but Ms. Aglukkaq has since hired senior policy adviser **Jillian Andrews**, who now works alongside policy adviser **Ted Laking** and senior special assistant for policy, **Kerala Wall**.

Mr. Flaherty recently bid farewell to director of communications **Dan Miles**, who left the office at the end of June. Mr. Miles had taken leave from his job as director of government and community relations at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., to return to the Hill to once again serve as communications director for Mr. Flaherty to help him through the 2013 budget, following the departure of Mr. Flaherty's former director of communications **Chisholm Pothier** during the last Christmas break. Mr. Pothier is now working as communications director to Progressive Conservative New Brunswick Premier **David Alward**.

Mr. Miles is now back at Trent University, and Mr. Flaherty is in need of a new communications director. Mr. Flaherty's office declined to comment on staffing matters and GEDS still continues to list Mr. Pothier as director of communications.

So far as **Hill Climbers** is aware, press secretary **Kathleen Perchuk** is now the only staffer handling communications for Mr. Flaherty, though she is also not listed anywhere as a staffer on GEDS (in fact, former press secretary **Mary Ann Dewey-Plante** continues to be listed in Mr. Flaherty's office, despite the fact she now works as director of media relations to Environment Minister **Peter Kent**).

Top staff in Mr. Flaherty's office include: chief of staff **Kevin McCarthy**, deputy chief of staff and director of Parliamentary affairs **Rossano Bernardi**, director of policy **Sean Speer**, director of regional affairs **Lesli Tomlin**, and **Catherine Nicol**, director of appointments for finance and the Greater Toronto Area, according to GEDS.

It may be of interest to note that director of media relations, Ms. Dewey-Plante, remains the only communications staffer listed in Mr. Kent's office on GEDS since the departure of director of communications **Rob Taylor** in April and the departure of press secretary **Adam Sweet** in February. Mr. Kent also does not have a director of policy, according to GEDS, though he does have a three-person policy team made up of senior policy adviser **Monica Kugel-mass**, and policy advisers **Kent Verge** and **Leah Buchholz**.

In the National Defence minister's office, Mr. MacKay appears to be in need of a new director of Parliamentary affairs since the promotion of **Marian Fernet** to the role of chief of staff. Ms. Fernet had previously been working as deputy chief of staff and director of Parliamentary affairs, but was promoted at the end of June to replace **John MacDonell**, who is no longer working on the Hill.



This just in: With an expected Cabinet shuffle coming, five Cabinet ministers appear to be on the hunt to fill top jobs in their ministerial offices, including Jason Kenney, Leona Aglukkaq, Rona Ambrose, Peter MacKay, and Jim Flaherty.

Shortly following Mr. MacDonell's departure was the departure of Mr. MacKay's director of communications, **Jay Paxton**, who is also no longer working on the Hill. Interestingly, Mr. MacDonell's wife, **Jennifer Gearey**, who is a former journalist who has previously served as director of communications to Treasury Board President **Tony Clement**, has been hired as Mr. MacKay's new director of communications.

Mr. MacKay's office did not respond to **Hill Climbers** by deadline, and GEDS has not yet been updated to reflect any of the recent staffing changes.

## Rumours swirl around PMO staffing

While most of the speculation wafting around Ottawa is concerned with the anticipated summer Cabinet shuffle, there is some talk of impending staffing changes in the PMO, namely that Conservative Party director of political operations **Jenni Byrne** is set to officially rejoin the Prime Minister's Office.

Ms. Byrne first began working in the PMO after the 2006 election, and previously served as PMO issues management director. As director of issues management, Ms. Byrne was responsible for spotting and smoothing out any political bumps in the Conservative government's path and she gained a reputation for being, as *The Globe and Mail* has put it, "both feared and fearless." Ms. Byrne also has a reputation for being an extremely tough partisan player.

She moved to the Conservative Party headquarters and became director of political operations in 2009, and most recently Ms. Byrne was in charge of the party's 2011 election campaign, which resulted in a majority Conservative government.

Following the departure of former chief of staff **Nigel Wright**—who left the PMO in the midst of the Senate expense scandal after it was revealed he written a \$90,000 cheque to now Independent Senator **Mike Duffy** an to reimburse the Senate for ineligible expense claims—some political observers have raised concerns over a lack of seniority in the Prime Minister's Office, which is now headed by chief of staff **Ray Novak**, 36, who was previously principal secretary

to Mr. Harper and who has worked for Mr. Harper since around 2000. Before being promoted to principal secretary in 2008, Mr. Novak was Mr. Harper's executive assistant.

If Ms. Byrne, 36, were to return to the PMO, it would be seen as a something of a repatriation of political experience and seniority.

A senior Conservative source who spoke with **Hill Climbers** said Ms. Byrne has already been unofficially helping out with issues management work behind the scenes of the PMO for weeks, and said there are "strong rumours" that she will officially leave party headquarters to return to work in the PMO.

Reached by **Hill Climbers**, PMO director of communications **Andrew MacDougall** said he does not comment on staffing, but a senior Conservative source offered a comment.

"Apparently Jenni has pretty much seconded herself from the party [headquarters] back to PMO to help with crisis management and issues management and stuff like that.... At least informally; and that would more or less coincide with when several weeks ago we saw the sudden transition [from] concerned and contrite to aggressive push back," said the senior Conservative source.

It's hardly been smooth sailing for the Prime Minister's Office since the departure of Mr. Wright on May 19. Since then, the PMO has come under fire for its revealed involvement in organizing a fake "student" protest involving Conservative staffers and interns of a press conference held by Liberal Leader **Justin Trudeau**, and *The Barrie Advance* outed the fact that PMO communications were responsible for "leaking" information on Mr. Trudeau's past speaking engagements to various media.

The senior Conservative source said the more aggressive, partisan tone which the PMO is seen as having taken on of late has caused "serious concern" among some Conservative caucus members.

"A lot of people are concerned that that is the wrong approach for this issue and these times...there's a host of issues that are being talked about now; everything from caucus relations, to tone of media relations—and I mean you've got

to match that against the particular skills of your human resources, and with that particular human resource, let's just say that a whole lot of people are saying, 'Fundamental mismatch, if anything it's going to make things worse,'" said the source. "This is on the Hill, this is a serious concern from people who are right in the thick of it."

It hasn't been an easy few months for the Conservative Party, either. A number of Conservative backbenchers spoke out in the House and to the media about their concerns over party control and their Parliamentary privilege, and the PMO has been caught up in the damaging Senate expenses scandal.

New chief of staff Mr. Novak, who has been a close aide to Mr. Harper since before he became Conservative Party leader, would have worked alongside Ms. Byrne during her time in the PMO and during the Conservative federal election campaigns. Mr. Novak also worked closely with **Dimitri Soudas**, the PMO's former director of communications.

Mr. Soudas has also been rumoured to have flocked back to the PMO following the departure of Mr. Wright, and reportedly made media rounds calling bureau chiefs to spin Conservative Party lines. Mr. Soudas served as Prime Minister **Stephen Harper's** director of communications from 2008 until just after the 2011 general election, and since Oct. 1, 2011, he has been working as executive director of communications for the Canadian Olympic Committee, an independent non-profit organization.

"There's an ongoing debate about style and what works and what doesn't work...it really largely comes down to personal style," said the senior Conservative source.

"When you're circling the wagons, you bring the people you know best, in the most sort of immediate sense, and especially people that can become aggressive when you feel you're under threat...it's like bringing out the war time consiliers."

With PMO not commenting on staffing matters, it remains to be seen whether Ms. Byrne permanently rejoins the Prime Minister's Office. Stay tuned to **Hill Climbers** for an update.

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# PARTY CENTRAL

BY JESSICA BRUNO

## Staffers bowled over for a good cause: ha!

Staffers slipped out of their suits and off the Hill last week to don some eye-catching outfits and try a new sport, all to support cystic fibrosis sufferers in Canada.

The Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club in Ottawa's Civic Hospital neighbourhood played host to the city's first annual Lawn Summer Nights.

The event is a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Last year, tournaments were also held in Toronto, London, Vancouver, and Victoria.

On July 3, 18 teams of four gathered in Ottawa for the first of four nights of lawn bowling. They will meet again July 10, 17, and 24.

The tourney was organized by **Meredith Taylor**, a former staffer who now works for Environics. She told **Party Central** she got involved in the event because a friend who helps organize the one in Toronto recruited her, and it sounded like a good cause and a fun time.

So far, the Ottawa tournament has raised \$5,190 through direct donations, which is halfway to their goal of \$10,000. The event is also raising money through registration fees, and Ms. Taylor says a total of \$25,000 will go to Cystic Fibrosis Ottawa.

The lawn bowling evenings have raised more than \$250,000 since 2009 to help those living with cystic fibrosis in Canada, according to the organization's website.

Lawn Summer Nights was founded by a group of B.C. friends in 2009, including **Duncan Gillespie**, **Andrew Dalik** and **Graham Dalik**, who were inspired to help their friend **Eva Markvoort**, who had cystic fibrosis.

Ms. Markvoort was an avid blogger, who reached members of the cystic fibrosis community worldwide.

She was also the subject of *65 RedRoses*, a 2009 documentary that profiled her while waiting for a lung transplant. It won audience awards at a number of smaller film festivals in recent years.

She was able to attend the first Lawn Summer Nights in 2009.

Ms. Markvoort received a double lung transplant in 2007, but her body eventually rejected the donated set of lungs, and she passed away while waiting for another set. She was 25.

Ottawa-Vanier Liberal MP **Mauril Bélanger** was there last week to kick off festivities. He said he really didn't know what to expect of a lawn bowling tournament.

"When I was invited today, I thought I'd be meeting a group of seniors, but it turns out I'm the senior," he said noting the majority of fresh faces in the crowd.

For the uninitiated, lawn bowling is pretty straightforward, the objective being to roll your set of balls (known as bowls) closest to a smaller target ball, known as

the jack, and in the process, block or knock away the opposing team's bowls.

Teams drew on the expertise of regular Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club members, who volunteered to help the newbies out with tutorials at the start of the tournament.

On the green that night were **Gabrielle Berard** and **Kathryn Craner**, who work in the Finance minister's office; **Alyx Holland**, national director of the Young Liberals of Canada; and **Alexandra Mullins**, who works at Justice.

Dressed in matching green pants and white button-ups were **Rachael Segal**, who works in the Government House Leader's office; **Andrea Khanjin**, who works in the Immigration minister's office; **John Penner**, who works in office of the Natural Resources minister; and **Katie Locke**, who works for the Foreign Affairs minister.

The *Huffington Post Canada's* **Althia Raj** and **Global's Rebecca Lindell** represented the press gallery with their team, **Media Bias: Girls on Green**, which included **Alexis Pavlich**, who works in the Immigration minister's office and the PMO's **Erica Meekes**.

**Lisa Thibedeau** of Liberal Senator **Jim Munson's** office was on the East Eggs with **Environics' Greg MacEachern**, **D'Arcy McDonnell**, who works for Ontario Liberal MPP **Yasir Naqvi** and **Renée McMahon**.

Between ends, players sipped on mint juleps and whisky sours prepared by one of the sponsors, **Maker's Mark**, and ducked into the clubhouse for a decadent sandwich from **La Bottega Nicasastro**.

Most of the players last Wednesday were lawn bowling neophytes, but what teams lacked in skill they made up for in fashion. The evening was retro-themed, and some teams went *Gatsby*, while others went *Gonzo*.

Spotted on the normally subdued lawns were teams coordinated in striped pants, star-spangled socks, matching frocks, pink bandanas and a variety of bowties and suspenders.

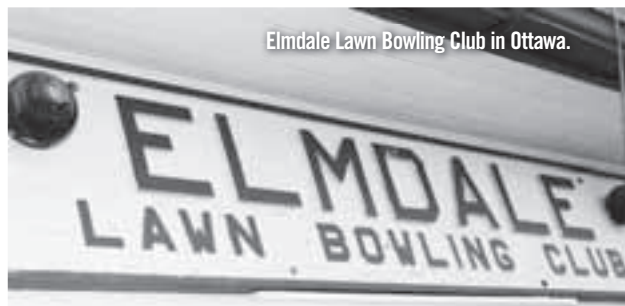
Team names were equally creative. While there are too many good ones to list here, some favourites include: *All Night Lawn*, *Saved By the Bowl*, *The Big Lawn-bowlskies* and *the Glory Bowls*.

While there is a prize for the top team and the most fashionable, the grand prize goes to the best fundraisers.

So far, the team **McGuire on Fire** has raised the most money, at \$3,475 as of July 4. The team is led by film producer **Max McGuire**, who has cystic fibrosis.

Head to Lawn Summer Night's Ottawa webpage to contribute to fundraising efforts. Full disclosure: *The Hill Times* is a sponsor of this event. If one of their pun-tastic names catches your fancy, you can donate specifically to their campaign.

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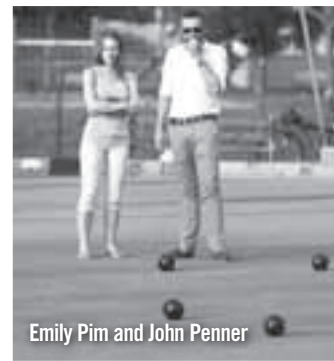
Max McGuire.



Team New Jack City: Alexandra Mullins, Alyx Holland, Gabrielle Berard and Katy Craner.



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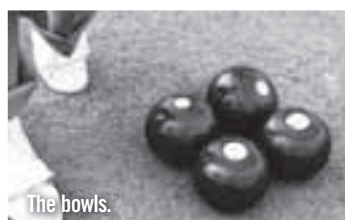
Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger and Cystic Fibrosis Ottawa's Lois Graveline.



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The fashion.



The bowls.



The scene.



Team Ball Rockers: Adam Bolek, Catherine Eaton, Morgan Hayduk and Linton Taylor.



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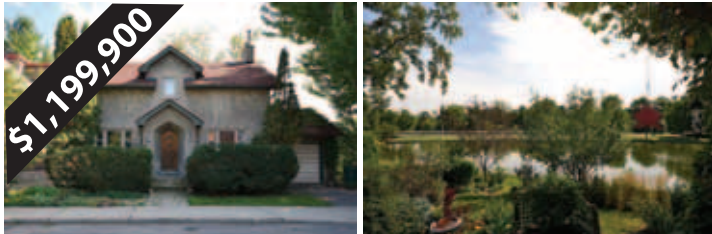
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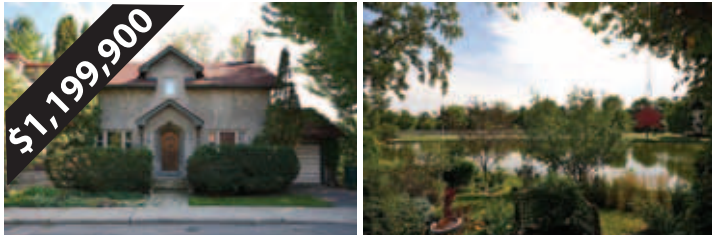
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**Fred DeLorey**  
Conservative strategist



“Freedom of speech is the bedrock upon which all other freedoms are built. Unfortunately, recent years have shown us that some Canadian laws—such as Sec. 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act—can be twisted in order to punish freedom of expression. To give just one example, *Maclean’s* magazine was hauled before a Human Rights Commission under Sec. 13 by an organization called the Canadian Islamic Congress because it didn’t like an article *Maclean’s* had published.

“Conservatives know that laws should exist to protect freedom of speech, not shut it down. That’s why at the 2008 Conservative policy convention in Winnipeg it became Conservative Party policy

to repeal Sec. 13. Conservative MP Brian Storseth introduced legislation—Bill C-304—to repeal Sec. 13, and he received the strong support of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

“After frustratingly long delays by Trudeau’s Liberals and Mulcair’s NDP, including in the Senate, Mr. Storseth’s bill received royal assent and Sec. 13 has been repealed.

“Here’s what Mr. Storseth told the House of Commons about Sec. 13: ‘Under Sec. 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act, truth is not a defence and intent is not a defence. One no longer has the right to due process, the right to a speedy trial or the right to an attorney. It is alarming that, until recently, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal had a 100 per cent conviction rate. This is not a sign of vindication; rather, it neglects to acknowledge that 90 per cent of defendants fail to obtain legal advice because they simply cannot afford it, while at the same time the legal costs of the plaintiffs are fully covered. This is simply un-Canadian.’

“Canada is a freer country now that section 13 has been repealed.”

**Ian Wayne**  
NDP strategist



“Freedom of speech is a central tenet of a functioning democracy. In fact, as someone who works in opposition to the government, I depend on my right to free speech just to do my job, without risking arrest or reprisal.

“But this bill is not about free speech. “The bill risks weakening protection of human rights in this country—another tenet of a well-functioning democracy. The Human Rights Commission provides a framework for effectively shielding our society’s most vulnerable from hate. If there are problems we should fix them—not abandon the protection of human rights.

“Understandably, a Conservative bill going after the Commission raises red flags—including for the Canadian Bar Association, who told *The Huffington Post Canada* that, ‘(t)he debate surrounding the expediency of Sec. 13 has become the proxy for an open assault on the very existence of an administrative framework to protect human rights in this country.’

“Experts are concerned that eliminating tools provided by Sec. 13 will make it harder to prevent and resolve cases of hate speech—a real concern in our increasingly online world. I find it worrying when some of the loudest cheers for the bill’s passing came from white supremacists.

“What makes this worse is that this is a government initiative, straight from the Conservatives’ election platform, camouflaging itself as a private member’s bill—and therefore not subject to the same level of legal checks and balances, or Parliamentary scrutiny.

“When it comes to protecting human rights, vulnerable Canadians deserve better.”

**Karine Cousineau**  
Liberal strategist



“When it comes to international human rights law, I think that Irwin Cotler is probably one of the foremost experts in Canada and around the world. Mr. Cotler has recently made some very interesting observations in the House of Commons on this very subject.

“First of all, he indicated that while everybody can agree that freedom of speech is the lifeblood of democracy, it would be a mistake to consider it

as an absolute right. The truth is, every democratic society in the world has recognized certain limitations on freedom of expression in the interest of protecting fundamental values.

“He also noted that this section of the Canadian Human Rights Act is currently under review by the Supreme Court of Canada and therefore, the debate is somewhat premature.

“Mr. Cotler outlined many possible reforms to address Mr. Storseth’s very valid concerns that would outright appeal of section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

“Now that the Bill has received royal assent, the government has one year to change the Criminal Code and fill the void created by the abrogation of section 13. Let’s hope the government will take this task seriously as it is of the utmost importance to protect every Canadian against vilifying, hateful speech.”

**Camille Labchuk**  
Green strategist



“The Greens opposed the repealing of internet hate speech provisions from the Human Rights Act. While the backers of Bill C-304 raise a valid concern over what forum is best used to address hate speech, there is no consensus on the issue.

“Groups who have traditionally been the targets of hate speech and discrimination raised legitimate fears that any diminishing of the protections

against hatred would be less than positive, and the Canadian Bar Association viewed the provision as an important way to curb hate speech.

“Anyone who reads online comments in news stories knows why this issue is still a serious one. It is important to put ourselves in the shoes of those who must regularly cope with hateful, discriminatory online postings by those who are emboldened by the anonymity afforded by the internet.

“We should focus federal efforts on increasing protections for all marginalized groups. A high priority is changing discriminatory attitudes toward women, the LGBTQ community, ethnic minorities, and others who experience prejudice and hatred. Canada is generally a very welcoming and compassionate society, but we can always do more to ensure no one is the target of hatred.”



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## THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JULY 8

**House Break**—The House and Senate have adjourned for the summer, but the House is scheduled to resume sitting on Sept. 16.

**ANUNA**—ANUNA, Ireland's National Choir performs in concert. Presented by Music and Beyond. July 8, 8 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, 151 Laurier Ave. E., Ottawa, Ont. 613-241-0777 or [www.musicandbeyond.ca](http://www.musicandbeyond.ca)

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**St. Catharines Federal Family BBQ**—The St. Catharines Federal Liberal Association hosts a Family BBQ today. July 10, 5 p.m., \$10. Henley Island, 72 Henley Island Dr., St. Catharines, Ont. For tickets call Monica McKay at 905-934-3773 or visit [www.liberal.ca](http://www.liberal.ca)

**MP Patrick Brown's 8th Annual Community Family BBQ**—Conservative MP Patrick Brown hosts his 8th Annual Community Family BBQ. July 13, 12-2 p.m. Sunnisdale Park, Barrie, Ont. <http://www.servingbarrie.com/>

**Stop TB Partnership and Panel: AKFC in Partnership with RESULTS Canada**—AKFC and RESULTS Canada are holding an open reception and panel discussion on innovation and public-private partnerships in the fight against tuberculosis. July 10, 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Free. The Delegation of the Ismaili Imam, 199 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON. RSVP to [melisa@akfc.ca](mailto:melisa@akfc.ca) or 613.237.2532 ext. 131. For further event details, please visit <http://www.akfc.ca/events.html>

**12th Global Conference on Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship**—This conference aims to explore the role of environmental thinking in the context of contemporary society and international affairs. July 10-12. Mansfield College, Oxford, U.K. [www.inter-disciplinary.net](http://www.inter-disciplinary.net)

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

**NQW Annual Port Hope Summer BBQ**—The Northumberland Quinte West PLA and FLA present the Annual Port Hope Summer BBQ. July 11, 5:30 p.m., \$40. Carpenter's 459 Croft St., Port Hope, Ont. Tickets at 905-800-0364.

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

**Java with Joyce: Summer Edition**—Liberal MP Joyce Murray (Vancouver Quadra) and her team are hosting Java with Joyce, a chance to have a sip and a bite, and ask questions. July 5, 2-4 p.m. Constituency Office, 206-2112 W Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. RSVP to 604-664-9220 or [joyce.murray.c1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:joyce.murray.c1@parl.gc.ca)

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

**Stampede Days Rodeo Tour**—The Stampede Day Rodeo Tour offers a day of family fun with bull riding, truck pulls and more, in support of

the Special Olympics of Ontario with the Law Enforcement Torch Run. July 17. Russell Fairgrounds, Russell, Ont. 1-800-350-5987 x 26.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will attend the Canadian Regional Conference in Edmonton, Alta. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia>

**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group travels to St. Paul, Minnesota for the 68th Annual Meeting of the Council of State Government – Midwestern Legislative Conference. July 14-17. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia>

**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group travels to Anchorage, Alaska for the Pacific Northwest Economic Region Annual Summit. July 14-18. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia>

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

**APC Reception with Bob Rae and Carolyn Bennett**—A gala reception, hosted by the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission will feature keynote speakers Bob Rae and Carolyn Bennett (St. Paul's). July 16, 6 p.m. MacBride Museum of Yukon, 1124 First Ave., Whitehorse, Yukon. [www.liberal.ca](http://www.liberal.ca)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

**Music & Film Under the Stars**—The Ottawa International Writers Festival presents an evening of Music & Film Under the Stars. The music is composed by Mike Dubue and performed by the Hilotrons. There will also be a BBQ. July 17, 9 p.m., Free. City Hall (outside), 110 Laurier Ave. E., Ottawa, Ont. [www.writersfestival.org](http://www.writersfestival.org)

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

**G-20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors**—A meeting of the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors will be held July 19-20. Moscow, Russia.

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

**Double Take: Portraits of Intriguing Canadians**—This exhibition features more than 100 paintings, drawings and photographs of 59 intriguing Canadians. Until Oct. 14. Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau, Que. [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca)

### MONDAY, JULY 22

**Champlain, the First Account**—Created to mark the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's journey up the Ottawa River, this new display focuses on the Aboriginal peoples who inhabited the region long before the coming of Champlain; the journey of the French explorer in the Ottawa Valley in 1613; and the impact of his arrival on the First Peoples. Visitors will see approximately 50 artifacts, some dating from

5,000 years ago, others from the time of Champlain, and afterwards. The display includes the astrolabe attributed to the founder of New France. To commemorate the occasion, the Departmental Archives in Charente-Maritime, France, has kindly loaned what is widely believed to be Champlain's authentic baptismal record, rediscovered in 2012, to the museum. Until Aug. 25. Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau, Que. [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca)

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

**Moving with the River**—The St. Lawrence River was central to both the emergence and transformation of Canada. Birthplace of the first colonies and passageway to the Great Lakes and the Canadian West for millions of immigrants, the St. Lawrence River played a fundamental role in the building and settling of Canada. The exhibition retraces the river's historic path with the Iroquois' thousand-year presence on the land, Franco-Aboriginal alliances, growth of a French settlement in the St. Lawrence Valley and multi-ethnic European immigration for which Québec served as a gateway. Ongoing. Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau, Que. [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca)

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Chamberfest Ottawa 2013**—The theme of this year's Chamberfest Ottawa is Viva Voce: Inspired by Song, a festive program that explores the profound influence of voice on instrumental music making. Tonight: The Swingle Singers 50th Anniversary Performance. 7 p.m., \$35. Dominion-Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper St., Ottawa, Ont. [www.chamberfest.com](http://www.chamberfest.com)

### SATURDAY, JULY 27

**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group travels to Mobile, Alabama for the 67th Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments—Southern Legislative Conference. July 27-30. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia>

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group travels to Las Vegas, Nevada for the 66th Annual Meeting of the State Governments—Western Legislative Conference. July 30-Aug. 2. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/ia>

### THURSDAY, AUG. 1

**Ontario By-elections**—Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne announced five by-elections to take place Aug. 1. By-elections will be held in two Toronto-area ridings, Windsor and Ottawa South. [www.elections.on.ca/en-ca](http://www.elections.on.ca/en-ca)

**Kandahar: The Fighting Season**—From 2005 to 2011, Canadian soldiers were deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Award-winning Canadian documentary photographer Louis Palu accompanied them in the most dangerous districts. Until Sept. 22. North Corridor, Canadian War Museum, 1 Vimy Pl., Ottawa, Ont. [www.warmuseum.ca](http://www.warmuseum.ca)



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# Conservative MP Brown hosts 8th Annual Community Family BBQ

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**MP PATRICK BROWN'S 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAMILY BBQ**—Conservative MP Patrick Brown hosts his 8th Annual Community Family BBQ. July 13, 12-2 p.m. Sunnidale Park, Barrie, Ont. <http://www.servingbarrie.com/>

**SATURDAY, AUG. 3**  
**Peace—The Exhibition**—Canada has been shaped by people taking action to make peace possible: by acting as skilled negotiators, providing humanitarian aid, shouldering arms or demonstrating against wars and weapons. This is the first major exhibition to explore the many ways Canadians have acted for peace. Ongoing. Canadian War Museum, 1 Vimy Pl. [www.warmuseum.ca](http://www.warmuseum.ca)

**MONDAY, AUG. 5**  
**Voodoo**—This exhibition dispenses with the Hollywood version of zombies. Instead, visitors can discover a world rich in history and culture and meet practitioners of this spiritual tradition. Ongoing. Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau, Que. [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca)

**TUESDAY, AUG. 6**  
**Star Wars Identities**—Check out all your fave Star Wars characters and props at Star Wars Identities. From Darth Vader to Yoda, to the Millennium Falcon, there is something for every fan to see. Sun.-Wed. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (last entrance at 4:30 p.m.) Thurs. to Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (last entrance at 6:30 p.m.) Until Sept. 2. \$13.25-\$24. For more information call 1-855-897-6919 or email [info-swi@technomuses.ca](mailto:info-swi@technomuses.ca)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 10**  
**8th Annual Fletcher Community BBQ**—Conservative MP Steven Fletcher (Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboine, Man.) hosts the 8th Annual Fletcher Community BBQ. Aug. 10, 1-3 p.m. Assiniboine Park, by the Lyric Theatre, Winnipeg, Man. Register to 204-984-6432 or [steven.fletcher.c1a@parl.gc.ca](mailto:steven.fletcher.c1a@parl.gc.ca)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 2**  
**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary

Group travels to Milwaukee, WS, for the National Governors Annual Meeting. Aug. 2-Aug. 4. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/iia>

**SUNDAY, AUG. 11**  
**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group travels Atlanta, GA, for the National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit. Aug. 11-15. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/iia>

**SUNDAY, AUG. 18**  
**Hockey Night in Barrie VI**—Conservative MP Patrick Brown hosts Hockey Night in Barrie VI, in support of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Aug. 18, 5:30 p.m. Barrie Molson Centre, Barrie, Ont. [www.hockeynightinbarrie.com](http://www.hockeynightinbarrie.com)

**65th IPAC National Annual Conference: Reinventing Public Administration**—Questions of change, adaptation, and innovation are the issues that have long been debated in organizations, both public and private. This conference will explore, why, in what areas and in what ways governments must reinvent themselves. Aug. 18-21. Centre Sheraton, 1201 Rene-Levesque W., Montreal, Que. [www.ipac.ca](http://www.ipac.ca)

**MONDAY, AUG. 26**  
**Liberal Summer Caucus**—Liberals will meet for their summer caucus Aug. 26-28. Roseneath, PEI. For more information, call Kate Purchase in the Office of the Liberal Leader at 613-291-6181.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28**  
**Parliamentary Associations**—The Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will attend the 59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Johannesburg, SA. Aug. 28-Sept. 6. For more information, please visit <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/iia>

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 5**  
**G20 Leaders Summit**—The Russia G-20 Leaders Summit takes place Sept. 5-6. St. Petersburg, Russia. <http://en.g20russia.ru/>

**MONDAY, SEPT. 9**  
**NDP Summer National Caucus**—The NDP will meet for its summer national caucus in Saskatoon, Sask., at the Delta Sept. 9-Sept. 11. For more information, contact NDP caucus press secretary at (613) 995-8575.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11**  
**WEF: Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2013**—The Annual Meeting of the New Champions is the foremost global business gathering in Asia. Also known as the "Summer Davos," the meeting creates a unique opportunity for exchange between leaders from top-ranked multinationals and chief executive officers of dynamic and fast-growing

companies, including key decision-makers from government, media, academia and civil society. It will bring together more than 1,500 participants from 90 countries to share strategies and solutions and discuss global issues and risks. The New Champion communities—including Global Growth Companies, Young Global Leaders, Young Scientists, Technology Pioneers, Social Entrepreneurs and the World Economic Forum's youngest community, the Global Shapers—will once again engage with Forum Members and Partners. Sept. 11-13. Dalian, China. [www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org)

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