

Over the past few months your federal government has been hard at work, and as your MP for Ottawa Centre, I wanted to take some time to report to you on some of what has been accomplished.

During the campaign, I talked about reducing mail outs and finding new and exciting ways to engage with the people of Ottawa Centre. So far I have held Facebook chats on local riding issues, set up pop-up office hours throughout the community, and convened three town halls on issues important to residents of the riding. To enhance communication with Ottawa Centre residents, I am now launching a new e-newsletter.

My e-newsletter will provide a regular update on what my staff and I have been working on in the community, along with some information on upcoming events. If you have any feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out. My door is always open.

Best.

Catherine McKenna

Fifth-Clegg Footbridge

I made an important announcement on Tuesday August 23rd, that 57 transit infrastructure projects totaling nearly \$156 million will be getting underway in Ottawa through a new federal infrastructure funding program: the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF)

As part of this announcement, \$10.5M in federal funding was announced to support the construction of a footbridge at Fifth Avenue in the Glebe, with Clegg St. in Old Ottawa East. Getting federal funding in place for this footbridge was one of my campaign commitments, and I'm thrilled to have been able to follow through on this promise. The project will connect vital parts of our city while also making it easier and safer to bike and walk across Ottawa. I am working closely with my provincial and municipal counterparts to ensure shovels are in the ground before the end of 2017.



100 Wellington (former U.S. Embassy)

On August 18th, I was able to take part in the kickoff of consultations on the use of the former U.S. Embassy located at 100 Wellington St. with Minister Foote. It was amazing to see how excited Canadians are about owning our capital and having a vision for 100 Wellington St.

Launching consultations was a campaign commitment of mine. Everyone is invited to provide your feedback online until September 9th, 2016 by participating in this <u>online survey</u>.

You can also tweet your ideas by using the hashtag #100Wellington. 100 Wellington is open to the public from Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 10:00 am until September 9th 2016, so drop by and see the potential of the space for yourself!



Office Updates

We have had a very busy summer this year and it would not have been the same without our amazing summer interns Sabrina Kim and Mwanza Tshimbalanga. Their internship was made possible through the Liberal Internship Program and we will provide information next year on how you or someone you know can apply next year!

I also wanted to introduce you to Lucy Hargreaves who is our new Community Office Director. Lucy has been an excellent addition to the team and is helping my office better serve the people of Ottawa Centre.



Calendar Updates

There is a lot going on in Ottawa Centre and so I also want to use this newsletter to update you on some of the amazing community events taking place. If you happen to have an event you would like me to include in the newsletter for future weeks please e-mail me at catherine.mckenna@parl.gc.ca

Baconpalooza

Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11 Location: Canada Agriculture and Food Museum A sizzling bacon festival with something for everyone! http://baconpalooza.ca/

Ottawa Gay Men's Chorus Community BBQ and Concert

Saturday, September 10

12:00 – 6:00 pm Location: Minto Park

30th Anniversary Official Launch Party for the Ottawa Gay Men's Chorus. Join members of the community for a BBQ and concert.

http://www.cgogmc.ca/

Terry Fox Day

Sunday, September 18

Registration 7:30 -1:00 pm. Official start at 9:00 am Location: Anniversary Park (Carleton University)
Register: www.terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/ottawa
Run, walk, bike: 1 km, 2 km, 5 km, 10 km

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