

# Federal budget delivers on three fronts

Last week, the federal government delivered the 2013 federal budget.

Over the last number of months, I have reached out and talked to many local residents about what they would like to see in the federal budget. Overwhelmingly, I was told that the focus should be on job creation, economic growth and deficit reduction. The federal budget delivers on those fronts.

Since January 2006, nearly 1.5 million net new jobs have been created, representing the best job creation record of all G-7 countries. More than 950,000 of those net new jobs have been created since July 2009, 90 percent of which have been full-time jobs and most of them good, high-skilled jobs. Yet thousands more jobs go unfilled because of a lack of people with the right skills.

The budget will help with job creation by getting Canadians into those available jobs. To do this, we are increasing skills and training support through the new Canada Job Grant.

This grant, which will be available in 2014, will provide \$15,000 per person for skills training. This will help Canadians connect with the nearly 130,000 available high-quality and well-paying positions that are currently going unfilled.

We are also going to make it easier for Canadian apprentices to get the work ex-

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perience needed to become accredited by changing contracting requirements to encourage companies to hire apprentices in order to get federal work.

The budget will also help with small business job creation. To encourage new employee hiring, we are extending the successful Hiring Credit for Small Business for an additional year, helping small Canadian businesses save \$225 million in 2013.

There is also help for manufacturing in Ontario.

Manufacturers will receive \$1.4 billion in tax relief through a two-year extension of the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance for the purchase of new machinery and equipment. We have also created a \$200 million Advanced Manufacturing Fund for southern Ontario to encourage corporate investments in new technology and production methods.

We are laying the foundation for eco-

nomie growth with a record \$70 billion investment in the Building Canada Plan, a 10-year plan for infrastructure. This money will help build and repair roads, bridges, subways, rail, and more in communities across Canada. This represents the largest and longest federal investment in Canadian history.

We are also creating economic growth by investing nearly \$1.9 billion in funding over 5 years to create more affordable housing and to combat homelessness.

Finally, the federal budget reiterates our plan to balance the budget in 2015, in two short years. By reducing government waste, closing tax loopholes and controlling spending, we will balance our budget without raising income taxes or the HST. In fact, federal taxes are at their lowest level in 50 years. The budget includes measures that will produce savings by making common sense changes such as eliminating tax loopholes and reducing unnecessary spending.

To find out more about our plan for jobs and growth, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca). I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about the federal budget.

You can reach me by phone at (866) 878-5556 or by email at [michael.chong@parl.gc.ca](mailto:michael.chong@parl.gc.ca).

—Michael Chong is the MP for Wellington-Halton Hills



## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE - EASTER**  
**MARCH 29 & APRIL 1, 2013**

### **CIVIC CENTRE - 905-873-2600**

The Civic Centre will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1, 2013.

### **ACTIVAN - 905-873-2601 ext. 2617**

ActiVan Service will be available on an after-hours basis beginning Good Friday, March 29 through Easter Monday, April 1, 2013. The booking office will be closed.

### **CANINE CONTROL - 905-877-6235**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

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The Halton Hills Fire Department Administration will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1, 2013.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

#### **- PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works office will be closed on Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1, 2013.

#### **Public Works After-Hours Contact**

**905-873-2600** - press 2 to connect to the Public Works After-Hours Line and follow the prompts.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

#### **Acton Branch:**

Closed March 30 - April 1, 2013

#### **Georgetown Branch:**

March 29: Closed

March 30: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

March 31: Closed

April 1: Closed

Both branches will re-open on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 9:30 am

### **RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**Gellert Community Centre & Acton Indoor Pool**  
Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday) and Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

#### **Georgetown Indoor Pool**

Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday), Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday) and Monday April 1 (Easter Monday)

#### **Acton Arena & Community Centre**

Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)  
Monday April 1 (Easter Monday) Reduced Hours

#### **Mold-Masters SportsPlex**

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday) Reduced Hours  
Closed Monday April 1 (Easter Monday)

#### **Memorial Arena**

Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday), to Monday April 1 (Easter Monday)

#### **Georgetown Seniors Centre**

Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)  
Open Monday April 1 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

#### **Acton Seniors Centre**

Closed Friday March 29 (Good Friday ) and Monday April 1 (Easter Monday)

#### **John Elliott Theatre**

Closed Friday, March 29 (Good Friday) and Closed Monday April 1 (Easter Monday)

### **FOR EMERGENCIES**

- FIRE/POLICE/AMBULANCE: DIAL 911 26

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CELEBRATING 21 YEARS!

**April 5 to 7**

**Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place**

Including the **WINE&CHEESE** FEATURE

Friday Noon - 9pm • Saturday 10am - 9pm • Sunday 10am - 6pm

**Meet Culinary & Wine Experts!**



**Celebrity Chef Anna Olson**  
Host of Food Network's *Bake with Anna Olson*  
Saturday 11 and 2 pm



**Eat St. Food Truck Feature**  
See James Cunningham  
of Food Network's *Eat St.*  
Sunday April 7 at 1pm



**Fun & Informative Wine Seminars**  
Hosted by Michael Pinkus  
& Wine Awakenings  
All weekend



**By Cory Soal R.H.A.D.**

**... Lend Me Your Ears**

## **COUNSELLING THE NEW HEARING AID USER**

The following few tips, if followed correctly, will prolong the benefits and enjoyment of better hearing:

- Do not get the hearing aid wet
- Do not leave the instrument where it is too hot or cold
- Try not to drop the hearing aid
- Do not spray cleaning solution or hair spray on the instrument
- Keep the instrument and batteries out of the reach of small children and especially pets

If any of the above problems do occur, please don't hesitate to call.

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## **Georgetown Denture Clinic**

Alexander Trenton, DD, F.C.A.D. (A) Denturist

**TOOTH CHATTER - [georgetowndentureclinic.ca](http://georgetowndentureclinic.ca)**

## **THE DREADED IMPRESSION**

Many people are reluctant to have new dentures made because of experiences they went through when having their original set made. New technology and materials have made this procedure a "Palatable Experience".

So now, even people with a sensitive gag reflex, that tend to gag very easily, find it much easier than they had expected. Special rubber based materials and putties are now available, thus replacing the materials known for dripping down the throat and causing their gagging feeling.

An impression is taken of your gums. The print is then reproduced in stone, which will be an exact replica of your gums, and from this foundation your denture is made.

So don't dread the impression! Most people report that they would have had new dentures made sooner, if they had known how much easier the impressions are today. Denture technology is making leaps and bounds!

**LET US MAKING A LASTING IMPRESSION!**

You do not need a referral; simply call our office direct.

**WE BUILD BEAUTIFUL SMILES!**

**Consultations are always free!!**

**18 Church Street, Georgetown 905-877-2359**