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**September 2010**

### *Dear Friends*

On Friday, August 6th I was honoured to be asked to speak at the Lanterns For Peace event in Winnipeg. This event marked the 65th anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.

Those horrific events continue to motivate people to seek the abolition of nuclear weapons. I hope that we can make progress on nuclear disarmament, toward ensuring that war becomes obsolete in the attempt to solve disagreements and that new efforts can be made to build a culture of peace in our communities and between nations.

One proposal towards those goals is the creation of a Department of Peace in our federal government. I'm very involved in promoting this initiative, and have tabled a Private Members Bill (Bill C447) to create this new department.

The Department of Peace seeks to answer the question, how do we ensure that there is an advocate in our government for peace, for restorative justice, for building capacity for mediation in our society and in our international relations? All too often peace is on the corner of a cabinet minister's desk and not front and centre on their agenda. For instance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs may choose to work on peace issues, but it would only be one of many issues that are dealt with in this huge portfolio.

Similarly, the Minister of Defence might have a personal commitment to peacemaking, but the structure of that department may make putting it front and centre difficult. That's why the Department of Peace proposal seeks to ensure that there is a fulltime advocate for peaceful conflict resolution at the cabinet table. This Minister would be a voice for the coordination of efforts on peacekeeping, peacemaking, and disarmament. Their perspective would be both domestic and international, looking for ways to prevent and reduce violence at home and abroad. The Minister of Peace would also oversee a new Civilian Peace Service and a parallel Youth Peace Service, which would train and mobilize Canadians to work in conflict resolution, restorative justice and mediation.

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### **Upcoming deadlines for submissions:**

October 2010 - September 15, 2010

November 2010 - October 15, 2010

I also chair the Canadian Section of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND). This international organization's membership includes over 700 elected officials from over 75 countries-around sixty Canadian MPs and Senators are members.

Sadly, disarmament and nuclear disarmament seem to have fallen off Canada's political agenda. Canada's leadership is not as prominent as it once was, when, at a time when the nuclear arms race was in full swing, we decided not to build own nuclear weapons. Canada still maintains support for the US nuclear weapons umbrella and NATO's policies regarding the use of nuclear weapons. In fact, Canada is one of only two countries in the Americas (Canada and the US) and only two in the Francophonie (Canada and France) to not be party to a nuclear weapons free zone.

Our government could embark on a new programme of anti-nuclear weapons activism. Canada could call our Arctic neighbours together to begin negotiation of an Arctic nuclear weapons free zone. Canada could resume its leadership on the verification of nuclear disarmament measures. Our government could show more enthusiastic support for the initiatives made by President Obama and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. In particular, Canada could be an early advocate for the negotiation of a Nuclear Weapons Convention to ban nuclear weapons.

I'll continue to work on issues related to peace and disarmament, in the strong belief that there can be peaceful ways towards ensuring security and safety.

More information about my work in these areas is available on my web site at [www.billsiksay.ca](http://www.billsiksay.ca) For info about the Department of Peace Initiative, visit <http://www.departmentofpeace.ca/>. The Parliamentarian for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament's web site can be found at <http://www.gsinsitute.org/pnnd/>.

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## HOME IN BURNABY

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### Cameron Celebrates 30 Years.

**Thursday, September 18th, 2010 - 11 am to 3:00 pm**

Celebrate Cameron Recreation Centre's 30th Birthday. This will be a fun filled day of free activities for the whole family with music, dancing, arts, crafts and special guests and performances to keep you entertained. 9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby. For more information call 604-421-5225.

## Federal Government Funding Opportunities

**Inter-Action, Canada's new Multiculturalism Grants and Contribution Program**, administered by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), supports CIC's mandate and the Canadian Multiculturalism Act by assisting the socio-economic integration of individuals and communities and their contributions to building an integrated and socially cohesive society.



**There are two Inter-Action funding streams:**

**Inter-Action Projects** - The Inter-Action Projects stream provides funding for long-term, multi-year community development/engagement projects to promote integration. **The Call for Proposals, under the Inter-Action Projects stream, is now open!** Completed applications must be sent both by regular mail and electronically to the appropriate regional or national office by **October 15, 2010, 11:59 PM EST**. For more information, visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/cfp.asp>.

**Inter-Action Events** - The Inter-Action Events stream provides funding to community based events that foster one or more of the following: intercultural/interfaith understanding; civic memory and pride; respect for core democratic values. The primary intention is to create concrete opportunities for interaction among cultural and faith communities. Events should be intended for and open to all Canadians. **Applications are considered year round.** Completed applications must be sent both by regular mail and electronically to the appropriate regional or national office. For details on how to apply see: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/events.asp>

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**The Small Business Internship Program (SBIP)** is a collaborative effort of Canadian small businesses, post-secondary institutions and non-government organizations that offers post-secondary students hands-on experience working on e-commerce projects. The program helps small and medium-sized enterprises across Canada improve their productivity and competitiveness by hiring student interns to help with information and communications technology projects.

The Government of Canada has recently announced that it will offer 165 additional internships for post-secondary graduates across Canada through the SBIP for 2010-2011. Funding will be divided between agencies based on the size of the population they serve. **The program provides financial support to qualified SMEs so that they can hire student interns for 12-week periods.** Each intern helps the hiring business adopt ICTs to increase its productivity and competitiveness. The federal government reimburses a participating SME up to 75 percent of its wage and benefit expenses for the internship.

If you are a small business/employer, you may be eligible for this program if your firm is: a Canadian small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) with less than 500 employees; incorporated or a sole proprietorship and for-profit; wishing to enhance your e-business capability; able to contribute 25% of the student wages and related expenses. For more information, please visit [http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sbip-pspe.nsf/eng/h\\_00010.html](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sbip-pspe.nsf/eng/h_00010.html).



**The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) supports community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility, remove barriers, and enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities.**

Funding through the Small Project Component supports activities that will improve the built environment through the renovation, construction and retrofitting of buildings, modification of vehicles for community use and to make information and communication technologies more accessible. All projects funded through this component must create or enhance accessibility for people with disabilities within Canada.

**This Fund provides grants of up to \$75,000 for projects to renovate, construct and retrofit buildings; modify vehicles for community use; and provide accessible information or communication technologies.** Not-for-profit organizations, small municipalities (with a population under 250,000 as per census data), small private-sector organizations (fewer than 50 employees and under \$5 million in gross revenue per year), colleges and universities, territorial governments, and Aboriginal governments can submit proposals until September 10, 2010. The projects must begin before March 31, 2011. However, your project cannot start before you receive notice from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada that your project has been approved for funding.

**For more information, visit the following website: [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability\\_issues/eaf/cfp/small\\_projects/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/cfp/small_projects/index.shtml)**

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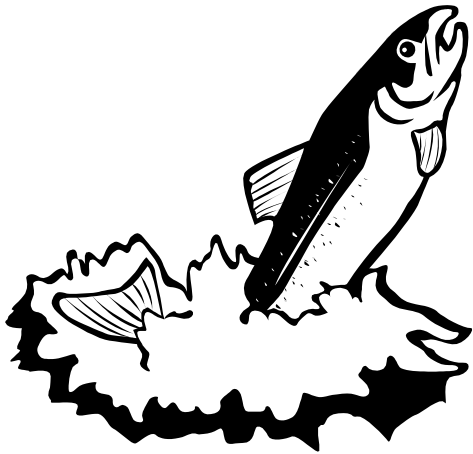
### Forum for Young Canadians

Forum is about one week that may very well change the rest of your life. **It's about giving smart, engaged and opinionated 15 – 19 year olds a chance to recreate parliament for a week. In Ottawa. On the Hill. With other equally ambitious youth.** It's about getting inside—deep inside—Canadian politics and public affairs and seeing what running the country looks like up close. It's about learning how to collaborate and share ideas, then turn them into real community action. Beyond the history books, beyond the news channel and beyond classroom debates, there's a lot to discuss. Your voice can make an impact now. If you have something to say—say it at Forum. Be a Voice.



Selected students are responsible for paying for or raising the funds necessary to cover the costs of attending the Forum. Most transportation costs are covered by Exchanges Canada, a youth exchange program of the Department of Canadian Heritage. The program fee to attend Forum 2010-2011 will be confirmed in Autumn 2010. Please consult the Forum website at [www.forum.ca](http://www.forum.ca) for details. The fee covers program costs, room, board and transportation costs not covered by Exchanges Canada. A limited number of bursaries are available.

**Application forms may be submitted at any time by email, mail and fax, and will be considered if spaces are available. Apply early! Session dates are: Session 01: November 21st to 27th, 2010; Session 02: February 27th to March 4th, 2011; Session 03: March 13th to 18th 2011; Session 04: March 27th to April 1st, 2011.**



## **Pacific Aquaculture Review – Make YOUR voice heard by Sept 5th!**

Finn Donnelly, the Federal NDP Fisheries and Oceans Critic has made a submission in response to the 60 day public comment period regarding the new proposed federal Pacific Aquaculture Regulations under the Fisheries Act, published in the Canadian Gazette Volume 144, No 28 on July 10th, 2010.

He writes: These regulations fail to effectively address the environmental impacts that aquaculture is having on the Pacific fishery and the ocean ecosystem.

Experts believe that west coast aquaculture practices are having a negative effect on wild salmon and the ocean environment. Effluent, parasites, and viruses are permitted to enter the natural system through open net fish farms, which negatively affect wild salmon stocks.

**You can have your say! Check out: <http://alexndp.ca/files/> and learn more at: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/bcr-rcb/index-eng.htm>**

The proposed Pacific Aquaculture Regulations have been posted to the Canada Gazette website for a 60-day public review period as part of the Government of Canada's Canada Gazette Part I prepublication process. This website link includes a DFO contact person for submitting comments and requesting additional background information. The contact is Ed Porter, Team Leader, Regulatory Operations, who can be reached by email at [PAR-RPA@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:PAR-RPA@dfo-mpo.gc.ca), or mail at the following address:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Aquaculture Management Directorate  
200 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0E6

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**Are you working toward a career in the environment that will benefit Pacific salmon in the wild?** The Pacific Salmon Institute annually awards two non-repayable bursaries of \$2,000. each to BC Students who are active volunteers in the aquatic stewardship community, demonstrate financial need, and are registered full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) in at least the second year of an education or training program that supports their goal of a career in salmon conservation. The application form can be found online at [www.psf.ca/bursary](http://www.psf.ca/bursary). Completed application packages must be submitted between September 1 and October 30 and can be sent to:

Pacific Salmon Foundation - Stewardship Community Bursary  
#300 - 1682 West 7th Avenue - Vancouver, BC V6J 4S6





## SFPIRG Action Research eXchange - put the world of academia to work for you!

Are you a local non-profit or grassroots community organization with no time or money for research? ARX facilitates connections between community organizations that need research but have limited resources, and SFU students who can take on that research for course credit. A Simon Fraser University student can help make your social or environmental project a reality.

Submit proposals online through [www.sfpirg.ca/arx/apply](http://www.sfpirg.ca/arx/apply). Priority will be given to the following topics: human rights, seniors' issues, queer studies, disability, labour, international solidarity, education, ethnicity/race studies, indigeneous rights, housing, child and youth.

Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) is a student funded and directed resource centre at SFU. Contact SFPIRG at 778-782-4360, email: [arx@sfpirg.ca](mailto:arx@sfpirg.ca), website: [www.sfpirg.ca/arx](http://www.sfpirg.ca/arx).

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**Monarch House Autism Centre would like to invite FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY to join our Parent Support Group.** This group is for families who have been impacted by a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It will be a place for parents to discuss topics, share information and develop supporting relationships. **It is held on the last Wednesday of every month 6:30-8:00. You do not have to be a client of Monarch House to attend.**



**Every Friday night, from 6:30-8:00, Monarch House hosts a variety of activities for families in the community.** The night is a place for families to interact with others in the community in a fun, and safe way. Activities vary from movie nights, bbqs, jumpy castles, to scavenger hunts AND MUCH MORE. Please visit our Facebook page to see what is happening this Friday night or contact Megen at 604-205-9204. You do not have to be a client of Monarch House to attend.

**Fall Social Skill groups are filling up fast.** These groups focus on developing understanding feelings, perspectives, conversation skills, and appropriate behaviour. For more information please contact Megen at 604-205-9204, or visit us at [www.monarchhouse.ca](http://www.monarchhouse.ca)

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## Upcoming for Seniors



**Celebrate Grandparents' Day!** Enjoy a story time for Grandparents and Grandchildren and learn about online library resources for kids and caregivers ([www.bpl.bc.ca/kids](http://www.bpl.bc.ca/kids)) and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren. **Join us for a celebration of grandparents on Monday, September 13 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch of the Burnaby Public Library, 6100 Willingdon Avenue.** Drop-in, no registration required. Co-sponsored with Parent Support Services Society of BC. For more information, please call 604-436-5420.



**BURNABY SENIORS  
OUTREACH SERVICES SOCIETY**

*Seniors Helping Seniors*

### **Burnaby Senior's Outreach Services Society Upcoming Events**

The services of Burnaby Seniors Outreach Services Society (BSOSS) continue to be available to you or someone you care about in the Burnaby community. We offer free confidential support and assistance to seniors experiencing difficulties facing loneliness, problems with accommodations, emotional difficulties, abuse and other life challenges. Our trained Peer Counsellors are available to offer understanding and emotional support. The telephone number is 604-291-2258.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – the Burnaby Seniors Outreach Services Society announces the 2010 Reconnections series – beginning Friday, October 1 and running every Friday morning 10:00 am to noon until November 19. If you would like to know more about this programme, please phone BSOSS at 604-291-2258 or email us at [bsoss@telus.net](mailto:bsoss@telus.net).**



**Health Alert**, Mondays at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby and Health Watch, Thursdays at Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby. Drop-in each week for blood pressure and weight monitoring, health, nutrition, and housing information and other services. Support from retired nurses, pharmacists and knowledgeable, trained volunteers can help you practice a healthy lifestyle. Weekly speakers keep you abreast of the latest health trends.

**Edmonds Community Centre Health Watch presentations for September 2010:** Sept 2, "Parkinson's Disease"; Sept 9, "Foot clinic (make appointment)"; Sept 16, "Alzheimer's Disease"; Sept 23, "Denture care and oral hygiene"; Sept 30, "Let's travel to....Africa!". **Bonsor Community Centre Health Watch presentations for September 2010:** Sept 13, "Foot care (make appointment)"; Sept 20, "Alzheimer's Disease"; Sept 27, "Denture care and oral hygiene".



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