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Annual Report: Fiscal Responsibility “Starts at Home”

Each year, my annual report to you includes a page devoted to my operating budget for the most recent fiscal year. This year, I thought I’d explain what this financial report is all about.

How much does the House of Commons cost Canadians?

Each year, it costs an astonishing \$561 million to run Parliament Hill. Of that, nearly \$48,581,148 goes to pay for the salaries of Canada’s 308 MPs, and a further \$66,980,994 pays for 308 Members’ Office Budgets (“MOBs” as they are referred to in Ottawa),

Why this Financial Expense Report is always a year behind.

The House of Commons operates on the same fiscal year (starting April 1, ending March 31) as the Government of Canada. This means that by the time you read this report, Fiscal Year 2011/12 will almost be over—and yet, this report contains information on Fiscal Year 2010/11, which ended nearly a year ago. The reason for this delay is that it takes a few months to compile the budget information on individual MPs, and the comparative information on all MPs does not be-

come public until near the end of the calendar year.

In Last Place—and happy to be there!

Within their global MOB budgets, MPs are free to allocate funds as they see fit. I’ve made the decision to put more money into certain areas than do most MPs (for example, more for staff), and a whole lot less on some other expenses. The most obvious area where I’ve avoided spending money is on advertising. Last year, the average MP spent \$15,464.33 on advertising. I ran some ads in local papers (for example, I ran ads following the election, as I always do, to remind folks of the contact information for my three constituency offices). But I paid for these expenses out of my own pocket. Likewise, I paid out-of-pocket for all hospitality. As a result, I spent \$0 for advertising and \$0 for hospitality. This put me in last place among MPs in this category—since you can’t spend less than nothing.

Lowest travel expenses in Canada.

I also ran up the lowest travel expenses of any MP in the country. The main reason for

this is that my home is close enough to Parliament Hill for me to commute. But, like all MPs, I do sometimes travel on business. When I do, my staff and I are fanatical about keeping the costs as low as possible. I always travel economy class, and frequently adjust my flight times to allow me to get on a lower-cost flight. I try to stay in modest accommodations when on government business, and when I can, I use the train. The result is that for the past three years, my travel expenses have been in the bottom two among all of Canada MPs, and in 2010/2011 I was 308th out of 308.

The Bottom Line: Being as Frugal as Reasonably Possible.

I don’t think there’s anything heroic about saving the taxpayer’s money. The fact that I’m able to keep my expenses lower than most is in part good luck—It doesn’t cost as much for an MP from so close to Ottawa to travel, compared to one from Nova Scotia, Nunavut, or British Columbia. And in part it’s a question of developing the kinds of practical good habits that most of us have in our personal lives, when we’re dealing with our own money.

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Annual Report to Constituents

Fiscal Year 2010/11

Dear Constituent,

Each year I send you an Annual Report so you can evaluate how I’m doing as your representative in Ottawa.

My expenses were among the overall lowest in Canada last year. In three categories—Advertising, Hospitality, and travel, my office expenses were the lowest nationwide.

I want to elaborate on how this is possible, and what I’ve done to try and make sure as far as my office goes—tax dollars are treated with respect.

I hope you find this update informative. And please feel free to get in touch with me if you have anything you’d like to discuss!

Sincerely,

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Around the Riding:
Here are just a few of the places I visited
during FY 2010/11.

Scott Reid



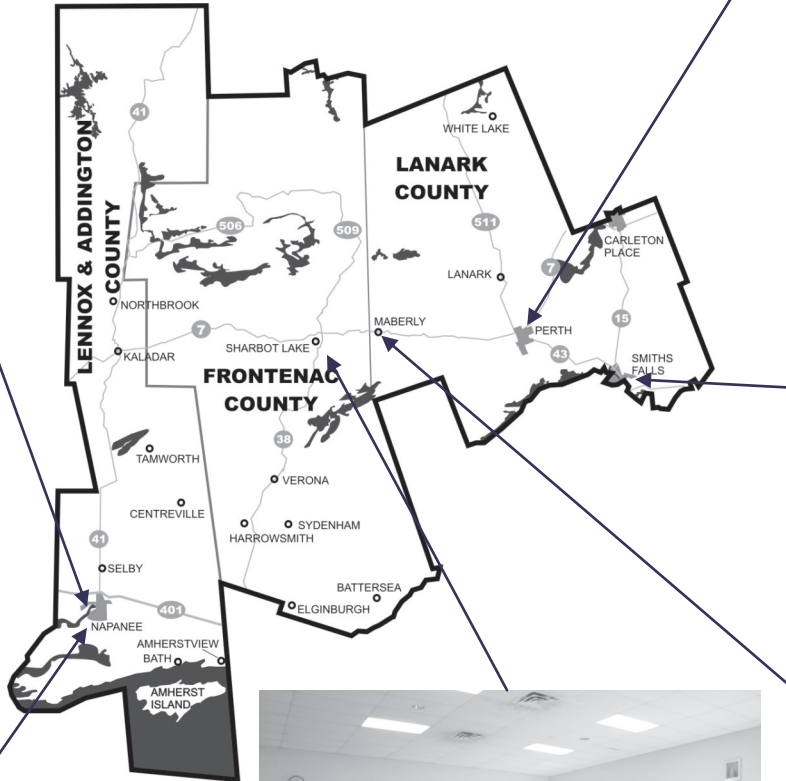
NAPANEE

Visiting *Coffee Cravings* on John Street



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Highway 2 Cleanup with the Civitan Club



PERTH

Announced support for the historic canal.



SMITHS FALLS

Handing out candy at the Christmas Parade.



MABERLY

Fire Hall Groundbreaking



SHARBOT LAKE

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Annual Report: Financial Report

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

This report outlines the money spent by the office of Scott Reid during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011. As well, it compares the total to the average for all MP offices for the same fiscal year.

"Member's Office Budget" plus goods & services provided by the House of Commons	MP Average (2010/11)	Scott Reid (2010/11)
Staff Salaries and Service Contracts	\$217,470.76	\$254,833.61
Travel	\$106,036.42	\$2,439.96
Hospitality and Events	\$4,243.37	\$0
Advertising	\$15,464.33	\$0
Printing	\$31,273.65	\$46,401.48
Office Leases	\$28,154.63	\$32,979.05
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$7,109.93	\$3,884.93
Telecommunication Services	\$12,936.92	\$16,268.51
Office Materials, Repairs, Services and Training	\$10,247.89	\$10,867.65
Total Spending	\$432,937.90	\$367,675.19

Annual Survey:

- ☐ **YES!** Scott Reid is doing a good job of representing me.
- ☐ **NO!** Scott Reid is NOT doing a good job of representing me.

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