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**1. LACK OF TIME:** On many votes, there simply is not enough time to conduct a Constituency Referendum. To conduct a vote, I have to design a referendum ballot, get it printed and mailed out, and leave enough time for voters to consider the issue and mail back their ballots. The entire process takes at least six weeks. So that rules out Constituency Referenda on a large number of issues.

**2. LACK OF PUBLIC INTEREST:** Some issues are of only marginal interest to many voters. One of my first Constituency Referenda, back in 2001, was on a bill that was attracting relatively little public attention. The result was that a very low number of ballots were mailed back to me. If a small enough number of voters participate, I can't really be sure that the small sample size accurately reflects the views of my constituents.

3. In a Westminster-style parliament like ours, money votes such as the budget ought to be decided along partisan lines.

*Cut Along this Line*

Let's look at a real-life example of how this works. In 1993, Jean Chrétien's Liberals were elected on a platform that included, among other things, a promise to scrap the goods and services tax (the GST). Immediately upon winning office, Chrétien reneged on this promise. One Liberal MP, John Nunziata, therefore voted against the budget. In consequence, Nunziata was thrown out of the Liberal caucus. He then sat as an independent MP, and successfully sought reelection as an Independent in 1997.

Since a very high percentage of the hundreds of votes that take place every year in the Commons fit in this category, it should come as no surprise that a large percentage of each MP's votes will be based solely on his or her party affiliation.

Sincerely,

Scott Reid, MP  
Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston

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Around the Riding:  
Some activities I've attended around our constituency.  
— Scott R.

*Scott R.*



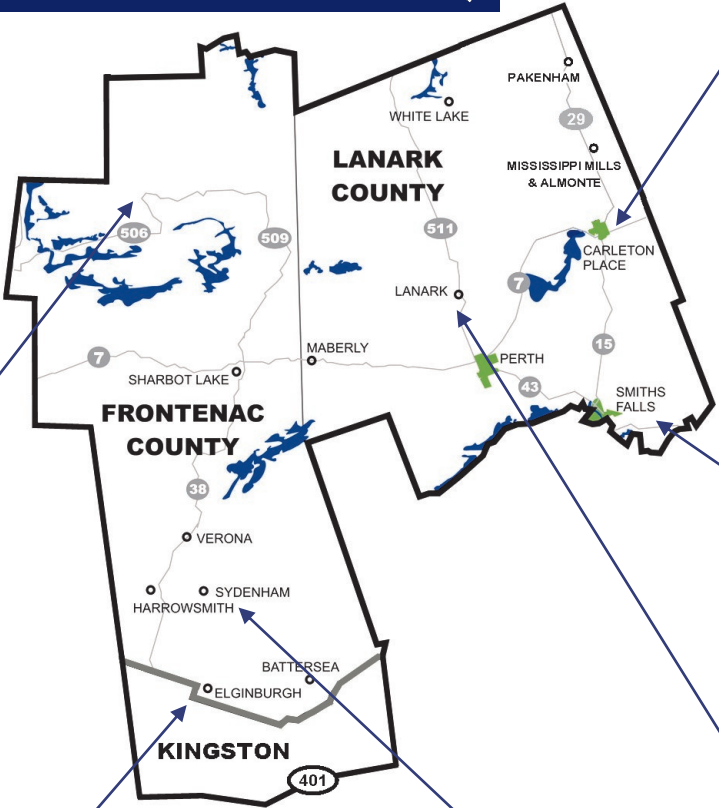
**PLEVNA**  
North Frontenac Municipal Complex Open House



**ELGINBURGH**  
Frontenac Federation of Agriculture AGM



**SYDENHAM**  
South Frontenac Community Services BBQ



**CARLETON PLACE**  
People First Bunny Run



**SMITHS FALLS**  
Delivering an AED to Station Theater



**LANARK**  
Christmas baskets at St. Andrew's Church

# Annual Report: Financial Report

## OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MOST RECENTLY-PUBLISHED FISCAL YEAR

This report outlines the money spent by the office of Scott Reid during the most recently-published fiscal year (ending March 31, 2018). It compares Scott's total to the average expenses of all MPs, and provides Scott's ranking amongst all 338 MPs.

"Member's Office Budget" plus goods & services provided by the House of Commons	MP Average 338 MPs (2017/18)	Scott Reid (2017/18)	Scott's Ranking (out of 338)*
Staff Salaries and Service Contracts	\$263,627.83	<b>\$313,309.49</b>	23rd
Travel & Residence Allowances (incl. housing allowances, per diems, MP & staff travel)	\$69,039.94	<b>\$0</b>	338th
Hospitality, Gifts, and Events	\$5,725.20	<b>\$3,716.63</b>	227th
Advertising	\$19,560.78	<b>\$0</b>	338th
Printing	\$17,686.73	<b>\$6,608.33</b>	311th
Office Leases	\$34,032.32	<b>\$30,099.11</b>	205th
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$3,020.75	<b>\$5,836.41</b>	38th
Telecommunication Services	\$14,768.65	<b>\$18,889.53</b>	46th
Materials, Repairs, Postage, Training	\$9,408.86	<b>\$2,110.15</b>	333rd
Total Spending	\$436,871.03	<b>\$380,569.65</b>	302nd

\* A small number of MPs resigned or were elected in by-elections. Figures for those seats are pro-rated to a full year. 1st is highest spend; 338th is lowest.

For a more detailed breakdown of my expenses, visit the Parliamentary website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/membersexpenses>.

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