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Hello, St. Martins!

I am very pleased to bring you an update on the things I have been working on in your corner of Fundy Royal. Economic development continues to be my top priority for your area. Investing in the wonderful attractions of St. Martins will help achieve this goal. The preservation and repair of small craft harbours and the completion of the Fundy Trail are both pivotal to economic development.

We need to prepare for this future economic development by ensuring connectivity to rural areas like St. Martins. I continue to work with stakeholders and all levels of government to enhance the broadband internet in the area and ensure that the connectivity tools are in place for St. Martins to fully take advantage of increased tourism traffic.

I am also eager to continue the Budget 2017 Pre-Budget Consultation process. I am committed to listening to your ideas and receiving your feedback. I held two public town hall sessions on November 7 & 9 in Quispamsis and Riverview and received great feedback and ideas on how to shape Budget 2017. If you didn't have a chance to attend, you can still submit your feedback at <http://canada.ca/budget-2017>.

This newsletter will elaborate on some of the progress made on our priorities. My staff and I are committed to diligently working on improving the lives of everyone in our communities. I truly look forward to sharing more of these successes with you in the future.

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Fundy Trail Update

I continue to focus on the completion of the connecting roads to the Fundy Trail Parkway as a priority and am encouraged by the support from all levels of government. We saw record numbers of tourists in the area this summer and tourist operators are very excited to develop more infrastructure to support the industry and to ensure that we keep tourists here in Fundy Royal for a few more days with each visit.

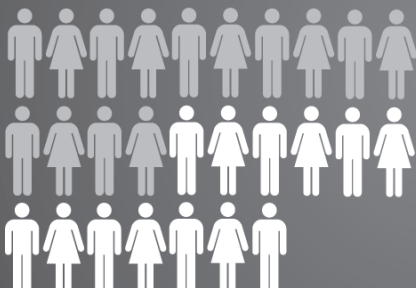
I understand the value of completing these connector roads and have been very encouraged by the will of government to see this amazing project optimized for tourists. I look forward to having good news to deliver in the near future.



Canada Summer Jobs Program

Fundy Royal

138
student jobs
in 2015



270
student jobs
in 2016

St. Martins

6
student jobs
in 2015



13
student jobs
in 2016

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Prince Victor Figurehead

I'd like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Quaco Historical & Library Society on the acquisition of the Prince Victor Figurehead that is now home where he belongs.

I know first-hand how hard the organization has worked to see this dream become a reality. They have all put a great deal of work into bringing this historic piece home and in turn have all made this such an exciting heritage opportunity for the Village of St. Martins.

Welcome home, Prince Victor!



Chamber of Commerce • *The Grand Seduction*



I had the pleasure of speaking to the St. Martins Chamber of Commerce about *The Grand Seduction*, the idea of strengthening our communities by working together to attract and retain newcomers in Atlantic Canada, and my Private Member's Motion requesting that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be instructed to undertake a study on immigration to Atlantic Canada.

The shrinking population in Atlantic Canada has been identified as the most pressing concern for the future of the region.

As I spent time in the communities of beautiful Fundy Royal this summer, I often heard of hardship finding enough employees in the tourism, transportation, and manufacturing industries. Community leaders also expressed concerns about the shrinking numbers in schools and the difficulties facing local businesses.

Small Craft Harbours Announcement



I was at the Quaco Museum in St. Martins recently to share details on the Government of Canada's plan to improve small craft harbours in both St. Martins and Alma.

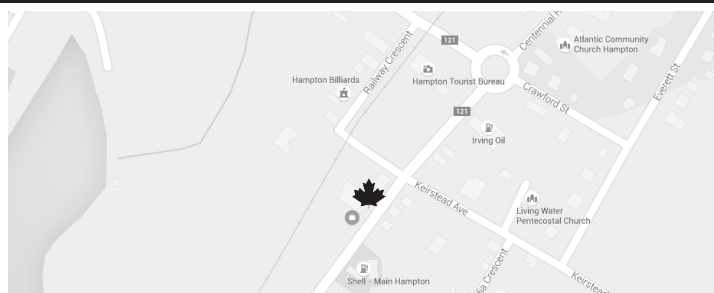
The mandate of the federal Small Craft Harbours Program is to keep harbours critical to the commercial fishing industry open and in good repair.

Small craft harbours play an important role in providing coastal communities and the commercial fishing industry with safe and accessible facilities. With more than 76,000 Canadians employed in this sector, the Government of Canada is making investments that will continue to support the growth of this industry and provide economic opportunities for middle-class Canadians.

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