

# HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, CANADA!



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## Launching the **Canada 150** Constituency Award *"Service to Country and Community"*

Every Member of Parliament in the country has received twenty very special Canada 150 pins made from the copper of the roof of the Parliament of Canada. These pins can be awarded by each Member of Parliament in whatever way she or he decides.

In order to celebrate extraordinary service to country and/or community by constituents in Hastings—Lennox and Addington, I am setting up an independent panel of five judges who will decide on the recipients of these pins, based on a call for nominations. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in September.

### How to Nominate Someone:

The nomination can come from an individual or an organization like a Legion, service club, community organization, school, business, etc. The nomination form is available for download at [www.mikebossiomp.ca](http://www.mikebossiomp.ca) or can be obtained by visiting the office (or satellite offices) of Mike Bossio MP.

### Nomination Criteria:

The award is for "service to country and/or

community". Within this overarching criterion, nominees may have individual criteria including but not limited to any one or more of the following (in alphabetical order):

- Entrepreneurialism
- Environmental Stewardship
- Heroism
- Leadership
- Service
- Work toward combatting poverty
- Work toward ending discrimination
- Work toward gender equality
- Work toward Indigenous Reconciliation
- Work toward rural community sustainability

### Nominee Conditions:

Nominees must be Canadian citizens whose main address is within the boundaries of the electoral district of Hastings—Lennox and Addington. There are no age restrictions. The five judges are asked to have regard to gender balance, diversity, and regional representation in the awarding of the pins.



### Timelines:

- 1 June—Nominations Open
- 25 August—Nominations Close
- 12 September—Award Ceremony

### Independent Panel of 5 Judges:

(alphabetical by last name)

- Ms. Suzanne Brant, President of the First Nations Technical Institute
- Mr. Patrick Johnston, Member of the Order of Canada
- Master Corporal Jarod Preston, Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment
- Ambassador John Schram, Retired Canadian Ambassador
- Ms. Mary Lou Sonneveld, Director on the Napane District Community Foundation



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## Check out the Passport 2017 app!

You can stay up-to-date on all things Canada 150 with Passport 2017. Find local events and celebrations in your area, from music festivals to lobster suppers to 360-degree film screenings. It's the best way to experience Canada 150, no matter where you live.

Go to [www.passport2017.ca](http://www.passport2017.ca) to learn more about this free app.

# Federal Support for Small Business



**Canada Business Network** promotes entrepreneurship and innovation, and provides assistance. Web: [www.canadabusiness.ca](http://www.canadabusiness.ca)  
Phone: 1-888-576-4444

**BizPaL** is an online service that provides information about business permits, licences and other requirements, from all levels of government, needed to establish, operate and grow a business. Web: search "Bizpal" Phone: 1-888-576-4444

**Canada Small Business Financing Program** helps small businesses obtain term loans of up to \$350,000 to finance equipment and leasehold improvements and up to \$1 million for real property. Web: [www.canada.ca/csbfp](http://www.canada.ca/csbfp) Phone: 1-866-959-1699

**Business Development Bank of Canada** supports entrepreneurship by providing financial support and non-financial support, including consulting services.

Note that the BDC has ear-marked \$700M for loans specifically for women entrepreneurs. Web: [www.bdc.ca/](http://www.bdc.ca/) Phone: 1-877-232-2269

**FedDev** (which includes CFDCs) helps create and grow businesses, cultivate partnerships and build strong and innovate communities through targeted business development programs. Web: [www.feddevontario.gc.ca/](http://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/)

**National Research Council** provides a range of technical and business-oriented advisory services, as well as necessary financial support, to help the development and commercialization of innovative, technology-driven new or improved products, services, or processes in Canada. Web: <http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/> Phone: 1-877-994-4727

**Sustainable Development Technology Canada** provides funding and coaching to entrepreneurs to

help them develop and bring ground-breaking clean technologies to market. Web: <https://www.sdte.ca/>  
Phone: 613-234-6313

**Selling to the Government of Canada:** supports Canadian businesses by providing information, tools and help to complete the tasks related to selling to the Government of Canada such as understanding how to sell to the government, registering the business, or finding seminars on doing business with the government. Web: [www.buyandsell.gc.ca/](http://www.buyandsell.gc.ca/)  
Phone: 1-800-811-1148

**Export Development Canada** supports and develops Canada's export trade by helping Canadian companies respond to international business opportunities. Web: [www.edc.ca/](http://www.edc.ca/) Phone: 1-800-229-0575

**CanExport** provides financial support for export marketing activities. Web: [www.international.gc.ca/canexport/](http://www.international.gc.ca/canexport/) Phone: 1-866-203-2454

**Canadian Trade Commissioner Service** provides Canadian businesses with on-the-ground intelligence, qualified contacts, partnership opportunities and practical advice on foreign markets to help them achieve their goals abroad. Web: [www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/](http://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/)  
Phone: 1-888-306-9991

**Accelerated Growth Service** supports the growth of high-potential firms through client-centric, coordinated service delivery. Phone: 343-291-3330

## You're Invited! Summer Corn Roast



I will be holding a non-partisan, MP corn roast this summer that is open to the public! I hope that you'll be able to make it. We'll have hot dogs, soft drinks, and corn on the cob to hand out while supplies last. We'll also have some live music! It's an informal family-oriented opportunity for you to come and meet with me as your MP, have a chat, and have some fun with your community members! No RSVP or tickets necessary.

**Date:** Saturday, 12 August 2017

**Rain Date:** Sunday, 13 August 2017

**Time:** 11:30am to 2:30pm

**Location:** Tweed Kiwanis Pavilion, Victoria Street South, Tweed

*Keep an eye on my social media and website if we change to the rain date. I'll also try to get it on the radio!*

## ARE YOU A VETERAN ?

**Are you a Veteran who received the Disability Award for a service related illness or injury?**

Our Government recently increased this Award to a maximum of \$360,000, retroactively, and all recipients are eligible. Through this increase, we will be paying **\$700 million to Veterans.**

**19,000 Veterans** still have not received their payment.

**Why?:** Their banking information or address are not up to date with Veterans Affairs Canada.

Make sure Veterans Affairs Canada has your current information so that you can get yours!

**Call 1-866-522-2122**

**or visit**

**[www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/e\\_services](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/e_services)**



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF

# CANADA

1. What is PEI's official bird?
2. What colour is Iqaluit Airport so that it's easy to see even in the snow?
3. What do Rick Mercer and Shaun Majumder have in common?
4. Nova Scotia is home to North America's oldest surviving lighthouse. What is its name?
5. New Brunswick produces one third of the world's supply of this food.
6. In 1875, what indoor sports event was recorded for the first time in Montreal?
7. These famous falls are known around the world.
8. What black bear cub, named after a Winnipeg soldier's hometown, became the inspiration for a famous children's story?
9. What is the official sport of Saskatchewan?
10. Which Alberta town has one of the world's largest collections of complete dinosaur skeletons?
11. Victoria has more of these per capita than anywhere else in Canada.
12. How many official languages are there in the Northwest Territories?
13. What animal outnumbered people in the Yukon?
14. What are the three oceans that make up Canada's coasts?

1. The blue Jay
2. Yellow
3. They both grew up in Newfoundland
4. Sambro Island Lighthouse
5. French fries
6. Hockey Game
7. Niagara Falls
8. Winnie-the-Pooh
9. Curling
10. Drumheller
11. Cyclists
12. Eleven
13. Moose
14. Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic Oceans

## Canada 150

To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, I've changed the newsletter from our usual green to red! Green will return!

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canadians will celebrate something special: Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! Canadians will be celebrating from Maynooth to Amherst Island, and from Kaladar to Madoc to Marmora, and all parts in between.

As we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, OUR day, we celebrate our many past accomplishments, our shared moments, the events that shaped us, and the ties that bind us. In Canada, we know that diversity is our strength, and we know – in our own uniquely Canadian way – that better is always possible.

There is another important milestone that we are celebrating this year: the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Charter is a statement that unifies Canadians around a set of principles. It embodies those rights we hold most dear in a free and democratic society, including freedom of expression, freedom of religion, equal protection under the law, and the right to use either of Canada's official languages. Like any living thing, our Charter breathes, grows and adapts. We will continue to grow as a country and we are made stronger by our respect for human rights, at home and abroad.

This Canada Day, let's celebrate how far we have come together and how far we can still go as a country. Together we will continue to strengthen our communities, share our stories, and welcome new Canadians with stories of their own.



### Your opinion means a lot to me.

Send your postage-free letters on any topic important to you to:

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