



Swearing in ceremony Oct. 24th 2013 at Province House

MLA
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Timberlea - Prospect

On Oct. 8th 2013 Nova Scotians went to the polls and elected a new Liberal government. I am pleased to have been elected as your Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Timberlea – Prospect and I look forward to serving you.

My colleagues and I were sworn into office on Thursday 24th October 2013 at Province House.

Once sworn in, I began the search for a convenient, affordable and accessible Constituency Office and staff to run it.

Suitable office space was found in Beechville, and a Constituency Assistant (Barb Allen) started work at the end of October 2013.

The Constituency Office is located at:

1268 St. Margarets Bay Road in Beechville, between Pope Construction and the Automotive Services approx. 1km past the Bayers Lake Park entrance. The Constituency Office is fully accessible and residents are welcome to drop by or call **902-404-7036** for an appointment. We will also be glad to arrange a more convenient meeting location to for you if you so choose.



I was very proud to represent Nova Scotia as part of Canadian Branch of the "Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie" (APF) at the Bilateral Meetings and XXVIth Europe Regional Assembly held in Chisinau, Moldova from Nov. 17th through to Nov. 22nd 2013, standing in for The Honourable Michel Samson.



Representing NS Chisinau, Moldova

The Nova Scotia Legislature sat from November 28th until December 12th 2013. I made my address in reply to the speech from the Throne on December 2nd 2013, in which I highlighted the many unique areas of the Timberlea Prospect riding and acknowledged some of the amazing volunteers who call this riding home. To see the video of my speech,

which was given including sections in French and Gaelic, please visit:

[youtube.com/watch?v=hlwQ9xreq_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlwQ9xreq_Y)

In addition to my constituency responsibilities I also sit on the following standing committees.

Vice Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and a member of the Human Resources and Private & Local Bills Committees.

My Constituency Office has handled numerous calls and Emails from residents since opening its doors. Many people in the local area have been heavily involved in the public consultations held by HRM around proposed changes to the Solid Waste Strategy and in particular the proposed changes to the Otter Lake facility.



Touring Otter Lake Facility. Nov. 2013

I have been active on this issue and as a former board member of the Community Monitoring Committee and your Provincial representative, I initiated tours of the Otter Lake facility for Premier McNeil, MP Geoff Regan, fellow MLA Ben Jessome and Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Randy Delorey, in an effort to raise the profile of this issue and seek solutions that maintain the integrity and environmental safeguard that residents of the Otter Lake host communities hold dear. I will continue to lobby for keeping the FEP and WSP facilities on behalf of the constituents in the Timberlea - Prospect riding.



Snow fell early this winter, hitting us all by surprise. As a new MLA my Constituency office heard from many residents that snow removal was not meeting standards. The weather conditions in November and December were such, snow followed by heavy rain and plummeting temperatures, which presented unique challenges for crews. We are pleased to report that as a result of the initial storm better lines of communications have been opened with TIR and all elected politicians that serve the community, to ensure that standards are upheld and homeowners get responsive service. For those of you that use social media we have found that Facebook pages of Homeowner Associations and groups are a great vehicle for effective communications.

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Serving Christmas dinner to more than 200 seniors at the Whites Lake Legion with help from the Prospect Road Lions

The Christmas holiday period was a busy time. I attended many events of community groups and organizations including tree lightings, seniors' dinners, Carol singing services and Christmas parties.

Our community is truly blessed with our many volunteer organizations, Faith groups, and Homeowner Associations and the like, quietly working to make our communities better. I am keen to support the many active organizations in Timberlea - Prospect and I welcome invitations to attend your meetings and events in the months and years to come.



Tree lighting at the Prospect Road Community Centre

Do you know someone who has a special celebration coming up?

The Protocol Office coordinates and administers the Premier's Congratulatory Message Service. Official greetings from the Premier are sent to Nova Scotians across the province each year to commemorate significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Be sure to apply 6 weeks before the event Call the Constituency office to request a certificate or visit

novascotia.ca/iga/cmss

Email - info@iainrankin.ca

The Good Neighbour Energy Fund is now accepting applications to assist low income Nova Scotians with home heating during the winter months. The criteria to receive the fund is as follows:

1. The low income household must be located in NS
2. Household is in an emergency home heating situation.
3. Household members have not received the fund in the last 36 months.
4. Household must complete & submit an application providing all requested documentation.

Applications for the Good Neighbour Energy Fund can be found by visiting:

salvationarmy.ca/maritime/gnef/

