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## Getting Things Done

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### COMMUNITY UPDATE: THIS WEEK

I hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and safe Thanksgiving weekend. I celebrated with my family on Monday evening at Chances 'R' Restaurant in College Square.

This month began with a new Youtube internet sensation: Prime Minister Stephen Harper and internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma performing the Beatles hit *With a Little Help From My Friends* last weekend at the annual National Art Centre Gala. I had the honour of attending this year's gala with Mrs. Laureen Harper.



Photo credit: Sean Kilpatrick, Canadian Press



### Islamic History Month Reception

October is officially Islamic History Month in Canada. Recently, I had the privilege of attending an event and addressing the organizing board, which includes public figures, academics, inter-faith activists and community leaders.

### Ottawa Christian School Fundraiser

Last week, I also visited the Ottawa Christian School. Principal Paul Triemstra made a deal with students that if over \$54,000 could be raised at the school's annual walkathon, he would set-up his office on the roof of the school and work there for the day.



Congratulations to the staff and students of the Ottawa Christian School who *raised the roof*...or should I say, raised the principal's office to the roof!



### Sukkot on the Hill

On Tuesday, I attended *Sukkot on the Hill* with Parliamentarians and leaders in the Jewish Community. Sukkot is one of three biblical pilgrim festivals in the Jewish faith.

### ALGONQUIN COLLEGE GROUNDBREAKING!

This project has been at the top of my list as Algonquin's local Member of Parliament. Through the Federal Government's \$35 million contribution to Algonquin's new Skilled Trades and Construction Sciences Centre, we are putting more trades people to work to help create jobs and stimulate our local economy right here in the City of Ottawa.



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#### *Bert's Grand Opening at Scotiabank Place*

It's coming, and there is no escaping it. Another frosty winter is about to hit the Nation's Capital. That's why I was happy to participate in the grand opening of Bert's island-themed restaurant last week at Scotiabank Place. While nothing says winter like freezing temperatures and a Sens games, Ottawa can now warm-up and have a taste of Barbados—literally—at Bert's. Congratulations and best of luck with your new business!

#### *Tamil Roundtable with Minister Bev Oda in Ottawa West-Nepean*

Last week, I brought together members of Ottawa's Tamil community and the Honourable Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, together for a roundtable discussion on Canada's position and policies towards Sri Lanka. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was a very productive and well-received discussion.

#### *OCRI Roundtable on Technology*

Recently, I participated in OCRI's Roundtable on Technology and Innovation in the City of Ottawa. This discussion brought together all three levels of Government, OCRI, local business owners including Rod Bryden, and educational leaders in our community from Algonquin College, Carleton University, the University of Ottawa and La Cité Collegial.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Next week the House of Commons is back in session
- Press Gallery Dinner
- Diwali on Saturday, October 17
- Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety

#### **CAN I HELP YOU?**

Do you have a question or issue that you think I can help you with? Please give my constituency office a call at **613-990-7720**, or visit my online office at [www.johnbaird.com](http://www.johnbaird.com)

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