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DENNIS MILLS, M.P.



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# SAVE OUR Waterfront

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*"I made one promise in 1988 and I am making the same promise today. I will work my heart out for you."*

*- Dennis Mills*

"Certainly, gentlemen, it ought to be the happiness and glory of a representative to live in the strictest union, the closest correspondence, and the most unreserved communication with his constituents. Their wishes ought to have great weight with him; their opinion high respect; their business unremitted attention. It is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions, to theirs; and, above all, ever, and in all cases, to prefer their interest to his own. But his unbiased opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you, to any man, or to any set of men living. These he does not derive from your pleasure - no, nor from the law and the Constitution. They are trust from Providence, for the abuse of which he is deeply answerable. Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

*- Edmund Burke on the role of the Member of Parliament*

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# 16 YEARS OF MAKING THINGS HAPPEN



### WORLD YOUTH DAY

I was honoured to be the Government of Canada's National Representative for World Youth Day. Young people from around the world set out from their native countries to receive the Pope's message of peace at Downsview Park in Toronto. For many, it was a moving spiritual event marked by the Papal rally and weekend Mass.

Over 1 million people from 100 different countries attended the World Youth Day Celebration in July 2002. This was Canada's largest ever gathering.

### MOLSON CANADIAN ROCKS TORONTO

In July 2003, The Rolling Stones and many other artists came to Toronto and headlined the largest paid concert in history. More than 495,000 people attended the concert and many enjoyed our hotels, restaurants and stores. World wide news coverage of the event carried the message that SARS was behind us and Toronto was back in business.



Thank you to Toronto's Michael Kohl and The Rolling Stones for interrupting their European tour to come in July 2003 to help Toronto's economy recover from SARS.



The Toronto-Danforth Liberal Association sponsored the Toronto School of Circus Arts in August 2003 at the Taste of the Danforth.

### FAMILY FARM TRIBUTE (I, II, & III)

These events were aimed at recognizing the importance of food security, the work of our Canadian farmers and the need for all Canadians to support this work. The Family Farm Tribute took place on January 19, 2001 at the Air Canada Centre - 18,000 Torontonians attended. Prior to the concert the government announced 500 million dollars in new funding for Canadian farmers. Two more successful events followed in 2002 and 2003. For more information please visit: [www.familyfarmtribute.com](http://www.familyfarmtribute.com)



### BUILDING ON GREEN FOOTSTEPS – AN ACTION PLAN FOR OUR WATERFRONT

Prime Minister Paul Martin asked me for a plan of action for Toronto's waterfront. At the end of February 2004, my team and I submitted a plan with over 30 recommendations to the Prime Minister. The recommendations included: affordable housing, a United Nations University for Peace, an Arctic Ocean Aquarium, more green space, sporting facilities and more. To see the recommendations in full detail please visit: [www.greenfootsteps.ca](http://www.greenfootsteps.ca)



### Key House of Commons votes by Dennis on behalf of constituents

**YES** vote for the Kyoto Accord  
**YES** vote for the Clarity Bill  
**NO** vote to participation in the war in Iraq

### DID YOU KNOW...

- The Government of Canada invests \$22.5 billion in the G.T.A annually.
- Prime Minister Martin has publicly endorsed my Waterfront Action Plan.
- The Government has produced 6 consecutive surpluses and balanced the books to ensure there is additional money for health care and the environment.
- \$4 million has been invested in our community for people in need in each of the past 16 years by Human Resources Development Canada.
- Since 2002, the Canadian economy has created 612,000 new jobs - two thirds being full-time positions.
- The elimination of the \$42 billion deficit continues to save Canadians \$115 million per day.
- Our team created 6 householders which highlighted the importance and needs of our seniors.
- I won the 1998 Now Magazine Reader's Poll Award for Best Local MP.
- The 2000 Budget allocated \$900 million to attract and retain the best researchers in health, natural sciences, technology, social sciences and humanities. 2000 Canada Research Chairs will be established by 2004-2005.
- In 2001-2002, the Government of Canada provided \$5.2 billion through the base benefit of the Canada Child Tax Benefit to 3.2 million families with 5.8 million children, or approximately 82% of Canadian families with children.



## BE INFLUENTIAL!

These accomplishments would not have been possible without your help.

If you are driven by causes, come and get involved!

*Dennis Mills*



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*"Where the voters sense sincerity and a platform based on principle, that's where they'll put their trust."*

- Dennis Mills



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IMPACT

## FROM DEBT TO DEDICATION – A PLAN TO ELIMINATE STUDENT DEBT

The rising cost of education is an additional challenge to students pursuing post-secondary education. Our team has developed an innovative policy plan that would provide students with both work experience in government and a means of helping to reduce their debt. For more information visit our website: [www.dennismills.com](http://www.dennismills.com)

## OUR WORLD SUMMIT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

This was the first populist summit on the environment. Over 42,000 people from 42 countries participated in active discussions about environmental protection. For the first time, this summit brought business and environmental groups together with government to work on constructive ideas.

## BALA SUMMIT ON WATER

Recognizing that water on Aboriginal reservations in Canada is often of sub-par quality, we held a summit on water at the Wahta Mohawk Reserve.

## A FOCUS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Over the past 15 years, 39 housing projects have been initiated in the Toronto-Danforth community. The fiscal year of 2002-2003 provided an example of the government's commitment to affordable housing with over \$260 million invested in Toronto through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

## R.O.P.E – REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM

We lobbied former Federal Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay for funding for the Repeat Offender Program. This program involved the tracking and apprehension of persons who had violated parole. We were successful and the R.O.P.E program became a reality. We were honoured to receive an award for our effort from the R.O.P.E Squad and the Metropolitan Police.

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS: 4 CONFERENCES

These conferences afforded women in the community the opportunity to discuss small, medium, and large business plans in order that they could prepare productive proposals for today's competitive business environment.

## TAKING CARE OF SMALL BUSINESS

This report was produced in my time as Parliamentary Secretary to former Minister of Industry John Manley. It reviews the significance of small and medium sized businesses and explores the shift in competitive strength in a global economy.

## CREATING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN CANADA AND ASIA-PACIFIC

We engaged in town hall forums that aimed to explore joint ventures in both regions. Together with members of the constituency, I travelled to Asia-Pacific to further explore those possibilities.

## DEVELOPING AN AGENDA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

More than 600 people were joined by 27 prominent Canadians to discuss an agenda for the 21st century. The topics included: the environment, cities in the 21st century, peace and defence, education, and multiculturalism.

## THE INGENUITY AWARDS

Inspired by Homer Dixon, we established the Ingenuity Awards to honour people who have a keen sense of determination to "think outside the box." The awards were non-partisan and were given to people whose ingenuity made a difference.

## HELPING THE CANADIAN FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The Federal government has provided close to \$1 billion in grants and tax credits to the film and television industry in Toronto-Danforth during the past 15 years. In Toronto-Danforth the number of families involved in the motion picture industry has grown from 1000 in 1988 to close to 5000 in 2004. The February 2004 budget restored the federal government's \$100 million commitment to the Canadian Television Fund for 2004 and 2005.

## NATIONAL FOOD PLAN

This plan recognizes the fundamental importance of the food we eat, its quality, affordability and the need for equal access to it. Food security has long been a concern of mine and it will continue to be a focus.

## FAMILY FARM FOOD FARE

We held an afternoon event of hands-on education in healthy eating and family nutrition. Good health starts with good eating habits. Former Minister of Health Allan Rock was our guest speaker.

## HEALTH CARE: RESEARCH AND FUNDING

In May of 1997, former Minister of Health David Dingwall announced a record setting \$250 million in funding for AIDS Research at Riverdale Hospital. I had lobbied for this funding and it was an important announcement for the Toronto-Danforth community.

## SPORT IN CANADA REPORT: LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY – EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

This report illustrates the importance of sport in our lives. This holistic perspective shows how sport is important to a healthy society and should continue to be remembered in the agenda of the federal government.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The importance of due process has motivated my involvement on this committee of accountability. The goal of this committee is to get to the bottom of what actually happened in the face of a national unity crisis in the province of Quebec.

## I WILL ALWAYS BE PERSONALLY INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEIR CONFIDENCE & SUPPORT FOR OUR CAUSES OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS.

### FAMILY FARM TRIBUTES

Gordon Lightfoot  
Randy Bachman  
Prairie Oyster  
Michael Burgess  
Kevin Parent  
Sharon, Lois & Bram  
Fred Penner  
Big Sugar  
Jimmy Rankin  
Fred Eaglesmith  
Wide Mouth Mason  
Ronnie Hawkins  
Amanda Stott  
Sylvia Tyson  
The Toronto Symphony Orchestra  
The Jim Cuddy Band  
Wave  
Jason McCoy  
Sarah Slean  
Ray Materick  
Murray McLauchlan  
Faith Choralé  
Catherine Durand  
Comedian Paul Mussel  
Host: John Oakley  
Guest hosts Steve Anthony & Kim Rossi  
Special guest: Paul Gross

### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SINGLE MOTHERS & BATTERED WOMEN

Rita McNeil

### MOLSON ROCKS (SARS) CONCERT FOR TORONTO

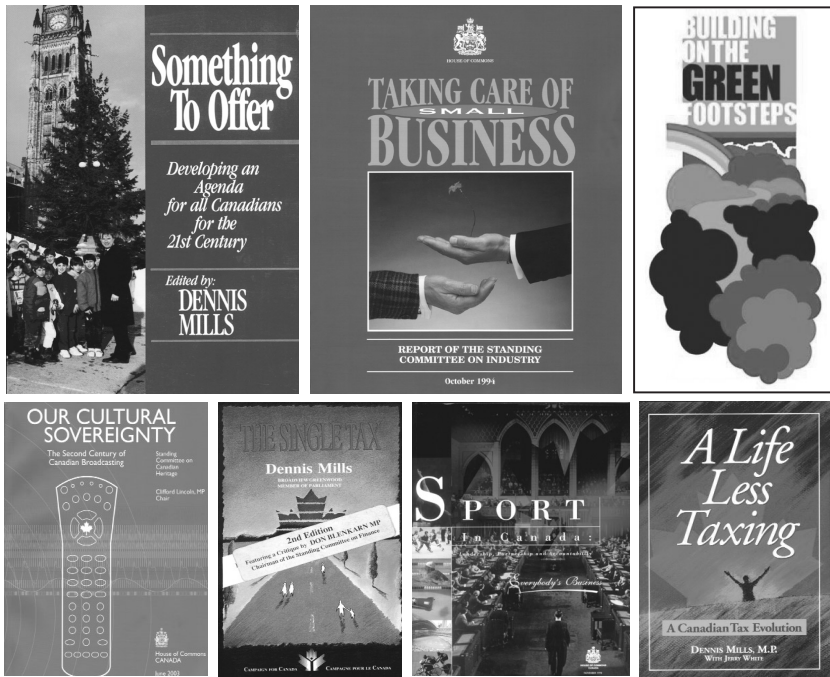
Rolling Stones  
AC/DC  
The Guess Who  
Justin Timberlake  
Sam Roberts  
The Flaming Lips  
Kathleen Edwards  
The Isley Brothers  
Sass Jordan  
La Chicane  
Jim Belushi – Dan Aykroyd

### SUMMIT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(The Late) John Denver  
Willie P. Bennett  
Big Sugar with Molly Johnson  
Mary Margaret O' Hara  
The Razorbacks  
Wiz Bryant  
Gordon Lightfoot  
Shingoose  
The Great Lakes Pow Wow Drum and Dance Troupe  
Murray McLaughlin  
Tom Cochrane  
Lorraine Segato and Big Jump  
Bill Hofmeister  
Blue Rodeo

### MANY THANKS TO:

Florence Maltese  
Darryl Palmer



# REPRESENTING OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY INTERNATIONALLY



This is the Team Canada small business mission visiting Tiananmen Square.

## ISRAEL (2002):

As part of an all-parliamentary delegation of peace I met with senior Israeli and Palestinian officials in the West Bank.

## MOLDOVA (1998):

Accompanied by constituents, I was fortunate enough to be the first member of Parliament to travel to Moldova to establish a working relationship.

## ASIA-PACIFIC (1994):

A Team Canada small-business mission was organized to further both cultural and economic ties.

## AMMAN, JORDAN (1992):

I assisted the Canadian government, Iraqi officials and the United Nations in organizing a \$40 million shipment of powdered milk to the children of Iraq.

## MOSCOW, RUSSIA (1990):

I was the keynote speaker and Canadian representative at the Soviet-American citizens' summit in Moscow.

# WORD ON THE STREET

*"His enthusiasm is contagious. By the end of the meeting, he had the support of everyone in the room."* (Re: Family Farm Tribute)



- Carol Goar

*"With such a wide and varied support, you might be tempted to think of Mills as some sort of new Liberal saint. But relax, there's plenty of the sinner in Mills to attract the curious and playful."*



- Larry Zolf

*"A true Liberal, Dennis Mills sets the standard for what it means to be a great Member of Parliament. Whether it's the Family Farm Tribute, the Pope's visit, the SARS concert, tax reform, small business reform or engaging witnesses on the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee, Mills is always engaged and working hard for his constituents of Toronto-Danforth."*

- Ottawa Life Magazine, April 2004



*"Mills has taken on the banks in defence of small and medium business and opposed his government on the GST. Many in the riding are hooked on his endless accessibility and the high-octane drive of his political passions. In South Riverdale, high school teacher Carol Cady is traditionally an NDP supporter, but she voted for Mills in 1993 and plans to do so again."*

*'He listens and has integrity and ethics,' she says. 'I have no problem endorsing him. Actually, I think he's in the wrong party, but he couldn't get as much done with the NDP.'*



- James Cullingham, Now Magazine

*"Every parliamentary system needs a Dennis Mills."*



- Gillian Cosgrove, National Post, August 2003

*"The fact that such a tremendous effort was made is highly significant: it demonstrates that it truly is achievable to build a society inclusive of people with physical disabilities. Dennis, this was accomplished because of your leadership and your unswerving commitment to showing the world that Accessibility Rocks!"*

(Re: Molson Canadian Rocks Toronto)



- Andria Spindel

*"It has been the pleasure of the Canadian Women's Foundation to work with Dennis Mills on the Family Farm Tribute. CWF applauds the vision of Dennis which culminated in such a successful event. Equally we were impressed by the incredible amount of work Dennis did to ensure the success of the Farm Tribute. He was a tireless champion of the event and the vulnerable families for whom it was designed to benefit."*

- Canadian Women's Foundation



*"Mills' plan has merit. Two things set Mills' plan apart from the multitude of waterfront reports, planning documents and good intentions aired in the past. First, Mills' review was pulled together in just six weeks - lightning speed for a document of this nature. Second, his proposals are far more likely to be acted upon by Ottawa than any that have gone before."*



- Toronto Star, February 28, 2004

*"Dennis Mills has impressed me. It's incredible how he has pulled this Water Summit off as a backbench MP"*

- Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, August 2001

*"In September, he put together a 42-nation Summit on the Environment that attracted more than 40,000 people, was carried live on Toronto cablevision, and gave him enough material for a 'greenprint' for Canada in the next century."*



- Roy MacGregor, Ottawa Citizen, November 1989

*"Month after month it is Mr. Mills to whom the Liberals turn to tackle crucial tasks."*

- Superstar Reporter, John "Billboard" Barber, Globe and Mail April 14, 2004



*"Dennis, congratulations on your support for social housing...as usual you are out in front of the pack with your neck out a mile. This is the kind of leadership that our community and country needs."*



- Buzz Hargrove (President of the Canadian Auto Workers)

*"Dennis, this city, this country needs your commitment to social development through common action. We need your ingenuity, your imagination and your drive."*



- John O'Leary (President of Frontier College - Gzowski House)

*"He is a born promoter, a master of razzle dazzle, with a flair for getting his ideas adopted. The environment, tax reform, and differences between French and English Canadians are the issues that consume his time."*



- Bob Fife, Toronto Sun, 1989

*"Mills is a thorough enthusiast for good causes who backs his vim with a gift for organizing people and programs. If Martin's parliamentary reform needs a spark-plug, a mixer, and arranger and optimist, Dennis is surely available."*

Douglas Fisher, Toronto Sun, November 2003

To read the "Joey Slinger Series" of 16 articles about Dennis Mills visit our website at: [www.dennismills.com](http://www.dennismills.com)