



DEAN ALLISON

Member of Parliament for Niagara West

Your Voice in Ottawa



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Thank You For Your Continued Support

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents of Niagara West for taking the time to vote in the recent election. Being a part of the greatest country in the world and having the privilege of participating in the democratic process is something that we should never take for granted, and turnout in the past election was exceptional. I am especially grateful to those of you that cast a ballot in my favour. I do not take this role lightly and will continue to serve all of the constituents of Niagara West to the best of my ability.

I also want to thank all of the other individuals that ran as candidates in our riding. It is never easy to commit to the rigorous and demanding schedule and the willingness to put oneself out into the public eye. Thank you and congratulations to all of the other candidates for running strong campaigns and effectively sharing the policies of all of their respective parties.

Thank you also to all of my campaign team members. The many volunteers who give so much of their time and expertise. Without them, a campaign would not get off the ground.

To all the residents of Niagara West, I count it an honour and privilege to serve as your Member of Parliament in Ottawa. I will continue to be Your Voice in Ottawa, and will work harder than ever to make our communities the best place in the country to live, work and raise a family.

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Dean presents Linda and Barry Coutts with a commemorative certificate in celebration of the grand opening of Nelles Manor. Built in the period from 1788-1798 by Colonel Robert Nelles, the beautiful and historic home is now open as a museum dedicated to an important piece of our local history.

Be sure to check out all of the wonderful historical sites throughout Niagara West this summer.



Dean recently held a meeting of key community stakeholders who have a strong interest in Bill C-14: Medical Assistance in Dying.

"I have heard from hundreds of individuals, organizations and institutions who have voiced some serious concerns they have regarding this legislation," said Allison. "This particular piece of legislation is one of the most important that we will deal with in the Commons and it needs much more discussion and ultimately stronger safeguards to protect the most vulnerable in our society to start with."

Dean recently participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies of Community Care of West Niagara. This addition to their facility will provide much needed space as CCWN continues to provide a much needed support to our community.



Dean is Here to Help

As the Member of Parliament for Niagara West, Dean serves all constituents in many ways including providing you with assistance or advocating on your behalf when you are encountering challenges with departments of the federal government. The efforts and support of your MP can assist you in resolving issues and problems with the government.

Contact Dean's office for assistance with:

Employment Insurance
Revenue Canada and GST
Income Security Programs
CPP, OAS, GIS
Immigration Issues
Passports
Social Insurance Numbers
Veteran's Affairs
Federal Legislation
Commemorative Certificates

A dedicated and knowledgeable staff are ready to assist you at the constituency office with all of your needs related to the federal government.

Office hours are:
Monday through Friday 10 am — 4 pm.
Please call toll free
1.877.563.7900
to make an appointment.

You can also contact Dean directly by mail (postage free) by writing to either the Constituency office in Beamsville or the Parliamentary office in Ottawa.

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Visiting Parliament Hill

Tours of Parliament Hill and passes to Question Period in Parliament are available free!

Contact Dean's Ottawa office to arrange some free passes to Question Period for your visit to Ottawa.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEAN'S WORK ON BEHALF OF NIAGARA WEST VISIT HIM ONLINE OR FOLLOW ON TWITTER

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Dean Allison

Representing Niagara West in Ottawa

Dean Speaks in the House of Commons:

Addressing Budget 2016

OTTAWA (March 22nd, 2016) Mr. Speaker,

I want to take the opportunity, since this is my first chance in the House to actually spend more than 60 seconds asking questions or doing *S. O. 31s*, to thank my constituents for the opportunity to represent them again in Niagara West for the fifth straight time. I certainly want to thank all the volunteers who helped out and those who created donations, because we realize campaigns do not work unless we have finances to make those happen.

My perspective in talking about the budget today will be around small business and confidence, as well as some of these other things. I have a concern when we look at creating jobs, and I realize that governments do not actually create jobs, but they create a set of circumstances that creates a climate which gives businesses confidence to invest in the country.

In looking at some of the things that our government did in the last nine years, I will use the acronym TIRE to put in perspective all the things we did to try and give the economy confidence and give Canada a great reputation on the world stage as a place to invest in, which has been borne out by a number of articles. As a matter of fact, in January, Forbes rated Canada as the number one country in the G20 to do business in.

Considering what went on over the last number of years, certainly with the great economic meltdown around the world in 2008, Forbes Magazine is saying that Canada is number one in the G20 as a place to do business. The reason that happened is because of all the hard work our government did over the last 10 years.

Here is why I use the acronym TIRE.

The “T” in TIRE is because we reduced corporate taxes, and one of the things I will talk about is not dealing with the small business tax reduction, which I think is important. There were also the trade deals that we fostered with over 51 countries, including the TPP, which is the most recent one. However, we looked at lowering taxes for corporations, which made us one of the lowest jurisdictions in the G7 for corporate taxes. When global companies are deciding where they are going to invest money, they take a lot of things into consideration, and that is certainly one of them.

The “I” in TIRE is with regards to infrastructure, investments, immigration reforms, and everything that we did around infrastructure. The current government is committed to infrastructure, which I think is great. These are important things, and the previous government had unprecedented investments in infrastructure around this country, and certainly in my region of Niagara as well. I look at the number of things that we were able to accomplish over a short period of time that have made Niagara a much better place to be, not only with the number of infrastructure projects there, but also with the work that was done at the border, which enhanced transportation and a number of different things.

The “R” in TIRE is for research and development and red tape reduction. I had the opportunity to sit on a red tape reduction round table, and one of the things we heard was that red tape continues to be an issue for businesses in terms of where they find the confidence when one has to deal with a bunch of red tape issues in one country versus another, which is important. It is something that I hope the new government will continue to persuade, because, quite frankly, we can look at red tape one time, and we can have a commission to deal with it, but one of the laws of government or bureaucracy is that red tape will always continue to creep back in. I think that is something that we need to be diligent on and that the current government needs to be committed to.

For the complete speech, logon to Dean’s website:
www.deanallison.ca/cms/dean-debate-speech-on-the-budget/

Bill C-14: Medical Assisted Dying

OTTAWA (May 3rd, 2016) Mr. Speaker,

This House finds itself in a position where we must pass an effective regulatory framework to make way for medically assisted suicide. I am rising today to help ensure that this new framework respects the charter rights of physicians and patients alike. It is my fear that the proposals put forward by the government in an attempt to bring our laws in line with the charter may in fact do the opposite.

I believe there is a potential to break with the charter by not effectively protecting the rights of physicians to practice according to their freedom of religion and conscience. Additionally, I fear that the government’s promise to revisit this legislation in a few years simply gives it an opportunity to further expand it.

As a member of the opposition party, I feel compelled to warn the House of what I fear may happen if the bill is passed in its current form. I believe that decisions such as this can inevitably lead down a slippery slope.

While the government has chosen to forego many of the more contentious recommendations made by the special committee, Liberal and NDP members of that committee clearly felt confident in the recommendations. This leads me to believe that in time this law will be expanded even further to include those measures.

The Supreme Court was quite clear in its ruling. Access to assisted suicide was to be limited to:

“...a competent adult person who clearly consents to the termination of life and has a grievous and irremediable medical condition, including an illness, disease or disability that causes enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition.”

I am happy to see that the government has listened to some of the recommendations made by my hon. colleagues in their dissenting report. In that report they referenced a system currently used in Quebec where only patients aged 18 and older with severe, incurable physical illnesses and who medical condition is characterized by an advanced and irreversible decline can request medical help to die.

Furthermore, in Quebec, the attending physician must ensure that his or her patient has clearly consented to physician-assisted suicide, ensuring, among other things, that it was not the result of external pressure, while also providing the patient with a full prognosis on the condition and possible treatment options along with the likely consequences.

Quebec physicians are free to act according to their conscience. If they do not want to proceed, they must refer the patient to an independent body, which will contact another physician. Two independent physicians must confirm that the patient meets all the criteria prescribed by the legislation.

Keep in mind the Quebec system and considering the irreversibility of assisted suicide, we must acknowledge that the realities of this practice as a form of treatment, it permanently ends a human life. As such, we must exercise great caution to ensure that there are effective safeguards against any abuse of the system.

I understand that the Minister of Health has said that physicians cannot be prosecuted under the bill for failing to comply with a patient’s desire to end their life. The absence of any specific mention of this in the legislation that was brought forward is troubling.

For the complete speech, logon to Dean’s website:
www.deanallison.ca/cms/dean-speaks-to-bill-c-14-physician-assisted-dying/



Dean Allison, MP Niagara West addresses the House of Commons

STAY CONNECTED TO DEAN THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The use of social media platforms has now become one of the easiest ways for everyone to stay connected. As your federal Member of Parliament, Dean is committed to keeping you informed as to all of the happenings in both Ottawa and around all of the communities of Niagara West.

DeanAllison.ca is a fully interactive website and has been developed and designed to allow the residents of Niagara West to connect directly with Dean and to provide easy access to information and resources relating to both the Government of Canada and the riding of Niagara West. The site features such areas as: a media centre where you will find breaking news stories and press releases; links to the House of Commons, the Senate and the Library of Parliament, quick links that will take you directly to government of Canada services and information on parliament; information and links relating to Niagara West. You can also access Dean’s **YouTube channel** via the website.

@DeanAllisonMP is all you need to connect and follow Dean on Twitter.



Visit us online at www.deanallison.ca



Dean Allison
Taking action in Niagara West

Getting to Know Your Member of Parliament: DEAN ALLISON

Dean Allison was elected as the first MP for the riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook on June 28, 2004, and was re-elected with resounding majorities in the 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015 general elections. On October 19, 2015 Dean began his fifth term as the MP for the newly realigned riding of **Niagara West**.

A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree in Economics, Dean established himself in the Niagara area through accumulating businesses and working for a major franchise organization. He served his community as President of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, as President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and board member of Junior Achievement in Niagara. Dean is also a founding member of the Dave Thomas Adoption Foundation in Canada.

With regard to his parliamentary duties, Dean has successfully chaired the *Human Resources, Skills Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities Committee*, and the *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development*. He also chaired the *Liaison Committee* for almost 10 years.

Additionally, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Dean to the Red Tape Reduction Commission which released an influential report on the relationship between government and the private sector.

Currently, Dean serves as *Deputy Critic for International Development* and as *Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development*.

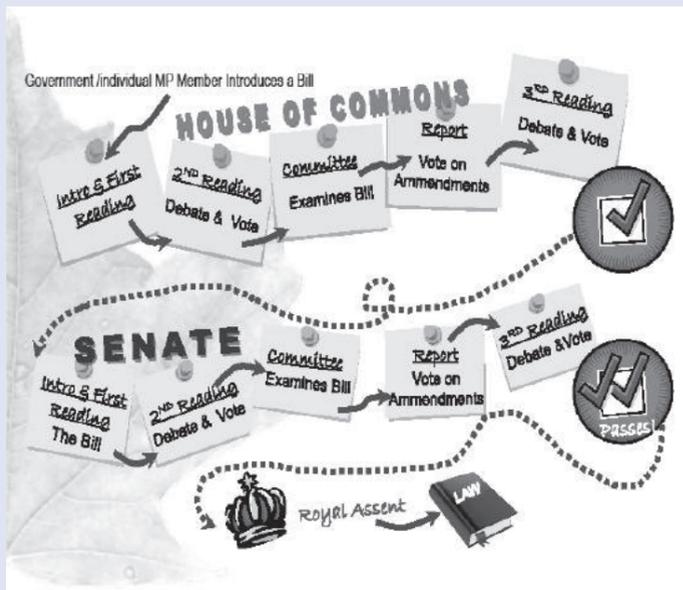
As a committed advocate for his constituents, Dean works tirelessly on their behalf and can often be found at community events and meetings in the riding. Through his efforts, hundreds of individuals and numerous businesses have seen positive results.

Dean lives in Beamsville, Ontario with his wife and children.



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Member of Parliament for Niagara West
Vice-Chair
Standing Committee Foreign Affairs & International Development
Deputy Critic
International Development

The Process of Bills Becoming Law



- Introduction and First Reading: The bill is introduced after notice is given; it is then assigned a number and printed.
- Second Reading: The principle of the bill is debated and the bill is referred to a committee for more detailed study.
- Committee Consideration: After a detailed analysis of the bill, often involving the hearing of witnesses, and a clause-by-clause study, the committee reports the bill back to the House of Commons.
- Report Stage: The bill, as passed by the committee, is considered by the House and further amendments can be proposed and debated.
- Third Reading: The bill, as adopted at the report stage, is debated a final time. Debate focuses on the final form of the bill.
- If the bill originated in the House of Commons and is passed at the third reading stage, it is sent to the Senate where it will follow the same process as listed above. If the bill originated in the Senate and has been passed by both chambers in the same form, it is presented for Royal Assent.

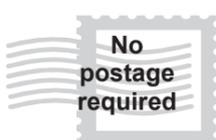
If you are interested in a more detail description of this process, or of any aspect of how our government works, you are encouraged to visit the Parliament of Canada website at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/Faq.aspx>

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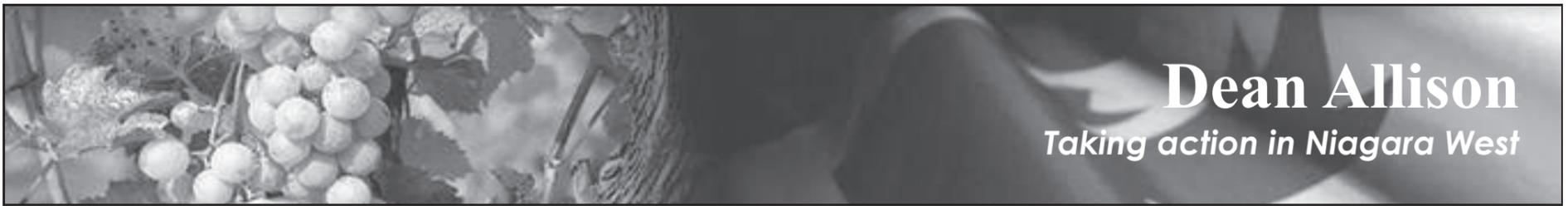
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Taking action in Niagara West

Niagara West Electoral District Information

Population: 86,533 | Area: 1,030 square km

Communities

Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham, Wainfleet, West Lincoln, West St. Catharines

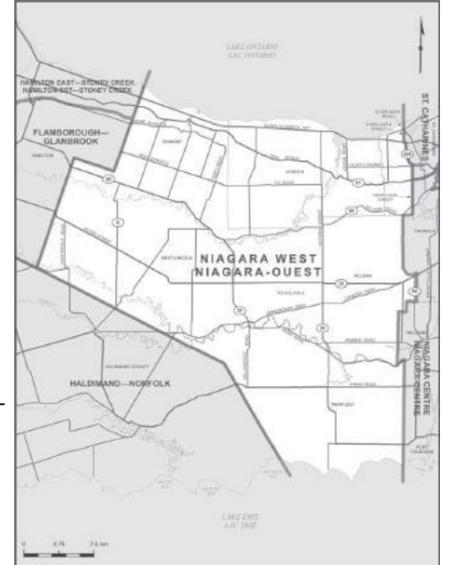
Boundaries Description

Consisting of that part of the Regional Municipality of Niagara comprised of:

(a) the towns of Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham, West Lincoln, and Wainfleet

(b) that part of the City of St. Catharines lying westerly of a line described as follows:

commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said city with the production of Courtleigh Road; thence southerly along said production, Courtleigh Road, and Third Louth Street to Queen Elizabeth Way; thence easterly along Queen Elizabeth Way to Highway 406; thence generally southerly along said highway to First Louth Street; thence southerly along said street to the southerly limit of said city.



This information is as provided by Elections Canada and is available on www.elections.ca

Dean's Annual Community Barbeque Scheduled for August 6th

Every August since first being elected, Dean along with Tim Hudak, MPP for Niagara West, have hosted a community barbeque at Cherry Avenue Farms in Vineland. Each year, hundreds of local residents attend this event to enjoy the food, meet with old friends and make new ones, and talk to the politicians in person.



This year will be no exception. There will be great food and refreshments served by friendly volunteers, music and entertainment for everyone, including the kids! The BBQ will run from noon until 2 p.m. and will undoubtedly see more than 400 constituents from all across the riding in attendance.

“Each year, Tim and I look forward to hosting our Cherry Avenue barbeque. It gives us the chance to connect with our constituents and to discuss some of the most pressing issues in Niagara,” said Allison. “Residents come up to chat for a minute or two on a whole range of topics; from business ideas they have, to policy suggestions, to news that they wanted to share, and also with a word of encouragement or thanks.”

“It is always great to get together with so many constituents and hear directly from them. I look forward to this BBQ every year,” said Allison. “For anyone who cannot attend the event in person, they are always welcome to call or email my office with any concerns or issue they might have.”

Presenting Petitions

What is a Petition?

A petition is used to draw attention to an issue of public interest or concern and request that action be taken. A public petition, signed by Canadian residents and addressed to the House of Commons, the Government of Canada, a Minister of the Crown or a Member of the House of Commons, is one of the most direct means for people to communicate with Parliament. Only Members of Parliament can present petitions in the House, but the rules of the House of Commons require that it must first be certified correct as to form and content.

If you are interested in a more detail regarding Petitions, you are encouraged to visit the Parliament of Canada website at: http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/House/compendium/web-content/c_d_presentingpetitions-e.htm



Dean accepts a petition from Sheila Laundry on behalf of the Gran Advocacy Group.

DEAN WANTS TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

Please take a few moments to answer the opinion questions and complete the form below and return to my office postage free. All personal information is kept confidential. I appreciate your input and feedback on the issues that are important to you.

What is your position on Bill C-14: Physician Assisted Dying

Agree Do Not Agree
 Agree with changes No Opinion
 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Yes, include me in your email updates.

Comments: _____

What is your position on changing the electoral system

Agree Do Not Agree
 Keep Current System Ranked Ballot
 Proportional Representation
 Other _____

If the electoral system is going to be changed, should there be a referendum where ALL Canadians should decide?

Yes No
 Other _____