

Maurine Karagianis

Your MLA,
Standing Up
for Esquimalt-
Royal Roads

Official Opposition
Critic for Children
and Family
Development



Dear Neighbour,

I'm humbled and honoured that the citizens of Esquimalt-Royal Roads have returned me to the Legislature to serve as their representative for another term. I am working hard as a member of Her Majesty's Official Opposition to hold the BC Liberal government accountable for its decisions.

This is a government that denied they were considering introducing a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Yet they did just that barely two months after election day. The HST will suck \$2 billion out of the pockets of BC consumers. This biggest tax grab in BC history is to kick into force next July.

This is a government that denied before the election the deficit was spiralling out of control, but since the election it has become painfully clear that the deficit will be the largest in BC's history. Provincial revenues will not match expenses for many years to come. My constituents have told me how angry they are about this budget hocus-pocus, and I share that frustration.

This is a government that is making mean-spirited and shortsighted cuts to surgeries, community programs, school programs, reading centres, libraries, arts and culture grants and the Special Olympics. They are cutting assistance for vulnerable citizens, including autistic children and their families.

It doesn't have to be this way, but this government's priorities are not the priorities of Esquimalt-Royal Roads. We need affordable housing, green jobs, clean and properly funded health care, adequate resources for schools, an affordable ferry system that works, and a fair allocation of our tax dollars for transportation infrastructure including public transit.

The BC Liberals' decision to ram through legislation forcing a new contract on ambulance paramedics is an admission of their failure to manage the health care system. They could have appointed an independent arbitrator and settled the strike months ago. But they ignored the issue and refused to listen.

I'm tremendously proud to serve as your MLA, and I will continue to work hard to ensure your voice is heard. As always, I sincerely appreciate hearing from you on issues of concern to you and your family. For the latest updates on my work for you, please visit my website at www.maurinekaragianis.ca



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Maurine with Opposition Leader Carole James at the swearing-in ceremony for the 39th Parliament, August 25, 2009



Maurine and her colleague John Horgan, MLA for Juan de Fuca, support the Winners Walk of Hope at Royal Roads, September 13, 2009



Maurine greets residents of The Renaissance Retirement Residence during the Buccaneer Days Parade, June 13, 2009

YOUR MLA, SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN THE LEGISLATURE



“One of the brighter lights in the ... provincial legislature, Maurine is one that'll get things moving.”

Joe Easingwood, CFAA host

Please rank these issues as your priorities for government funding, and feel free to add others.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Better schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> More doctors and nurses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funding for Light Rail Transit (LRT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower college/university tuition fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roads | <input type="checkbox"/> More buses and better transit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry fares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for vulnerable children and families | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home and residential care for seniors | |

Other issues/comments:

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