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# MLA Update

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## A Message from Terry

As we begin a new year, it's a time for renewal as we make resolutions and look forward to future possibilities. Right now, the same is also true in provincial politics. Both major parties are seeking inspiration in new leadership and debating about how best to serve British Columbians. It's an exciting time to be a citizen of B.C. Many leadership candidates will be visiting the Kamloops North Thompson region in the coming months, and I encourage you to come out and share your vision for B.C. with them. Everybody in both leadership races has a strong commitment to making our province a better place to live, and they can't do it without hearing from you.

## Update on Projects in Our Riding

Work is continuing on some important projects in our riding. Steady progress is being made on the Barriere bandshell. I recently visited the site, which sits at the picturesque south side of Fadear Park. This will be a signature structure in the community and will be a great amenity for many years to come.

In Clearwater, we have secured transitional funding for the North Thompson Community Resource Centre and are working with the District and the board of the NTCFC on a long-term plan for stability.

## 2011 Western Canada Summer Games

In Kamloops, we're gearing up for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games. This event will bring 2,300 athletes from as far away as Manitoba, supported by the efforts of 3,000 volunteers. This 10-day event is a huge undertaking, and we look forward to showcasing once again why Kamloops is the Tournament Capital of Canada.

## Walk for Memories

The Alzheimer's Society of B.C. hosts its annual Walk for Memories January 30th at the Tournament Capital Centre. The walk is a non-competitive event with live entertainment and fun for the whole family. Funds are being raised toward improving information, services and support for those living with or affected by dementia.

To register or donate, visit [www.walkformemories.com](http://www.walkformemories.com)



Terry spoke with Dean Pierson about the Race to a Million project. Race to a Million is part business experiment, part reality TV, in which teams of entrepreneurs compete to turn \$500 in seed money into \$1 Million. It's a Kamloops-based idea designed to show that even smaller cities have the potential for huge economic growth. You can find out more about the contest at [www.racetoamillion.ca](http://www.racetoamillion.ca).

## Burgers for Charity

Local Wendy's restaurants will be donating all sales on January 26th to the Sunshine Foundation. This organization makes dreams come true for children with severe physical disabilities. On the 26th, Wendy's employees, police officers and many others will donate their time (and wages for the day in some cases) to raise money for the Sunshine Foundation. Last year stores from Kamloops to Penticton raised almost \$100,000.

## Going Beyond Borders

On a personal note, I am looking forward to another trip to Sri Lanka to participate in rebuilding projects organized by the Kamloops Tangalle Friendship Committee (KTFC). The KTFC coordinated Kamloops community efforts to help with disaster relief in the immediate aftermath of the December 26, 2004 tsunami.

The KTFC continues to help the people of Tangalle with their long-term reconstruction and development needs. It's a great organization which has brought out the best in Kamloops residents, and it's a pleasure to be able to participate in their work. I hope that you will take some time to check out their website at [www.kamloopshelps.ca](http://www.kamloopshelps.ca) and lend a hand or make a donation.



Terry had the pleasure of presenting \$100,000 in Community Gaming Grants to the Kamloops Food Bank and Outreach Society last month. It was a great opportunity for him to tour the facilities and to learn more about the work of this important organization.

He is seen here with Events and Fund Raising Coordinator Kari Smith and Executive Director Bernadette Siracky. More information on the Food Bank can be found on their website at [www.kamloopsfoodbank.org](http://www.kamloopsfoodbank.org).