



King Lion Gary Nymark presents Lion Sharlene Lake with a Silver Membership Key Award from Lions Club International for sponsoring 2 new Lions into the club. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Parrsboro Lions Club increases the light of Lionism as new Lion Art Atkinson lights his candle as his sponsor Lion Ron Forbes and Lion Brian Brewer watches. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

**Notes from our Provincial Capital
Heading to Halifax to defend what's important**

In just a few weeks the House of Assembly will start its Spring Session and the government will bring in its budget. Budgets aren't just about revenue and expenditures. Budgets tell a story. They tell the families of this province the priorities of the government.



Jamie Baillie

Families in Cumberland County have been telling me about their priorities and it will be with them in mind that I head to Halifax to defend what's important.

We want good schools. Schools that are safe not only in structure, but safe from bullying and threats. Cumberland County students deserve a quality education and we won't stop fighting for equal access to the tools our students need to succeed.

We want good rural healthcare. It's worrisome to read about ER closures again and again. In the last two years this government lacked a vision for health care. People deserve health care no matter where they live. We want good, safe roads for our families and our visitors.

Families are working hard for their money and they deserve to see a budget that works for them. We need to trust that government's priorities match that of our own.

Beyond debating the budget, I will continue to stand up for hard work and fairness. I believe the government collected financial information from our seniors in bad faith when they attacked the Seniors Pharmacare program. I will fight to have this information destroyed.

I believe that victims of sexual assault and sexual violence are brave beyond words. I believe they must be treated with respect and get the justice they deserve.

These are just a few of my priorities going forward to the

Spring Session. As always, I will push government to show us their plan for the future of this great province. Now is the time for a bold vision on how we will use all that Nova Scotia has to offer to grow the economy and create good jobs. After all, the best way to pay for the roads, schools and hospitals we deserve is not to borrow from our children, but to grow our own economy.

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