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New Cookstown RBC Manager Glen Godovitz

by Susan Stein

On Friday, December 15, I had the pleasure to meet Glen Godovitz - the new manager at the Royal Bank in Cookstown.

And what a pleasure it was to talk to him, to be informed about the bank's future, finances in general and know that the public will have in Glen a manager who will serve the clientele with knowledge in all aspects of banking, investing and will do so with honesty and integrity.

Glen brings to the Cookstown Branch 22 years of experience, starting his career with the Royal Bank in 1985. He was previously the Account Manager of Business and Personal in Collingwood, worked at the Head Office and Ontario Headquarters in Burlington, and managed a small business team in Barrie.

Glen feels that it is very important to establish a building relationship and trust

with his clients, to give financial advice geared to a person's or family's needs and circumstances.

He is optimistic about the future of a bank in a small town, where the staff gets to know the clients, and they the friendly, helpful tellers.

Glen with wife Mary live in the Lisle area, are raising four children. Two at university, one attending high school in Tottenham, and one in elementary school in Alliston.

With his wife's farming background, Glen got to know a lot about the problems facing the farming community

Glen is eager to get to know members of the community, and its business owners.

Welcome to the Cookstown Royal Bank Glen, best wishes to you and your family and success in your career!

(right - RBC Manager Glen Godovitz)



Delivering Results – Federal Accountability Act becomes law

by York-Simcoe MP, Hon. Peter Van Loan

Canada's new Government has delivered on a campaign commitment to clean up government. After the unelected Liberal-dominated Senate twice tried to delay and water it down, the Federal Accountability Act has finally become law.

The Federal Accountability Act is a very important piece of legislation and is the cornerstone of

accountability for our government and for all Canadians. It is the toughest anti-corruption law ever presented in Canadian history.

Canada's New Government is committed to delivering on our campaign promise to clean up the way business is done in Ottawa. The Federal Accountability Act does just that by:

- Reducing the opportunity to exert influence with money by banning corporate, union, and large

personal political donations;

- Giving Canadians confidence that lobbying is done ethically with a five-year lobbying ban on former ministers, their aides, and senior public servants;

- Ensuring people who see problems in government know they can speak up by providing real protection for whistleblowers; and

- Ensuring Canadians know how their money is spent by enhancing the power for the Auditor General

to follow the money.

Our government has worked hard in this minority situation to get things done for Canadians. We believe the final package is a strong one – one we can be proud of as legislators and one Canadians can be pleased with as citizens.

I am confident that this new law will help change the culture in Ottawa from a culture of corruption and entitlement to a culture of accountability.

Every day Canada's new Government is rebuilding the public's trust in their institutions and we are restoring Canadians' faith in their elected officials.

People who work hard, pay their taxes, and play by the rules want accountability from their government. This bill is about putting the legacy of political scandal behind us and restoring Canadians' trust in government.

High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to be expanded to Highway 400

Last week, it was announced the High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes will be expanded to Hwy. 400.

Transportation Minister Donna Cansfield said the next set of HOV lanes will be located on Hwy 404 from the 401 to Highway 7, which will be open next summer, the 417 in Ottawa, and then to the Barrie to Toronto stretch on Hwy. 400. Construction has already started on HOV lanes in both directions of the QEW between Oakville and Burlington.

Cansfield stated along the 400 area there is an anticipation of 33 per cent growth by

2025. She said with major developments in Barrie, Innisfil, East Gwillimbury and Bradford, the people have to keep moving to ease congestion.

The Ministry says people who use the HOV lanes on the 404 save an average 14 - 17 minutes on their commute, each way.

HOV lanes are designed for vehicles with two or more people in the, and yes kids count. Cars, minivans, motorcycles, taxis, limo's, trucks less than 6.5 metres in length, and all buses (with or without passengers) can use the HOV lanes.

Beta Classes coming to Innisfil Community Church

The Beta Classes are coming to Innisfil Community Church, Tuesdays at 1 p.m. starting January 9th Finally a daytime course for homemakers!

What Is Beta?

Beta is a life changing program. This twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress, anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. You will find the inner peace you've been searching for. You will discover the person God created you to be.

Here's what a few people are saying about Beta:

"It has helped me free up the past, so I can look to the future" (Homemaker)

"I feel so much closer to Jesus and I have

learned so many ways to show how much He loves me. I learned the best I can be is what God created me to be: a wife and mother and to raise my children to serve and love our Lord" (Homemaker)

"It expanded my vision of God's kingdom - my part in it - and reaffirmed to me how important wholeness in Jesus is" (Interior Designer)

"There was so much excellent insight and reinforcement of truth said in a clearly understandable way" (Child-Care Worker)

This program is offered at Innisfil Community Church on Tuesdays beginning January 9, 2007 from 1:00 - 2:30. The course facilitator is Sheri McLaughlin. Please call 436-1611 now to register.

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