



# *Pierre Lemieux*

## Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

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### **PIERRE LEMIEUX TO HOST AGRICULTURE MINISTER GERRY RITZ FOR 2010'S SPRING GALA!**

MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Pierre Lemieux, invites everyone, especially farmers, to his upcoming Spring Gala 2010, to be held Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Wendover Community Centre. Previous galas hosted by Mr. Lemieux, featuring special guests Foreign Affairs Minister Laurence Cannon, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Senator Mike Duffy, were tremendously successful, as evidenced by the large number of attendees who enjoyed the evenings.

This year's Guest of Honour will be the Honourable Gerry Ritz, the Minister of Agriculture. "I am delighted that he has cleared his schedule to attend, particularly given that agriculture is an essential component of our rural riding" said Pierre Lemieux, who also serves as Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture in the House of Commons. "Minister Ritz is held in high regard by our Prime Minister and his track record of accomplishments is very impressive."

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the renowned Bobby Lalonde of Vankleek Hill, and by a lively and thoroughly entertaining chorus known as the "Bytown Beat" ([www.bytownbeat.com](http://www.bytownbeat.com)). The Bytown Beat has committed to providing a chorus of 30 fabulous singers to Mr Lemieux's Spring Gala.

Tax receipts for a portion of the ticket price will be issued, which will help defray the cost of the evening.



"My Spring Gala will be a great evening! Minister Ritz is highly regarded in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell thanks to his solid reputation of working for farmers, his strong support for supply management and his success in opening foreign markets to Canadian farmers," said Pierre Lemieux. "It has been an honour for me to represent our farmers as the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, and I hope that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to meet Minister Ritz and to enjoy a lively evening of entertainment."

Mr Lemieux has highlighted that the Spring Gala is open to everyone. Tickets can be ordered by calling 613-304-3991. Doors open at 5:30 pm.