



Pierre Lemieux

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

MP Lemieux's 4th Spring Gala a Great Success !

Wendover, On - This past weekend, Pierre Lemieux successfully hosted his fourth Spring Gala in Wendover. It was a 'Sold Out' evening, with over 230 tickets purchased.

Guests in Attendance

The Guest of Honour was the federal Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Gerry Ritz. Mr Lemieux highlighted Minister Ritz's hard work for farmers – in particular his travel to foreign countries to open new markets to Canadian produce. As Minister, he has visited over 20 countries on 34 trade missions to such places as Russia, China, Korea, Mexico, India, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and France. Mr Lemieux also highlighted Min Ritz's strong support for supply management. Min Ritz stated "The supply managed sectors are critical to the overall health of the Canadian economy, and protecting them will remain a priority of our Conservative government."

Also in attendance were United Counties Warden Conrad Lemadeleine, Mayors Jeanne Charlebois, Robert Kirby, Gary Barton, Deputy Mayor Chris McDonnell of North Glengarry and many councilors from municipalities all across the riding. As the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture and Gerry Ritz's right-hand man, Mr Lemieux works closely with farmers both in the riding and across Canada. Min Ritz stated that "Pierre is a star in Agriculture Ministry. He is a strong voice in caucus and is very well respected by the Cabinet".

At the Gala, it was noted that there was a strong presence of both local farmers and representatives from key farm organizations from across Canada such as the Egg Farmers of Canada, the Canada Pork Council, the Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Grain Growers of Canada, the Canola Council of Canada, the Canadian Fertilizer Institute, Alfred College and the Guelph and Prescott-Russell Federations of Agriculture.

Mr Lemieux also had two well-known radio personalities attend from CFRA: Rob Snow and "Nick at Night", Nick Vandergragt. Mr Lemieux said that he was considering "opening the phone lines to start taking callers...."

Entertainment

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Glengarry-Prescott-Russell's very own Bobby Lalonde, who also took the opportunity as MC to hoist his fiddle and entertain the guests. A stunning troupe of 30 chorus singers from the Bytown Beat provided exceptional musical

entertainment for the Gala participants. Mr Lemieux commented “One of my goals at the Spring Gala is to provide a romantic, fun-filled evening that offers excellent entertainment, delicious food and inspirational speakers.”

A high end, 4 course meal was served by La Cuisine Jean Bernard.

Mr Lemieux’s Comments

During his speech, Mr Lemieux expressed his appreciation to the people of the riding for having placed their confidence in him. He stated, “It is a great honour to be the MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell - and I serve the people of my riding.” He remarked that in the last 4 years he had hosted over 30 town halls, 13 passport clinics and attended over 1,200 events across the riding. He explained that by attending so many events, “I meet you where you live, in your community, in your backyard – and you talk, and I listen. And that is how I know what is important to you, your families and your neighbours – and it is because of this that I am able to represent you so effectively in Ottawa.”

In his remarks, Mr Lemieux explained that when he was first elected, people told him that their communities, villages and rural way of life was important and that they wanted to see the federal government invest in the region. Mr Lemieux then highlighted that in the last 15 months, he had announced over \$50 million dollars in federal funding for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell for more than 40 project in every corner of the riding - and that this was in addition to \$50 million dollars that he had announced in his first term as MP. Mr Lemieux has announced \$11 Million in federal funding for the new wastewater treatment plant in Hawkesbury; almost \$9 Million for the Rockland regional water system project; more than \$2.2 Million for the Wendover water project and \$6.8 Million for the new Canadian International Hockey Academy.

Mr Lemieux stated, “Our Conservative government has invested more in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell in the last 4 years than the Liberals ever did. The people of GPR know that we are on their side and that we are working to make their lives better.”

A Classy Touch

The evening ended with Mr Lemieux presenting a bouquet of flowers to his wife Audrey and a rose his daughters Julia and Danielle. He explained that the 100% support of his family and that they do this important work of being MP together.

Mr Lemieux then complimented the women in attendance for being ‘warmth and sunshine’ in the lives of men and had his daughters present a rose to each woman in the room on his behalf.

Mr Lemieux concluded, “This event was open to everyone. I truly wanted people to come together from across the riding to meet the Minister of Agriculture, and to celebrate our rural way of life. It was a wonderful evening and everyone enjoyed themselves.”