

Tilson was pleased with last week's federal budget

The federal budget, brought down last week by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, has the approval of David Tilson.

"The 2013 budget is all about continuing the government's focus on jobs and growth, which is what my constituents tell me is most important to them," said Dufferin-Caledon's MP. "The economy has generated an impressive 950,000 net new jobs since July 2009, we all know the global economic situation is still fragile. Economic Action Plan 2013 is a positive plan that will continue to bolster job creation while working to eliminate the deficit by 2015."

Tilson outlined that Economic Action Plan 2013 includes key measures to strengthen Canada's economy, including:

- Increased skills and training support, including the new \$15,000 Canada Job Grant, to help more Canadians find high-quality, well-paying jobs;

- Tax breaks for manufacturers who buy new machinery and equipment to stay competitive, and an extended "hiring credit" for small businesses who create jobs;

- A record \$70 billion federal investment in infrastructure across Canada, including roads, bridges, subways, rail lines, and ports;

- Major investments in research and technology;

- New tax relief for Canadians who give to charity, adopt a child, or rely on homecare services; and

- Elimination of "import tax" tariffs on everyday items Canadian families buy, like baby clothing, sports gear and exercise equipment.

Economic Action Plan 2013 also confirmed the government's continued all-time record support for hospitals, schools, and other important health and social services in Ontario, Tilson pointed out. In fact, in 2013-14, federal transfer support to Ontario will be almost \$9 billion higher than under the former federal Liberal government.

"We all remember the former Liberal government slashed transfers for health care and education," he observed. "Our Conservative government rejects that shameful practice, and is protecting and growing transfers to help support the services that Ontario families depend on."