

**MPP YAKABUSKI PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE HON GARY LUNN TO BE GUEST
SPEAKER AT ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

(Pembroke) Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski was pleased to announce today that the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources and MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker at his 2008 Annual Riding Fundraising Dinner. The event, to be held on Thursday May 29th, 2008, at the Best Western Hotel in Renfrew, from 6:00-8:30 pm, is sure to be an enjoyable evening for all as MPP Yakabuski welcomes many of his caucus colleagues as well as his federal counterpart, the MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Cheryl Gallant.

“I was honoured and delighted to learn that Minister Lunn had accepted my invitation to be the special guest speaker at this years fundraising dinner,” Yakabuski said. “We are fortunate to have had a series of successful dinners over the years and this year we expect, will continue upon that tradition,” he said. “Minister Lunn is a respected and esteemed member of the federal cabinet and I am confident that my guests will be equally pleased about this exciting news.”

The Honourable Gary Lunn was appointed Minister of Natural Resources by Prime Minister Stephen Harper on February 6, 2006. Since 1997, he has been the Member of Parliament for the riding of Saanich–Gulf Islands.

As the Minister responsible for Canada’s nuclear industry, Minister Lunn also has government oversight for Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, one of Renfrew County’s largest employers facilitating its major research and development efforts from its Chalk River Laboratories.

The Natural Resources portfolio is well-suited for Minister Lunn because his early working days were spent in the mining and forestry industries in British Columbia and northern Canada. This experience has allowed him to understand first-hand the importance of Canada’s natural resources to our present and future prosperity.

Since becoming Minister of Natural Resources, Minister Lunn has championed the design of the ecoEnergy Initiatives that were unveiled in January 2007. This \$2-billion investment is a set of focused, concrete measures to develop cleaner energy technologies, boost renewable energy supplies and help Canadians use energy more efficiently.

In addition to these achievements Minister Lunn previously practiced law in Victoria and is a certified journeyman carpenter. He has designed and built numerous homes, including his family’s current home in Sidney, British Columbia.

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