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**BEVINGTON APPOINTED NEW DEMOCRAT CRITIC FOR
TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES.**

OTTAWA – Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington was appointed New Democrat critic for Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities today by party leader Jack Layton. Bevington retained his critic portfolio for Northern Development and Arctic Sovereignty.

“This new portfolio will help to bring the concerns of the North’s communities to the national stage,” said Bevington. “Also considering the tough economic future facing Canadians infrastructure will play a major role in maintaining the health of Canada’s economy. I also believe we have an opportunity to expand green infrastructure like high-speed rail.”

A 2007 report prepared by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and McGill University put the price tag of fixing Canada’s crumbling municipal infrastructure at over \$123 billion.

“With this much work to be done there is plenty of places where the Harper Conservatives can invest in infrastructure for our communities,” said Bevington. “The Northern Infrastructure fund suggested by Northwest Territories Premier Floyd Roland will be one area I will be expecting action on from the Harper government.”

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