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## Engineers Canada and the Canadian Public Works Association Picnic on the Hill

On June 2, 2010, Engineers Canada and the Canadian Public Works Association hosted their third annual Picnic on the Hill. The barbecue and ice cream social attracted 400 members of Parliament, senators and their staff! Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, and professional engineer, Pierre Lemieux helped to coordinate the event and delivered some great remarks on the contribution that engineers make to the quality of life of Canadians.



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**From left** – Clarke Cross, Tactix Government Relations and Public Affairs, Mr. Janick Lemay, ing., Board of Directors (Quebec), CPWA, Mr. Darwin K. Durnie, Board of Directors (Alberta), CPWA, Chantal Guay, ing. P.Eng., M. Env., Chief Executive Officer Engineers Canada, Pierre Lemieux, P.Eng., M.P. and W. Gary Losier, P.Eng., President CPWA

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## Engineers Canada appears before the House Standing Committee on the Status of Women

On April 14, 2010, Engineers Canada's Chief Operating Officer Marie Carter, and Manager of Research and Diversity Gabriela Del Toro presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women. The Committee is undertaking a study into how to increase the participation of women in non-traditional occupations.

The presentation highlighted some of the key challenges faced by women in engineering including attracting women to the profession as well as retaining them. A better understanding of what the profession involves, developing mentors for young engineers, and encouraging employers to put in place work/life balance policies were all cited as ways to attract and retain women in engineering.

# BGE Volunteer Roundup

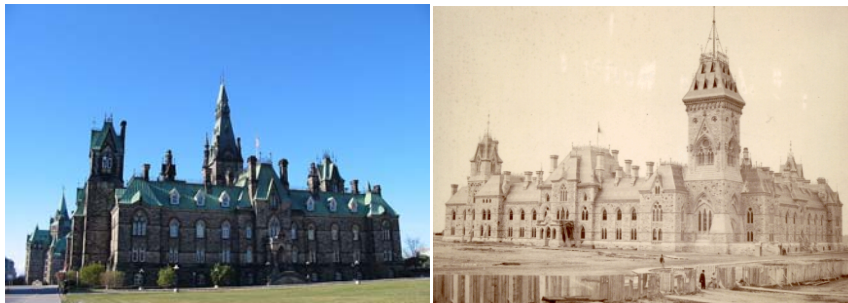
Summer's here!

**And your member of Parliament will soon be in their riding full time! Start working with your local constituency office now for meetings during the summer while your member of parliament is at home in his or her community!**

**Initiate contact through the constituency office, making sure to describe yourself as a constituent and a volunteer with Engineers Canada's Bridging Government and Engineering program. You can make your original request by phone, letter, or email.**

**Make sure to follow-up on your initial meeting request – if you called, send an email, if you wrote, give the office a quick call. Also keep your eyes open for events in your community that your member of Parliament may be attending – strawberry socials in June, community barbecues in July, fairs and festivals in August!**

*The West Block officially opened in 1866, and contained the Postmaster General, Public Works and Crown Lands departments. The West Block will be emptied and closed for rehabilitation this year.*



**Have you visited the Bridging Government and Engineers website lately? Updated position statements are posted now, with more updates coming soon!**

**Send your ideas and suggestions for content to [government.relations@engineerscanada.ca](mailto:government.relations@engineerscanada.ca) to [h](#) to help make your site better for all Bridging Government and Engineers volunteers!**

**Have you updated your contact information with Engineers Canada?**

**Contact us at [government.relations@engineerscanada.ca](mailto:government.relations@engineerscanada.ca) or visit [https://bge.engineerscanada.ca/index\\_e.cfm](https://bge.engineerscanada.ca/index_e.cfm) for a contact form!**