



**Nova Scotia Federal Council**  
**Conseil fédéral de la Nouvelle-Écosse**

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**RE: Guest Speaker Warren Macdonald at National Public Service Week 2006**

It was a great pleasure for me to attend our National Public Service Week "Main Event", to hear the presentation made by Warren Macdonald, and as Vice-Chair, to have the privilege of thanking Warren. It was obvious from the standing ovation he received, that our colleagues truly appreciated his message, and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. The crowd around him afterwards, seeking to buy copies of his book and/or DVD was, to me anyway, another indicator of how well he had connected with the audience.

I particularly enjoyed listening to his recounting of the challenges in the outdoors, especially in mountain country, after his injury and rehabilitation. I've had the opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, so I know first hand how difficult that is for someone with two good legs, and his accomplishment is, I think, truly amazing. I would recommend him highly to anyone seeking a speaker who will engage an audience with an inspiring, humorously delivered message about how much any individual can accomplish, despite setbacks and obstacles, if they act with determination, perseverance, and a positive attitude. Warren demonstrates those qualities in spades, and an hour with him is an hour well spent.

Sincerely,

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