



LIFE CHAPTERS YET TO WRITE, SAYS MCLEOD



During the federal election campaign of 2015, MP Cathy McLeod toured the riding in her motorhome, with husband Gord at her side. Now, she's waving goodbye, announcing she will not run again after four terms as MP.

MP not running in next election

After 12 years as MP for the Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo riding, I have decided I will not run again as the Conservative candidate in the next federal election.

It has been an honour, privilege and pleasure to serve the people of this unique and diverse riding, and I will continue to work hard for you until the next election is called . . . whether that be in two weeks or two years.

There have been so many initiatives that we worked on together, and wonderful people I've met. I see big changes like the road safety improve-

ments made by twinning Highway 1 through Chase, and less visible, yet no less important, changes that have made life better for people.

In Ottawa, I appreciated the opportunity to make a real difference on the national stage in terms of helping influence the direction of our country.

When I look back over the years, I am proud of so much: reducing red tape for business during my time as parliamentary secretary to the minister responsible for CRA, improving mental health standards in federal workplaces while I was parlia-



mentary secretary to the Labour Minister, and five years as Shadow Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

But I still have a few more chapters of life to write, so after four terms as your MP, I look forward to a change of pace.

I am so thankful for the support of my husband Gord and our family.

I want to recognize the hard-working staff in my riding offices in Kamloops and 100 Mile House, and in Ottawa. These cross-country teams have done so much to support me in my work and assist constituents over the years.

I'd also like to thank party supporters here and in Ottawa who've been behind me, and most of all, the constituents who had faith in me for four elections.

I hope that support will continue for whoever steps up to run for the Conservative nomination here in the next election as I foresee huge challenges for our country.

I believe Conservative leader Erin O'Toole and his team are the only ones that are going to be able to meet those challenges, and I personally will do whatever I can to make sure he gets elected.