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your holiday shopping?**[This week](#)[Next week](#)[Xmas eve](#)[Not shopping](#)[Current results](#)**Karygiannis Facilitated On New Appointment**

On December 17, 2003, Jim Karygiannis, P. C., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport with special emphasis on transportation and the environment, received the congratulations of community and faith leaders, volunteers and supporters on his appointment, at a special reception.


Karygiannis said that as the government of Prime Minister Paul Martin charts a new vision for the country there would be an increased importance placed on engaging Canadians in dialogue about issues that are of concern.

He added that in this regard he is excited about his new work and the opportunities for sharing ideas about the safe transport of people and goods while ensuring that environmental standards are not compromised. New innovative technologies in transportation will be explored in keeping with Canada's commitment to the Kyoto Protocol.

In his first public remarks since his appointment, Karygiannis thanked his volunteers, constituents and supporters, staff and family for their continued guidance and support. He said having the confidence of the people who have been involved in his political journey is most important.

Several of those in attendance expressed their personal thanks or that of their communities to Karygiannis for his outstanding contributions. They also extended best wishes to him as he assumes this new role in public service.

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