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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

I hope you are keeping well and have had the chance to enjoy the warm summer weather. I always look forward to the summer months because they allow me to spend time in Whitby with my family and meet with my constituents. The easing of COVID-19 restrictions has given me many more opportunities to get out into the community and meet everyone who helps make Whitby a special place to live.

I first want to send my condolences to the family of Peter MacLarnon. He was an incredible member of our community who worked unbelievably hard to make Whitby a better place by supporting social issues and dedicating his life to community service. I sincerely sympathize with his children, Elliott and Renee, for their loss. Our community lost a great man, and he will be deeply missed.

Thursday, I was able to speak to Whitby native Mike Shoreman, who is raising money for mental health and persons with disabilities by paddleboarding across the Great Lakes. Shoreman had a life-altering experience in 2018 when he was diagnosed with Ramsay-Hunt Syndrome, a neurological disorder that left him with facial paralysis, hearing loss, and mobility challenges. An ardent paddleboarder, he was

told by doctors that his condition meant he would never be able to paddleboard again. Not letting his diagnosis get in the way, he has continued pursuing his passion and set the goal of crossing all five Great Lakes on his paddleboard. He has already crossed Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Superior and is set to cross Lake Michigan later this month and will finish his journey by crossing Lake Ontario in August.

He hopes to raise \$250K for Jack.org, which provides mental health programs for communities across Canada. Raising awareness for mental health causes is crucial, especially given that many Canadians have struggled with worsening mental health during the pandemic. I wish him luck in both of his future crossings and hope he can reach his goal of raising \$250k. Given all he's been through, I commend him for his commitment to help others get through their own personal struggles. To learn more about Mike Shoreman's journey go to <http://jack.org/5GreatLakes>.

Even though the House of Commons isn't sitting, there is still lots of government work to be done to help make life more affordable and improve the lives of Canadians across the country. I was able to accompany Minister Karina Gould (Families, Children, and Social Development) to announce the government's renewal of the Investment Readiness Program at the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto this past Monday. The Centre for Social Innovation is a common workspace that connects social innovation organizations and entrepreneurs to foster collaborative solutions to the modern social and environmental problems that we face today and will face in the future.

The Investment Readiness Program is a \$50M program that helps social innovation organizations build the expertise they require to be more attractive to investors. The Investment Readiness Program Provides them with Readiness Support to build the skills that will help them gain access

to social finance and help them make the right investments to strengthen and broaden their ecosystems.

As someone who came from the world of social innovation before politics, I know how crucial social innovators/entrepreneurs are in solving many of the social and environmental issues we are currently facing. Having more social innovators will broaden the number of issues we can tackle. I am glad that the Investment Readiness Program has already had an impact having invested in over 650 social purpose organizations across Canada, and I look forward to seeing the fantastic solutions it will help expand and scale in the near future.

This week, I had the opportunity to have multiple discussions about food security for children in Canada. On Tuesday, MP Dabrusin and I, along with MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, had the opportunity to speak to members of the Coalition for Healthy School Food, who advocate for the creation of a National School food program in Canada that would bring all students from kindergarten to grade 12 access to the nourishment they need to learn, grow and develop to their potential.

On Wednesday, MP Dabrusin and I spoke with Judith Berry and Meagan Conn of Breakfast Club of Canada to discuss opportunities for future collaboration in establishing a National School Food Policy to tackle food insecurity amongst school children. We discussed the multiple avenues that could be used to make this a reality and ensure that students across the country have access to the nutrition they need to thrive. We also discussed the impact of global inflation on the facilitation of food programs and what can be done to reduce its impact. Through both of these conversations, I got a sense of the urgency needed to address food insecurity in children.

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As a member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, I am keenly aware of the food security challenges that exist in this country and the need to find innovative solutions to ensure that all Canadians have access to the food that they need. I also realized that given the current challenges such as climate change and global supply chain disruptions, food insecurity will be a major issue that we need to address. I look forward to working with the Breakfast Club of Canada and the Coalition for Healthy School Food as we discuss ways to reduce food insecurity for our most vulnerable children.

On Thursday, I had the opportunity to accompany MP Francesco Sorbara and the rest of the Auto Caucus to tour Honda Canada's upgraded manufacturing plant in Alliston. The federal government invested \$131.6 million in Honda Canada's \$1.4 billion investment to upgrade the plant in Alliston to manufacture Honda's electric CRV. It was very impressive to see the upgrades to the facility that will create new jobs for Canadians and help lower our carbon emissions. Increasing the production of electric vehicles will help us reach our goal of making 100% of new cars sold in Canada zero-emission by 2035.

Our government has made electric vehicles a priority in our efforts to lower carbon emissions and stave off the worst effects of climate change. We are taking bold action to upgrade Canada's electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the country, and we are providing rebates to help make electric vehicles more affordable for Canadians. It is great to see companies like Honda of Canada investing in green solutions that will help Canada reach carbon neutral by 2050. Much progress is yet to be made, but through investments like this, we can reach our climate goals and leave a better planet for future generations.

Lastly, I was privileged to attend the graduation ceremony of the Junior Firefighters Camp at Whitby Fire Headquarters this Friday. I witnessed firsthand the incredible program and mentorship provided by the

firefighters and camp counsellors who had over 30 children and youth from across Whitby participate this week. This program imparts important knowledge to young people about fire safety and emergency preparedness, while showcasing the incredible and heroic work of our emergency responders. Thank you to Whitby Fire Service for their immense contributions to our community, and to Town Council and the Whitby Rotary Club for their support in making this program a reality.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my constituency office for any concern of a federal nature that we can assist you with. My team and I are always willing to help.

Please enjoy another sun-filled summer weekend and stay safe!

Warmest Regards,
Ryan Turnbull
Member of Parliament, Whitby

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from your Government

Canada Child Benefit increase

On July 20th, the Canada Child Benefit increased so that parents of children between the ages of 6-17 could receive up to \$5,903 per child and parents of children six and under could receive up to \$6,997 per child. Since our government introduced the Canada Child Benefit in 2016, it has lifted nearly 435,000 children out of poverty by providing tax-free money to 9 out of 10 Canadian families. With this increase, our government hopes to lift even more children out of poverty and help parents provide them with the childhoods they deserve.

Raising the Canada Child Benefit is part of our continued effort to make life more affordable for Canadians, especially Canada's most vulnerable citizens. With inflation and the subsequent high cost of living, we are aware that it is becoming more difficult for Canadian families to provide their children with the things they need to live healthy, fulfilling childhoods. That is why our government is working to give parents a bit more room to keep their children's lives full of opportunity. Our government remains committed to helping those who need it most through these difficult times and creating a prosperous Canada for future generations to enjoy.

Learn more about the Canada Child Benefit increase [here](#)

Expanding the Oceans Protection Plan

Part of ensuring a clean environment for generations to come is ensuring that our oceans remain healthy and clean. This week, our government announced that we are expanding our Oceans Protection Act to combat emerging threats to marine safety that threaten marine life and marine ecosystems. These new protections will improve supply chains and mitigate their environmental impact on our oceans, manage navigation, address incidents, and create partnerships with Indigenous and coastal communities to better protect our oceans and marine lands.

Protecting our oceans is crucial to Canada's fight to guarantee a healthy and green environment. Canada has the longest coastlines of any country in the world, and it is essential that we ensure greater protection so that our wildlife and ecosystems can continue to thrive. With these new protections, we can be confident that our government is committed to ensuring that our oceans continue to play a significant role in the story of Canada.

Learn more about the Oceans Protection Plan Expansion [here](#)



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