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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

I hope you have been enjoying the final months of summer. This has been one of the busiest summers, but I'm glad to have had the opportunity to spend time with my family and the wonderful constituents of Whitby. Because of the continued support and adherence to COVID-19 protocols from individuals such as yourselves, restrictions could be eased, giving us some semblance of normalcy this summer. August is going to be a very busy month as I begin to prepare for the House of Commons to resume sitting again in September, which means dividing my time between Whitby and Ottawa over the course of the next several months.

Although this past week has been very busy, connecting with different organizations across Whitby was wonderful. All Seniors Care, a national organization of seniors homes across Canada, hosted their 12th annual Seniors Games which included their new facility in Whitby. I had the pleasant opportunity to join the festivities, and I commend All Seniors Care for their work to promote healthy, active living among older adults. The seniors had fun and participated in many activities from Wii Bowling, Euchre tournaments to bean bag throwing competitions. Congratulations to all the seniors in Whitby and across the country who participated in the Seniors Games! Our seniors deserve our highest respect as well as

opportunities to lead active, healthy lifestyles, and have the highest quality of care.

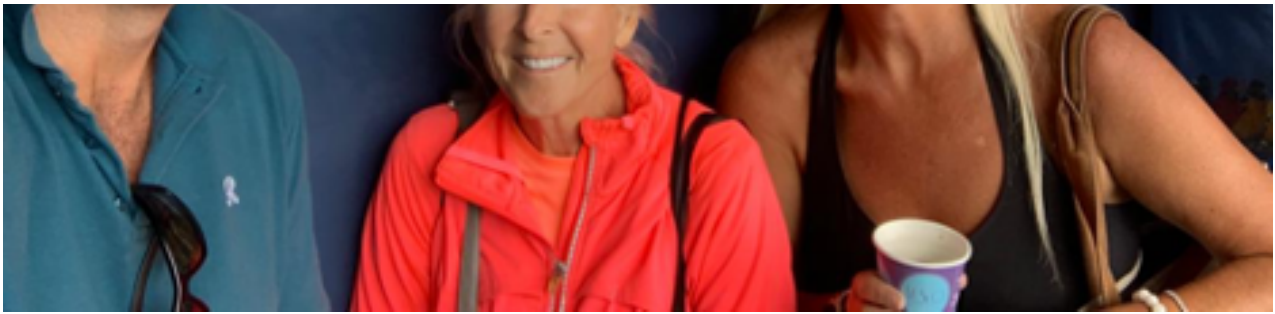




MP Turnbull pictured at the closing ceremony of All Seniors Care Seniors Games in Whitby

Earlier this week, my wife and I joined the Whitby Tennis Club for Women's Day at the National Bank Open. We were delighted to come out and support women in sports. We also attended a panel that discussed the importance of creating safe spaces and engaging young women to stay in sports to help reduce the number of young women who drop out of sports during their adolescent years. Female empowerment in all avenues, including sports, is essential, and I am glad I had the opportunity to support these young and promising athletes!





MP Turnbull pictured with wife, Suze (second from the right), at the Whitby Tennis Club

On Wednesday, I attended the Mayor's Golf Classic, an equally fun and rewarding way to support our Whitby community. Funds from this event go directly towards the Mayor's Community Development Fund, which funds local initiatives across our Town. This year's recipients included organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Durham, Community Care Durham, Durham Deaf Services, Durham Rape Crisis Centre, and Victims Services of Durham Region. I congratulate all these organizations for their important work, and I am glad to have supported this fund through my participation in the event.





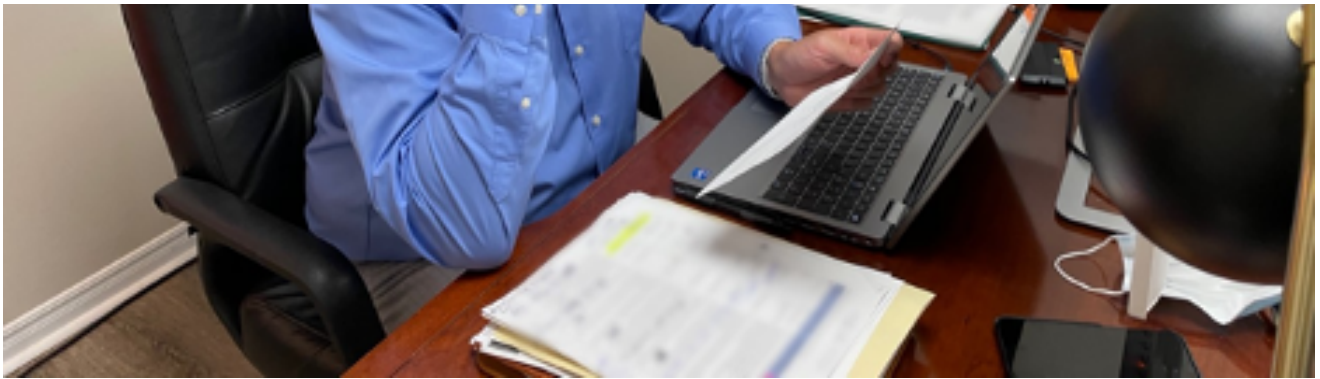
MP Turnbull pictured with Mayor Don Mitchell (left) at the Mayor's Golf Classic

Throughout the past few weeks, I've been calling constituents to discuss issues they have contacted my office about. As your Member of Parliament, one of my top priorities is ensuring your voices are heard. I had many thoughtful conversations. Some of issues frequently highlighted throughout these calls were healthcare and healthcare funding concerns, as well as, the cost of living, income security for seniors, and housing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for accessible, public, and high-quality healthcare for Canadians across the nation. Since the pandemic's start, our federal government has invested over \$63 billion to support the health and safety of Canadians. We have even introduced top-ups to the Canada Health Transfer, distributed to provincial and territorial governments to pay for healthcare expenditures. Our federal government continues to address ways to improve healthcare systems across Canada to ensure Canadians receive the quality services they deserve. It is frustrating and heartbreaking to see the recent challenges in our healthcare systems across Ontario, such as the closure of emergency rooms due to staffing shortages.

Effective healthcare spending is critical to ensure Canadians receive the care they need to keep them healthy. We need transparency and accountability for the people of Ontario and all Canadians to ensure funds are spent effectively to improve access to healthcare services for all.





MP Turnbull pictured making calls to constituents

Today, I joined the Town of Whitby in commemorating the grand opening of the Roebuck Street Placemaking Project. This project received funding from the My Main Street Community Activator Grant Program. My Main Street is a two-year, \$23.25 million investment by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute and the Economic Developers Council of Ontario to support projects to revitalize local neighbourhoods. Roebuck Street Placemaking Project was one of two initiatives in Whitby that received this funding. This project aims to create an inviting outdoor space for residents and visitors to spend their time in Downtown Brooklin. This will help support local businesses by attracting more people to shop and enjoy their time here. I am pleased that our government has supported this initiative with a Federal Grant of \$65,000 through the My Main Street Community Activator Fund, and I commend everyone who is part of this project for their incredible work! More information about this exciting project can be viewed [here](#).





MP Turnbull pictured at the Roebuck Street Placemaking Project's Grand Opening Celebration

As we near the end of summer, I hope you all take time to prioritize your mental health, spend time with loved ones, and enjoy the warm weather. As always, please reach out to my constituency office for any concerns on a federal matter you may have. My staff and I look forward to helping you.

Warmest regards,

Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Keeping Guns Off Our Streets

Gun violence has been rising in Canada over the past few months, with many recent incidents hitting close to home. As a Durham resident and a father, the recent shooting in Ajax is one of many that has left me heartbroken and concerned about the safety of my family. Gun violence has no place in Canada, and our government acknowledges that, which is why we have announced a **freeze on the importation of handguns**. We

have taken the strongest action to keep our communities safe from gun violence and keep firearms off our streets. This ban will go into effect on August 19th and will last until the national freeze on handguns under Bill C-21 is enacted. The safety of Canadians is and will remain our top priority.

Immigration Updates

As a result of the pandemic, immigration was greatly affected, but our government is working hard to ensure we can continue to increase the number of newcomers entering Canada. Despite the pandemic, we welcomed over [400,000 permanent residents](#) last year alone, the highest number of newcomers in a year in Canadian history. Immigration is important in addressing the labour shortages across Canada, and applications from workers in essential occupations such as healthcare are being prioritized. Our government continues to address the immigration backlogs to reduce wait times and continue to welcome more newcomers to Canada.

Service Canada Passport Updates

The increased demand for passports remains a challenge, but we continue to introduce measures to make the process more efficient for Canadians. Individuals who submitted an application by mail more than 20 business days ago and are travelling within the next 20 business days may visit any Service Canada centre to make a transfer request. This will ensure applications are processed in time for travel. We continue to expand and increase passport services, staff, and streamline procedures to speed up the process of obtaining a passport.

Signing Childcare Agreements Across Canada

In one year, our government has signed agreements with every province and territory to build affordable childcare systems for families from coast to coast to coast. This includes reducing childcare fees by 50% by the end of the year, creating 250,000 childcare spaces, and delivering on our commitment to achieve \$10-a-day-childcare over the coming years. Affordable childcare has been one of our government's top priorities, and as this promise becomes a reality, we will see benefits to children and families right across Canada.

Making Housing More Affordable in Budget 2022

Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Our government is working to make housing more affordable through the National Housing Strategy. We've announced over \$14 billion in [Budget 2022](#) to improve housing and create more safe and affordable housing options for Canadians.

Some key investments in Budget 2022 for housing include:

- Investing \$4 billion in a New Housing Accelerator Fund to help municipalities speed up the construction of affordable housing units and create 100,000 new units;
- Investing \$1.5 billion to extend the Rapid Housing Initiative and create 6,000 more affordable housing units;
- Advancing \$2.9 billion in funding under the Co-Investment Fund to build and repair up to 22,000 units; and,
- Investing \$1.5 billion to expand Co-operative Housing

Affordable housing, greener homes, Indigenous housing, incentives for first time home buyers, and addressing homelessness are some of the many ways our government has taken strides to improve housing for

many ways our government has taken on board to improve housing for Canadians everywhere.

When it comes to support for co-operative housing, it is important to have these stakeholders take part in the process. As recent as this week, I connected with the Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion to ensure local Whitby housing co-operatives are invited to the Minister's roundtable discussions to have their needs heard.

Call for Applications for the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy Ecosystem Fund

The last two and a half years have been very challenging for many businesses, and groups facing pre-existing barriers were further marginalized. Currently, only 17% of Canadian small and medium-sized businesses are owned by women. As such, we are introducing a call for applications under the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy Ecosystem Fund, a \$40 million investment to strengthen services and support for female entrepreneurial success. This will help empower women in Canada's economy by providing business development and increase support for women launching businesses across the country. More information can be accessed [here](#).



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