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## WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

The last several weeks have been hectic, and this week was no exception! This past week involved a bit of travel across Whitby, a visit to Northumberland County, Niagara Region, and Ottawa. With Parliament resuming very soon, the busyness is only expected to increase. I look forward to returning to Parliament, as this summer has given me many opportunities to connect with constituents across Whitby regarding their concerns and what can be done on a federal level to support them.

Improving the lives of Canadians and Whitby residents has always been my number one priority, and it can only be achieved through communication and collaboration among all three levels of government. Earlier this week, the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) hosted its 2022 Annual General Meeting. The AMO is a non-profit organization representing municipal and regional governments across Ontario to help them serve and improve communities. I welcomed senior leadership from the Town of Whitby in Ottawa and gave them a tour of the House of Commons. Following this, I had the chance to hear their concerns and discuss creating solutions for Whitby residents. We talked about various issues shared with us from constituents, ranging from economic development and infrastructure, climate change, and improving

Downtown Whitby and Brooklin, to name a few. I was pleased with the meaningful conversations and look forward to the continued collaboration with all levels of government to build a better Whitby for everyone.



*MP Turnbull pictured with Whitby Mayor Mitchell at the House of Commons in Ottawa*





*MP Turnbull pictured with senior leadership representatives from the Town of Whitby*

Last week, I connected with a senior leader at Honda Canada to discuss challenges that auto manufacturers are experiencing with entering the electric vehicle (EV) market. We also had a meaningful dialogue about how our government needs to continue investing in EV infrastructure by bringing in more charging stations to close the gap and make Canada more sustainable. Our government has taken steps to make Canada a global leader in manufacturing EVs, and we are committed to advancing our agenda to make the transition to a low-carbon economy and society as easy and affordable as possible. We've worked with American partners to include Canadian-built EVs in their new tax incentives. This will play a role in helping to secure access for Canadian manufacturers while creating jobs. boosting

to secure success for Canadian manufacturers, create jobs, revitalize our auto industry, and building a healthier, cleaner environment.

One of my favourite aspects of Whitby and Durham Region as a whole is our rich culture and diversity. Last weekend, I celebrated the 75th Pakistan Independence Day with members of the Pakistani community. It was a fun-filled afternoon of live performances, Pakistani cuisine, and a wonderful time connecting with community members for the first Pakistani Independence Day event hosted in Durham Region. I am glad to have supported this event and look forward to more initiatives celebrating the beautiful diversity of Durham Region.



*MP Turnbull pictured at the Jeevay Jeevay Pakistan Independence Day Event*

This week also marked the Ontario Federal Caucus Retreat. I met with my colleagues over a few days, where we were able to identify priorities and get ready for returning to the House of Commons when Parliament resumes next month. We had very important and profound reflections on what we've done so far and the work that must be done moving forward for Ontario. This retreat allowed us to highlight caucus priorities about issues that affect

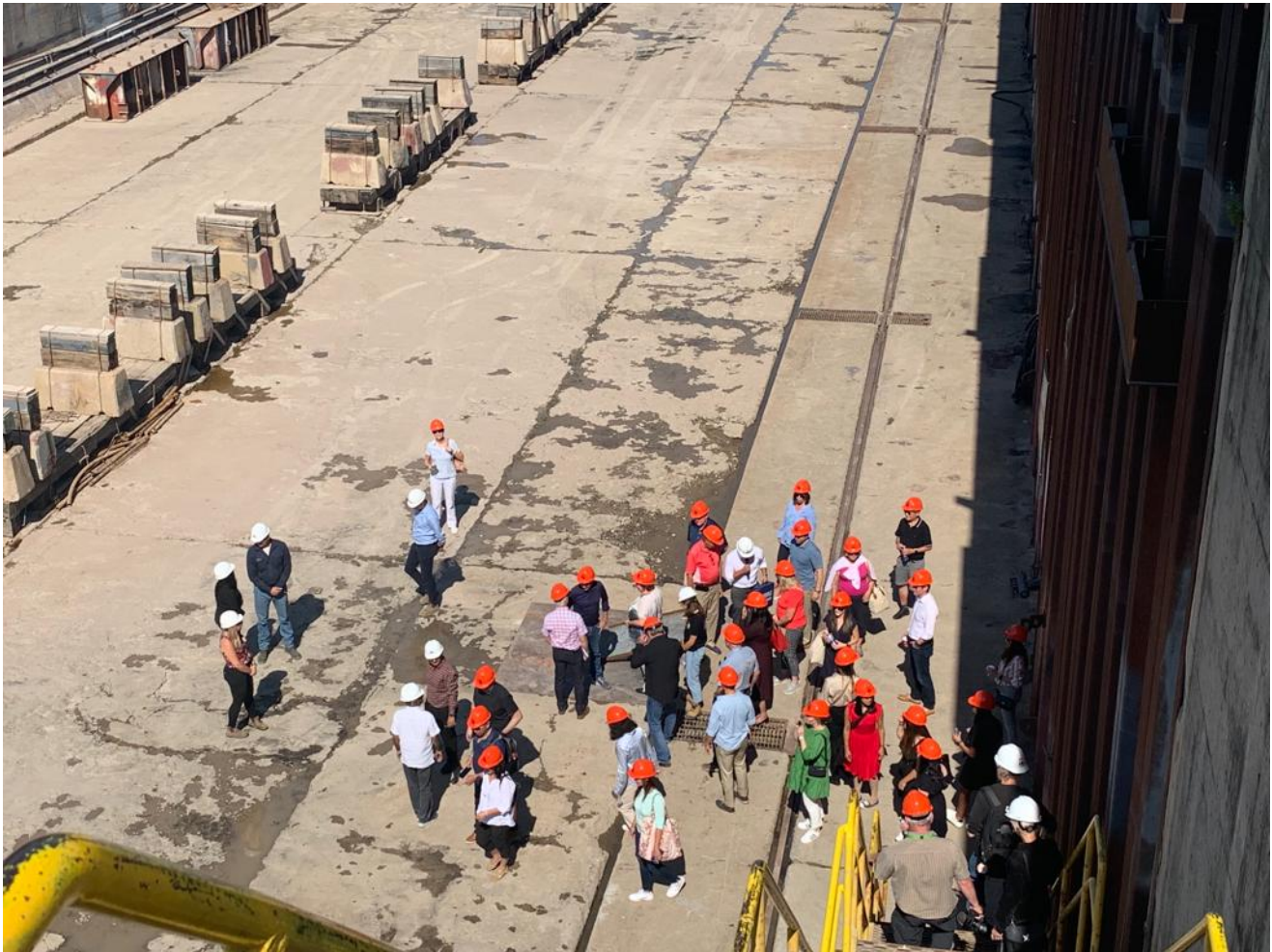
This retreat allowed us to highlight caucus priorities about issues that affect Ontarians across the province and how we can best address these challenges. During my time at the retreat, I supported Canadian athletes at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara. I was honoured to present the gold medals for kayaking and canoeing, and I extend a huge congratulations to all winners. To all the medalists representing their provinces, I say your hard work and tenacity is inspiring. Congratulations on all your accomplishments!



*MP Turnbull pictured with MP Valdez and some of the medal recipients from the 2022 Canada Summer Games*

During the retreat I also had the opportunity to visit the Heddle Shipyards, the largest Canadian ship repair and construction company on the Great Lakes. Heddle Shipyards has been a national leader in repairing ships and vessels for over 30 years, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to visit this important site. Ontario has the opportunity to play a key role with revitalizing this industry, which is rich with historical significance. With the skilled-trades centre at Durham College here in Whitby, there is an opportunity for collaboration between both organizations. To meet the

growing demand for more skilled workers, there is a clear connection and potential for young professionals here in Whitby to meet this demand and obtain meaningful employment. Through bridging the gap, we can build jobs, ensure recent graduates are provided employment opportunities, and boost our economy. I am immensely impressed with the work the Heddle Shipyards does and believe collaboration between skilled-trades programs and companies such as the Heddle Shipyards can help build a stronger shipping industry.



*MP Turnbull and colleagues pictured at the Heddle Shipyards in St. Catharines*

Earlier today, I went to Cobourg to announce funding on behalf of the Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion for the Northumberland County Housing Corporation (NCHC)'s Elgin Park Redevelopment Project. This project, which aims to increase the number of subsidized and market rental housing units, received a joint investment of nearly \$8 million to help turn 18 semi-detached homes into a series of 4-plex and 6-plex in Elgin Street. This project will help create 40 new housing units, some of which will benefit low-income households looking for affordable rental options. \$2.4

benefit low-income households looking for affordable rental options. \$2.4 million of the announced funding came through our government's National Housing Co-Investment Fund. In comparison, \$5.7 million came through the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative, a joint program with the federal and provincial governments. Safe and affordable housing is one of our key priorities in Budget 2022, and this investment is the first of many to support low-income individuals, seniors, and families. I am proud of the leadership our government has taken to make housing more accessible, and I look forward to the work we continue to do to address this disparity.



*MP Turnbull pictured at the NCHC Elgin Park Redevelopment Project funding announcement*

As summer comes to a bittersweet end, I wish you all a safe and exciting return to school, work, and in my case, Parliament! 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

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## Updates from Your Government

### Supporting Our Students

The COVID-19 pandemic has produced challenges for everyone, including young Canadians who have faced difficulties such as job loss and fewer training opportunities. With schools almost back in session, our government is offering various programs to assist students and young Canadians, including:

- **Canada Learning Bond:** individuals turning 18 in 2022 may get up to \$2,000 for their education;
- **Canada Apprenticeship Loan:** apprentices in a Red Seal Trade may get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans for each training period;
- **Canada Student Grants and Loans:** full-time post-secondary students may get up to \$6,000 every year in grants and loans;
- **Apprenticeship Incentive Grant:** registered apprentices who have completed their first or second level of training may get up to \$1,000 for each training level; and,
- **Apprenticeship Completion Grant:** registered apprentices completing their training may get up to \$2,000 for their final level of training.

Our government has also doubled the amount of Canada Student Grants for eligible students and waived interest on Canada Student Loans until March 2023. Beginning November 1st, Canadians will not be required to repay their federal student loans until they earn a minimum of \$40,000 per year. We understand young Canadians' challenges with seeking employment post-graduation, and we are committed to easing some of these barriers.



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## Making Life More Affordable for All

According to Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for July, inflation has decreased by 0.5%, going from 8.1% in June to 7.6%. While it is promising to see inflation drop, there is much to do to address the growing challenge of inflation. Our government continues to help Canadians navigate this challenge, which is why we created our [Affordability Plan](#).

Our Affordability Plan includes:

- Enhancing the Canada Workers Benefit gives up to \$2,400 to low-income families;
- Increase Old Age Security by 10% for seniors 75 and over;
- Providing a \$500 payment this year to renters who are struggling with the cost of housing;
- Cutting child care fees by an average of 50% by the end of the year across the country; and,
- Introducing dental care for Canadian families earning less than \$90,000

Our government understands the complex nature of the affordability challenges Canadians are experiencing, so we aim to support all Canadians on all fronts. We will continue introducing measures to help alleviate the cost of living pressures that families are experience while continuing to respond to national and global challenges.

## Keeping Canadians Safe Online

While technological and digital access have many benefits, there is no

doubt that online safety is a growing concern for many Canadians. Our government recognizes that, and we are taking strides to ensure Canadians are safe online. We continue to engage and consult Canadians on how to address harmful content online, such as hate speech, violence and terrorism, child sexual abuse material, and the non-consensual distribution of intimate images. To date, we have held a national consultation on legislative framework that can be executed to address and prevent online harm, we have formed an expert advisory group to best navigate our efforts, and with this we intend to enact real changes to keep Canadians safe. The safety and wellbeing of all Canadians, online and offline, is of utmost importance to our government.

### **Service Canada Passport Updates**

Challenges surrounding the increased demand for passports are still an issue, but more action is being taken to reduce wait times. The average wait time at call centres has shown notable improvements, decreasing from its peak of 108 minutes in April to 27 minutes last week. More passport offices are expanding for pick-up options across the country to make obtaining a passport more efficient. As I shared last week, 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 to ensure their application is processed in time for travel. I am hopeful we will continue to see improvements with the added measures.



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