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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

I can't believe 2022 has almost come to an end, what a year this has been! We have faced many challenges this year as a nation, but we overcame these adversities and bounced back stronger.

As we recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, families across Canada have faced many challenges with global inflation and the rising cost of living, and our government has taken action to help Canadians who need it most. We worked tirelessly to introduce, pass, and implement legislation to help build an affordable Canada that works for all Canadians. Some notable legislative changes we have introduced include:

- Doubling the GST tax credit for six months;
- Introducing the Canada Dental Benefit for families with children under 12;
- Introducing a \$500 one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit to help renters afford their rent;
- Removing interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans, and delaying federal loan repayments until recent graduates are making at least \$40,000 a year; and,

 We are on track to reduce fees for licenced child care for families in Ontario by 50% by the end of this year (which is a cost savings of \$6000 per child, per year for the average family).

Affordability has been on the mind of every Canadian, and our government has taken action to help build an inclusive economy for all. I am excited to see the important work our government will accomplish in the new year for the upcoming Parliamentary sitting.

I was pleased to be in Whitby for the week in time for the holidays. It's always great to be back in the riding, and this week was no exception. My week was filled with meetings, end of year wrap-up tasks, and connecting with the constituents who make this town so wonderful.

Hearing your concerns is important to me, and this week I called a number of constituents who have reached out to my office to express their concerns about the dire situation in our healthcare system. We had meaningful discussions on the needs of frontline healthcare workers, how to solve human resource capacity challenges and improve conditions for workers, while ensuring major improvements are made by the Provincial and Territorial Governments to provide the quality patient care that Canadians deserve. Our Federal Government is increase health transfers and will continue to negotiate in good faith with the Provinces and Territories but will be unwavering in our commitment to ensure that funds are spent on the need investments in our healthcare system. We are standing up for healthcare workers, patients, and a universal, publicly funded healthcare system and we have heard loud and clear that Canadians want better outcomes for patients and workers, and that means that the Canada Health Transfers will need to ensure transparency and accountability.

This week also marked the beginning of Chanukah, an important holiday for

members of our Jewish community. Chanukah is an eight-day festival of lights in the Jewish calendar that reminds us that goodwill always triumph over evil and light over darkness. It also serves as an opportunity to recognize the contributions Jewish Canadians have made to our country, while reaffirming our commitment to dismantle antisemitism and all forms of discrimination. Hatred has no place in Canada, and our government is committed to creating a nation free of hate where we embrace our rich diversity.

I had the honour of joining Chabad Jewish Centre of Durham Region for their 13th annual Chanukah Celebration where I got to connect with our Jewish community, participate in the Menorah lighting, and learn more about the significance of Chanukah. Despite the cold weather, it was great to see the large turnout at this event. I would like to thank Chabad of Durham Region, the Town of Whitby, and the Whitby Fire Department for their support in putting this fantastic event together. To all those observing the remaining days of Chanukah, I wish you a joyous celebration. Chag Chanukah sameach!





MP Turnbull pictured at the 13th annual Chanukah Celebration.

With the deadline for Canada Summer Jobs for employers fast approaching, my office coordinated a virtual information session for interested employers in Whitby to learn more. We had a great turnout where attendees were able to learn more about the program and have their questions answered. I strongly encourage eligible organizations to apply for this funding. More information about Canada Summer Jobs can be viewed below.

This week I also had the opportunity to meet with individuals and representatives from various groups. I met with Michael Cholod who is currently in Kyiv, Ukraine. Michael is working on a social financing scheme to help rebuild Ukraine using the seized assets of Russian Oligarchs. This is a very important initiative and undertaking that I am deeply interested in and will be involved with as it progresses. I look forward to more discussions with Michael about this work.

Further, I was joined by the Climate Action experts in Durham Region for a lunch where we had conversations about how we, as a nation, are advancing on our fight against climate change. We drafted several next steps and priority action areas for this long-term goal. I look forward to having regular meetings in the new year as we continue to take action to fight climate change.

I had a great meeting with representatives from Climate Justice Durham. We had important conversations about the oil and gas emissions cap our government is introducing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help achieve Canada's climate objectives. It's great to see young Canadian

leaders advocate for a healthier, greener planet here in Durham Region!



MP Turnbull pictured meeting with representatives from Climate Justice Durham.

I was also thrilled to join the Whitby Warriors Junior A Lacrosse Club Annual Awards Banquet last night to celebrate the 2022 Minto Cup Junior A Men's Lacrosse Canadian Championship. Our team played a remarkable season, finishing third place in the regular season and winning two out of the three games in the finals, what an accomplishment! Congratulations to the entire team for this impressive win, way to go! I had the opportunity to present an award to one of the players for his incredible performance this season, congratulations again to Tristan Dempers!





MP Turnbull pictured at the Whitby Warriors Junior A Lacrosse Club Annual Awards Banquet.

I am very excited to spend the upcoming holidays with my family. Dividing my time between Whitby and Ottawa means I don't get to spend much time with my family, so I look forward to having a wonderful holiday with my wife Suze and my daughter Alexis. I hope you all enjoy a fantastic holiday with family and friends. To those celebrating, I wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a very Happy New Year filled with peace, joy, and love. Please note my constituency office will be closed for the holidays, and we will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

From my family to yours, happy holidays!

Warmest regards, Ryan Turnbull





NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Apply for the One-Time Top-Up to the Canada Housing Benefit

Every Canadian deserves access to safe and affordable housing, and our government is here to make that a reality. Eligible renters are now able to apply for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit of \$500. This payment will help nearly two million low-income renters who can use this funding to help with the cost of housing. Applications are open from now until March 31, 2023.

To learn more and apply, visit this <u>link</u>.

Apply for the Canada Dental Benefit

Every Canadian deserves access to dental care, and our government recognizes that. This is why we have implemented the temporary Canada Dental Benefit (CDB), which is part of our government's affordability plan to help families access dental care. The CDB is now available for families with children under 12 who have an adjusted net income of less than \$90,000, and who do not have access to private dental insurance. This benefit will grant eligible families up-front, direct payments totalling up to \$1,300 per

child (up to \$650 per year, for two years) for them to access dental care services in accordance with the following:

- \$650 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000.
- \$390 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999.
- \$260 is provided for each eligible child, per year, if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will administer this new benefit on behalf of the Government of Canada, and eligible individuals can apply for the benefit to receive dental care for their children to dental care, including care received between October 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Eligible families can apply for the CDB in CRA My Account, or by calling 1-800-715-8836. More information regarding the Canada Dental Benefit can be accessed here.

Call for Canada Summer Jobs 2023 Application for Employers

The 2023 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) application for employers is still open! CSJ is a program funded by the Government of Canada with the goal of helping young Canadians between the ages of 15-30 obtain summer employment and work experience. The fund supports not-for-profit, public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees across Canada. Employers are welcome to submit applications that fall in line with this year's national priorities, including:

- Youth with disabilities;
- Black, Indigenous, and racialized youth;
- Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that self-report as

having leadership from groups that are underrepresented in the labour market; and/or,

• Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations in environmental sectors.

Eligible organizations can apply between now and January 12, 2023 at 2:59 PM ET via the Access Grants and Contributions Online Services portal, or the online fillable application. Applications may also be submitted in person at a Service Canada office or by mail.

More information about the Canada Summer Jobs program may be accessed here or by phone at 1-800-935-5555.

Ensuring the Housing Market Remains Available to Canadians

We recently announced new regulations that will be used to implement the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act. This will come into effect as of January 1, 2023 and will ban foreign investors from buying non-recreational residential property in Canada for two years. This strategy will help address challenges Canadians are experiencing with housing affordability to ensure housing is owned by Canadians and not foreign investors. Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home, and our government is working to make this a reality. More information about this Act can be accessed here.



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