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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

It's hard to believe December is here already! What a busy and eventful week I had in Ottawa during the week and in Whitby on the weekend. The upcoming weeks are expected to get busier as we near the end of this Fall's sitting of Parliament. We are trying to make the final push to get more legislation passed through the House of Commons.

I was glad to be in Whitby over the weekend where I spent quality time with my family and had the opportunity to engage with community members. My family and I were delighted to attend Brooklin's Christmas in the Village, in Grass Park. We explored the many wonderful stalls, enjoyed singing holiday favourites and even taking a horse and buggy ride. We certainly got into the holiday spirit with many members of the community. What a fantastic time!





MP Turnbull and his family pictured with the Brooklin Town Criers at Brooklin's Christmas in the Village.

Returning back to Parliament Hill, my week was filled with important meetings and events with colleagues, stakeholders, and organizations across the country. I met with representatives from the Canadian Credit Union Association (CCUA) where we discussed the important role credit unions play in our country's financial services industry. Credit unions are crucial to help keep money local and support Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs.





MP Turnbull pictured with representatives from CCUA.

I met with the Mood Disorders Society of Canada during their reception on Parliament Hill. Alongside my colleagues, we discussed the importance of community mental organizations across the country, as well as the meaningful impacts they have on the lives of Canadians.



MP Turnbull pictured with colleagues and representatives from the Mood Disorders Society of Canada.

I also had a great meeting at a reception on Parliament Hill with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). We spoke about small and independent businesses across Canada, and CFIB shared a presentation

outlining the challenges that they are facing, including discussions on key recommendations. Further, I met with representatives from Colleges and Institutes Canada, including the President of Durham College, where we discussed priority areas pertaining to Applied Research. Funding for Applied Research is essential for colleges across Canada to help provide professional work opportunities for students to increase the capacity of companies to innovate and commercialize new methods, processes, and technologies.

In addition, I attended a reception and presentation on food insecurity, where I heard from Food Banks Canada, Maple Leaf - Centre for Action on Food Insecurity, and the Community Food Centres Canada about the rising challenges of food insecurity in Canada, and how this problem can be addressed. Food insecurity is an issue that affects too many households in Canada, and it is crucial that all partners continue working together to move forward on food policies which will help make Canada a healthier and more food secure country.





MP Turnbull pictured at the food insecurity panel on Parliament Hill.

I rose in the House of Commons last week to debate the Second Reading of Bill C-26: An Act respecting cybersecurity. I spoke about the importance of cybersecurity and how that correlates with national security. Being online and connected is essential, whether for conducting business, or staying connected with loved ones around the country and the world. Being able to stay connected safely and securely is fundamental across the country and here in Durham Region. The recent cyber incident that left many schools across the Durham District School Board without email or phone services is one of many incidents that can be prevented with the implementation of Bill C-26. This Bill will offer great support in preventing and responding to situations that threaten cyber security. Our government's commitment to protect cyber systems is crucial for the safety of all Canadians.



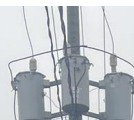
MP Turnbull pictured speaking in the House of Commons.

During the week. I had the opportunity to meet with Social Capital Partners

to discuss the implementation of the Employee Ownership Trust model. This model, which has been very successful in the US and the UK, offers private business owners a new option for transferring business ownership to their employees. We were able to have this important initiative included in the Federal Budget this year, and now it is time to implement this model. The Employee Ownership Trust model offers business owners a way to demonstrate how much they value their employees and frontline workers opportunities to become business owners and share in the wealth and success of their companies. I look forward to the implementation of models such as this one, and the many successes it will lead to, including stronger local economies, and increased income for workers.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive an email from a first-year university student named Zach earlier last week. In one of Zach's courses, his professor expressed the importance of owning a copy of the Canadian constitution which sparked Zach's interest in receiving one. The Constitution is a set of laws and rules about how our country operates, with one of the most notable parts of our Constitution being the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Zach's professor told his class that if they received a physical copy of the Constitution from a politician, they would receive a bump in their final grade. Zach reached out to my office to request a copy, which I gladly sent over to him. Best of luck, Zach!

The holiday cheer continued when I returned to Whitby for the annual Santa Claus Parade – the first one since 2019! Rain or shine, the weather didn't stop us from getting into the holiday spirit! It was great to see so many Whitby residents come out to celebrate. We had a truly wonderful time walking in the parade and getting to see all of the friendly faces in the crowd!

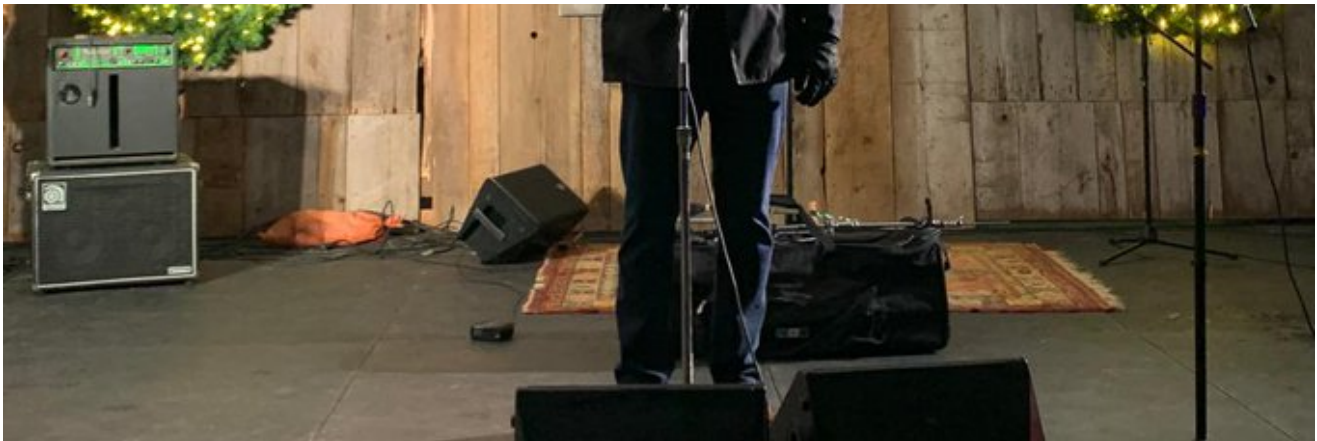




MP Turnbull pictured handing out candy canes during the 2022 Whitby Santa Claus Parade.

I joined community members at the Downtown Whitby BIA's third annual Christmas Market as well. It was a spectacular event that highlighted the local talent and businesses we have here in Whitby. I commend the Downtown Whitby BIA for the impactful work they do to showcase the many diverse small businesses in our town.





MP Turnbull pictured speaking at the third annual Downtown Whitby Christmas Market.

As I have returned to Parliament Hill, I await an equally exciting and productive week filled with important meetings and events. I also look forward to returning to Whitby this weekend and connecting with the community.

Warmest regards,
Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Launching 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](#).

Launching the Canada Summer Jobs 2023 Application for Employers

The 2023 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) application for employers has officially launched! 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.

Shaping the Future of Immigration through Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy

Our government launched Canada's [Indo-Pacific Strategy](#), which will play an important role in shaping Canada's future over the next 50 years.

Currently, the Indo-Pacific makes up over one-third of all global economic activity, and includes three of the world's largest economies - China, India, and Japan - and by 2040, this region will account for more than half of the global economy. The Indo-Pacific Strategy involves a key investment of nearly \$2.3 billion over the next five years which will have a massive impact on Canada's economic potential, including by promoting immigration that will strengthen ties between Canada and other nations.

The Indo-Pacific, which comprises 40 countries and economies, is rapidly becoming the global centre of economic dynamism and strategic challenge. Issues that matter most to Canadians will be shaped by the relationships Canada and its allies and partners have with Indo-Pacific countries. This strategy is built on five objectives, including:

- Promoting peace, resilience, and security by enhancing our defence and security relationships with regional partners and allies;
- Creating opportunities for Canadian businesses to access new markets;
- Building on our people to people ties and strengthening our international assistance
- Building a more sustainable and green future; and,
- Expanding and deepening Canada's engagement in the Indo-Pacific.

This important initiative will expand trade, create good jobs, build lasting international ties, and grow a clean economy.

Mandating Paid Sick Leave for Federally Regulated Workers

No one should have to choose between staying home when they are sick or paying their bills. This is why we announced that 10 days of medical leave with pay is now in effect for all federally regulated private sector workplaces. This milestone will lead to a permanent change to the Canada Labour Code to support nearly one million federal workers and enable them to prioritize their health. Paid sick leave is crucial to reduce the spread of illness in the workplace, and help Canadians recover from illness faster. A comprehensive list of federally regulated industries and workplaces may be accessed [here](#).

Making Life More Affordable for Young Canadians

We are committed to supporting Canadians who need it most, including young Canadians and students. To help alleviate costs for younger Canadians, we have permanently eliminated interest on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans and we have changed repayment terms

Loans and Canada Apprentices Loans, and we have changed repayment terms so students only need to repay their loans if they are making at least \$40,000 per year. We have also doubled the Canada Student Grants so current students can receive up to \$6,000 to help with tuition, housing, food, and cost-of-living expenses. Further, we are doubling the GST Tax Credit for six months, providing an extra \$234 in the pockets of single Canadians, and we are delivering \$500 to nearly two million low-income renters, including students.



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