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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

We wrapped up another productive week on Parliament Hill. With one week left until the end of the Fall sitting of Parliament, we are working hard to get more legislation passed to help Canadians as we near the New Year.

My week was filled with many meetings and events, and I was fortunate to return to Whitby earlier than usual to connect with our wonderful constituents. This morning, I joined the Whitby Chamber of Commerce (WCC) for their Networking Holiday Social. I had a lovely time engaging with members of the WCC where we had the opportunity to connect and discuss plans for the upcoming 2023 year. Thank you to the WCC for the impactful work you do for businesses in Whitby.





MP Turnbull pictured at the Whitby Chamber of Commerce Networking Holiday Social.

I was pleased to join my colleagues in Ottawa to welcome Hanukkah early with the annual Hanukkah on the Hill event! I had a great time connecting with members of the Jewish community for the first in-person Hanukkah on the Hill since the pandemic began. Hanukkah reminds us that light will always triumph over darkness and good will overcome bad. We are also reminded of our shared responsibility to challenge antisemitism in all forms to create a Canada that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone. To everyone in Whitby and across Canada who will be observing Hanukkah, Chag Sameach!





MP Turnbull pictured with his colleagues at Hanukkah on the Hill.

This week, I participated in the debate on Bill C-32: An Act to implement certain provisions of the <u>Fall Economic Statement</u> for 2022. Coming out of a pandemic, we have faced many challenges as a nation. However, Canada has fared much better than almost any other country in the world. There have been fewer deaths per capita, higher vaccination rates, and a stronger economic recovery than most other countries. We had a strong GDP recovery, our labour market has bounced back stronger than ever, and our economy continues to grow with one of the highest participation rates among women in the economy.

With that said, it is clear that families are experiencing challenges due to inflation and its effects on the rising cost of living. Canadians need support, and our government has a plan to help those in need with immediate and long-term measures to alleviate the inflationary pressures in our economy. We are building stronger and more resilient supply chains and continuing our efforts to build workforces and support labour market mobility. We are integrating newcomers into corresponding skilled employment opportunities and positioning Canada for long-term international growth through trade and partnerships with other nations. We are also ensuring we can scale sustainable innovation in Canada through attracting more investment opportunities.

Our government is making meaningful efforts to help Canadians recover from the pandemic and build an economy that works for everyone. The measures we are taking to help Canadians doesn't stop here as we are actively working to build a sustainable Canada that will benefit generations to come. Our price on pollution is one of our measures that disincentivizes behaviours in our industries that pollute while incentivizing innovation and the uptake of technology that will help us reach net-zero goals, all while putting money back in the pockets of Canadians. This is just one of the many ways our government is building our economy back stronger than ever while helping Canadians.

I also participated in the All-Party Climate Caucus with my colleagues where we had the opportunity to engage in an informative presentation by Canadian atmospheric scientist, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. Dr. Hayhoe discussed the impacts of climate change that are present in virtually every aspect of our lives, and the work we all must do to mitigate the alarming effects of climate change before it's too late. Climate change is a hole in every bucket.



MP Turnbull pictured with his colleagues at the All-Party Climate Caucus.

I also had the opportunity to join the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs for their annual Reception on the Hill. Our firefighters are our local heroes, and I was happy to meet with Chiefs from across the country to listen to their heroic and brave experiences supporting their communities, as well as, their policy priorities. The Fire Chiefs travel to Parliament Hill annually to speak with Parliamentarians to share their experiences and provide recommendations to better service communities. We discussed the importance of improving access to mental health services, the work that must be done to address climate emergencies, and supporting our firefighters, such as through Bill C-224: An Act to establish a national framework for the prevention and treatment of cancers linked to firefighting. This Bill is currently at the committee stage, and I fully support it as I believe it is crucial to find solutions to protect our firefighters as they risk their lives every day to keep us safe.



MP Turnbull pictured with representatives from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

I was delighted to attend the Assembly of First Nations' Parliamentary Reception where Parliamentarians were invited to speak with Indigenous Leaders. This was an opportunity to listen, reflect, and learn from Indigenous peoples and organizations about their priorities, how our government can support them, and the joint path forward to Reconciliation. The path to Reconciliation is the responsibility of all Canadians, and we all must work together to learn from the past, ensure it is never forgotten, and build a better and more prosperous future.

I rose in the House of Commons this week to ask the Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion of Canada about our government's launch of the Disability Inclusion Business Council (DIBC). The DIBC is made up of business leaders across Canada who will work towards leading the charge on addressing challenges pertaining to accessibility and workplace inclusion to create more equitable and accommodating workplaces for Canadians with disabilities. This council was announced as part of Canada's Disability Inclusion Action Plan which will serve as a roadmap to remove barriers persons with disabilities face. I am proud of the work our government is doing to build an inclusive Canada free of barriers for all individuals of all abilities.

My question and the Minister's response can be viewed on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.





MP Turnbull pictured speaking in the House of Commons.

I also had the pleasure of speaking in the House of Commons this week to recognize the wonderful Don Mitchell, former Mayor of Whitby. A lifelong Whitby resident, Don was first elected as a Councillor in 1991 and served as Mayor for eight years. Many of us in Whitby have nothing but great things to say about Don and his leadership. With his 30 years of service to our town, I have no doubt Don's legacy has left its mark on Whitby. Thank you for your service, efforts, and contributions to our town, Don, and I wish you the very best in your retirement.

My statement can be viewed on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.



MP Turnbull pictured speaking in the House of Commons.

I am excited to share that my new website is officially live! Once updated, you will be able to access resources for support, keep up with the work I am doing, and stay informed! My new website can be accessed here.

I look forward to my weekend at events around town in Whitby before returning to Ottawa for the final week of the current Parliamentary session. I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend with loved ones.

Warmest regards, Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

The Canada Dental Benefit is in Effect

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.

Protecting Child Care for Canadian Families

We introduced Bill C-35: An Act respecting early learning and child care which aims to protect access to affordable, inclusive, and high-quality learning child care. Once it is passed, this legislation will make it significantly harder for any future government to cancel, cut, or reduce child care, protecting children and families. To date, fees for regulated licensed child care across Canada have already been cut by 25% and will be cut by 50% by the end of the year, and we are well on our way to delivering \$10 a day child care for families.

Building a Clean and Green Economy

This week we opened Canada's first full-scale electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing plant in Ontario. This plant will build fully electric delivery vans which will help reduce pollution from vehicle emissions. This is thanks to the \$259 million investment from the federal government to fund building these electric vans. By 2025, the General Motors plant aims to manufacture 50,000 EVs yearly. Not only will this help reduce emissions, but it will secure thousands of jobs, and help Canada advance in the automotive sector. Our government will continue to work with companies globally as we build our EV supply chain fight climate change secure jobs, and build an

economy that works for all Canadians.



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