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## WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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As we approach the final day of this Parliamentary Session on June 23rd, we are busier than ever trying to pass as much of the legislation we committed to passing. The work is challenging but it is energizing to know that we are making good on accomplishing what Canadians tasked us to achieve when they reelected our Government in the fall of 2021.

Before returning to Ottawa, I had the pleasure of attending the Kimberley Black Graduate 5KM Scholarship walk/run. The scholarship was created by former Ontario Tech University student Kimberley Black, who successfully defended her master thesis only months after being violently attacked by a stranger and left in a four-week coma.



*MP Turnbull and his family pose with Kimberley Black at the Kimberley Black Graduate 5KM Scholarship walk/run this past weekend*

This scholarship is awarded to female Ontario Tech students who are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is always a joy to attend events like the walk/run with people like Kimberley, who strive to make our community a better place. Her perseverance and strength is inspirational, and I was delighted by the opportunity to attend and speak to everyone who joined us. Thank you to everyone who participated with us and to Kimberley for all the work you do.

I also attended the Durham Regional Police Services Central West Division Community Fun Day. Although it was a rainy day, it was great for my family and I to meet the people who sacrifice so much to keep Whitby a safe place to live and work. It's lovely to speak to so many officers and staff of the Durham Regional Police who have dedicated their lives to serving our community.



*MP Turnbull poses with a police shield as he and his family attend the Durham Regional Police Services Central West Division Community Fun Day.*

As important as my work in Ottawa is, I take delight in being able to meet the fantastic people who make Whitby great. Every time I am in the community, I feel very proud to represent you as your Member of Parliament.

On Wednesday, I attended the fifth annual Father's Day on the Hill to raise awareness for men's mental health. This bipartisan event was hosted by Matt Jeneroux (Conservative) with special guest speaker Bryan Baeumler of HGTV Canada. We were also joined by Gord Johns (NDP), James Maloney (Liberal), and Mental Health Commission of Canada President and CEO Michel Rodrigue. It's always nice to see fellow MP's from different parties put partisan politics aside to come together in support of causes like men's mental health awareness.

The reality is that men are three times more likely to die by suicide than women. Men are also less likely to speak about their feelings out of the fear of being perceived as "unmanly", and this needs to change. I know that many of us have been affected by mental health struggles, whether it be ourselves or our loved ones. By removing the stigma surrounding mental health and encouraging more men to talk about their feelings and struggles, we will be able to help those who are suffering

and save lives.



*MP Turnbull speaks with Mental Health Commission of Canada President and CEO Michel Rodrigue at Father's Day on the Hill in Ottawa this past Wednesday.*

I want to thank Matt Jeneroux for hosting this event and for being an advocate for men's mental health initiatives. If you are struggling with your mental health or know someone who is struggling, remember that there is always someone you can talk to and get the help you need. If you are in crisis or know someone who is, please visit [Wellness Together](#) to access all of their mental health services.

Also on Wednesday, I presented a petition to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry on behalf of Whitby resident Michael Powell. His petition calls on parliamentarians to undertake consultations that will help find ways to combat corporate insolvency that leads to pension income loss. Since 1982, more than 250,000 Canadians have experienced pension loss due to corporate insolvency, and the pandemic has only increased the risk of experiencing pension loss. Although our Government has taken steps to combat practices that lead to insolvency and have worked to make proceedings more transparent, more needs to be done.

After long careers, Canadian seniors deserve the ability to retire to the full pensions they're entitled to. We need to make sure that corporations pay the full pension they committed to delivering regardless of insolvency. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make certain retirees get full pensions from the companies they dedicated their lives and careers to. See my full remarks in the house [here](#).

Earlier this morning, I had the chance to meet with Minister Shigehiro Nishiumi from the Embassy of Japan to discuss our shared values and areas for possible future collaboration between our two countries. As G7 members and partners in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Canada and Japan share similar beliefs when it comes to international policy. We both believe it is crucial to uphold the rule of law, keep the peace, ensure energy security, and promote free trade.

On top of this, Canada and Japan have been leaders in the global fight against COVID-19 through our sizable donations to the COVAX Program and in the fight against climate change. Both countries have set the goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions and are investing in green technologies such as Zero-Emission Vehicles. We are both putting pressure on Russia in light of their invasion of Ukraine with harsh sanctions and working to tackle global food security challenges caused by the war. This collaboration even positively affects Whitby as we are home to the Canadian headquarters of the Japanese power tool company Makita, which creates jobs in the community.

With my background in Social Innovation, I am always amazed by the significant investment Japan makes to foster innovation. I think Canada could learn a lot from Japan to find ways to invest more effectively in innovation to find greater solutions to current and future challenges. Through collaboration with Japan, Canada can become a leader in areas of social finance with new investments to tackle climate change and solve social issues.

I want to thank Minister Nishiumi for coming to meet with me and discussing our two nations shared values and collaborations. Japan will always have a friend in Canada, and I look forward to our two countries working together in the future.

I look forward to returning home this weekend to spend time in the community and meet the fantastic people that make Whitby great. As always, please reach out to my constituency office for assistance with any concerns of a federal nature you may have. My staff and I are ready to help. Finally, I want to wish all the Dads of Whitby a happy Father's Day.

Warm regards,  
Ryan Turnbull

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## The Latest from Your Government

### Passage of Bill C-5

On Thursday, the House of Commons passed Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Substances Act. The Bill aims to create criminal justice reforms that are fair to all while still keeping people safe. Once given Royal Assent, the Bill will repeal mandatory minimum penalties of imprisonment, allow for greater use of conditional sentence orders for those who pose no threat to society, and consider measures like addiction counselling rather than prosecution for those in simple possession of illegal drugs.

Previous policies have disproportionately affected Black and Indigenous communities, which is unacceptable. We can be tough on crime without unfairly criminalizing marginalized communities, and once we reintroduce Bill C-22, that is precisely what we will accomplish.

Systemic racism exists, and the overrepresentation of Black and Indigenous people in our criminal justice system proves this unfortunate reality. Since 2015, our Government has worked hard to make Canada a fairer and more equitable society and this legislation is a continuation of that work.

### Canada's Affordability Plan

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland introduced Canada's Affordability Plan, that includes multiple measures to combat the effects of inflation and make life more affordable for everyday Canadians. Global factors like Russia's war in Ukraine, supply chain challenges, and the COVID-19 pandemic have led to high inflation, which have raised the cost of living, and this plan will work to offset these challenges.

Canada's Affordability Plan's measures will help Canadians with the cost of housing, dental care, and childcare while working to alleviate rising costs for low-income families and seniors. Our promise in Budget 2022 was that we would work hard to make life more affordable, and this plan shows that we are committed to keeping that promise. Although there is not much we can do about global inflation; we are committed to mitigating the associated rising cost of living.

Learn more about how Canada's Affordability Plan will help Canadians [here](#)

### Simplifying the Passport Application Process

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My colleagues and I are well aware of the long lines and wait times experienced by people applying for new passports. Service Canada has seen an influx of applications since the resumption of travel. For the first two years of the pandemic, many Canadians did not renew their passports meaning that Service Canada only saw 20% of its normal application volume. We fully understand how frustrating these long wait times are, and Service Canada is putting measures in place to make it easier to access passport services and cut wait times.

Service Canada is simplifying the renewal process for passports issued in the last 15 years and is offering a new booking tool that directs applicants to the best service location. They are also adding 500 new employees to support application processing, as well as new passport officers who will be available on evenings to assist those who cannot be served during regular hours. Service Canada will open all in-person passport counters, and there is a wait time portal you can access [here](#)

As always, we recommend making passport applications long in advance of travel. People travelling within 45 business days must visit a Service Canada Centre to apply for or renew a passport. Urgent passport services are available to those travelling within two business days. Due to processing delays, we recommend applying in person rather than mailing their application.

To learn more and get all relevant information on how to apply for a passport [here](#)

## **May's Job Numbers**

After two years of pandemic shutdowns, Canada's economy is not only recovering; it is thriving. May's new job numbers are in, and I was delighted to see that we added 40,000 new jobs to Canada's economy. That brings Canada's unemployment rate down to 5.1%, the lowest since 1976. In fact, we have recovered 117% of all jobs lost during the pandemic.

Canadians' hard work and innovative spirit have given Canada one of the strongest economic recoveries in the G7. This recovery is growing the middle class and ensuring a robust Canadian economy for generations.

This government will continue to support hard-working Canadians by making crucial investments to support workers, reinforce our supply chain, and help small businesses thrive. These investments and supports are essential in strengthening and solidifying our post-pandemic economy while guaranteeing it remains strong.

As we finish our fight against COVID-19, Canada is emerging with a strong economy and a bright future ahead. I know the strength and resilience of everyday Canadians, combined with support from this government, will make Canada even stronger.

## The End of Travel Vaccination Requirements

Tuesday, the government announced the end of all vaccination requirements for domestic and outbound international travel on planes and trains, effective June 20th. This comes after the announcement that we are also temporarily ending mandatory testing at all airports. With our high vaccination rates along with declining hospitalizations and severe outcomes, we are clearly in a much safer position than we were in the fall of 2021.

We have made scientifically guided decisions to adapt to life with COVID-19 and protect the vulnerable with as little disruption as possible. Even as we loosen restrictions, it is important to remember that the pandemic is not over, and we need to continue to be vigilant and consult with public health experts. We will still require the unvaccinated to quarantine, and masks on airplanes will remain mandatory.

What has put us in a good position and allowed us to remove some restrictions is Canada's high vaccination rate of nearly 90%. Getting vaccinated and boosted is still our best defense against COVID-19, so if you haven't been vaccinated or boosted yet, I highly recommend you do so. Continuing to be cautious is the best thing we can do to avoid future waves.

We've come a long way from March of 2020, and there is still much work to do, but Tuesday's announcement should be an encouraging sign that life will slowly but surely, return to normal.

Find out more about the end of Travel Vaccination Requirements [here](#)

## Pride Flags

June is Pride Month. Over the month, we will celebrate the contributions and impacts of LGBTQ2 communities across the country. It is an opportunity to reflect on our progress to expand and protect LGBTQ2 rights in Canada, commemorating the work done by activists and acknowledging the work that still needs to be done.

Our constituency office will offer Pride posters for Whitby residents who want to celebrate Pride Season with us. If you would like to request a poster, please email [ryan.turnbull@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ryan.turnbull@parl.gc.ca) with your name and address, and we will send one. I look forward to continuing to work hard to make Canada a more equitable and inclusive place.

## Canada Day

With Canada Day quickly approaching, I am offering Canada Day signs for any resident who may be interested. If you would like a lawn sign, head to my website

resident who may be interested. If you would like a lawn sign, head to my website at <https://turnbullwhitby.ca/canada-day-signs/> and sign up with your name and address. I hope you have a wonderful Canada Day.



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