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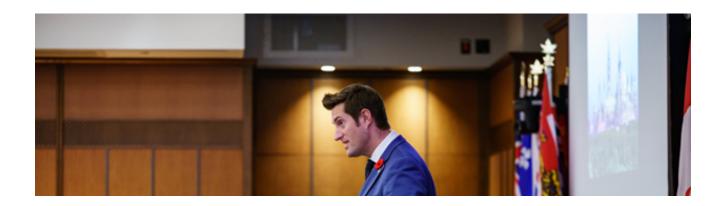
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#### Dear Neighbours,

The past several weeks have been very productive and busy, I can't believe we're already nearing the end of November! As many of you are aware, the Sustainable Finance Forum I had been planning since the summer finally happened on Parliament Hill!

We hosted eight events over the course of two days with over 60 speakers and hundreds of participants. I was very pleased with the turnout for the Sustainable Finance Forum, and the meaningful discussions that came out of this event. Members of Parliament, Senators, and Stakeholders gathered on Parliament Hill to discuss the future of Sustainable Finance in Canada and how we can work together to mobilize capital to build an economy that works for all Canadians.





MP Turnbull pictured speaking at the Sustainable Finance Forum.

During this Forum, we had curated sessions with MPs and Stakeholders from businesses and organizations across the country. We hosted virtual sessions on Women and Black Entrepreneurship, the Energy Transition, Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Reconciliation, Food Security, and Affordable Housing. These panels were followed by in-person sessions on Parliament Hill pertaining to Mobilizing Capital to Fight Climate Change and Mobilizing Capital to Build an Economy that Works for All Canadians. I am very grateful for my colleagues who supported this important event, and I would also like to thank the Prime Minister, Minister Gould, and Mark Carney, to name a few, for their support with the Sustainable Finance Forum. I would also like to give a shout out to the members of the Sustainable Finance Action Council for participating in the Forum and sharing the foundational work they are doing.





MP Turnbull pictured with Prime Minister Trudeau at the Sustainable Finance Forum.



MP Turnbull pictured with members of the Sustainable Finance Action Council.

Leading up to the Forum, I posed a question to Prime Minister Trudeau in the House of Commons regarding how our government is building a more prosperous and sustainable Canada. We are driving investment to create jobs in a net-zero economy, build affordable housing, and develop an economy that works for all Canadians. We launched our first \$5 billion green

bond and released Canada's Green Bond Framework. We also created the Sustainable Finance Action Council, and continue to work towards building an equitable and inclusive economy.



MP Turnbull pictured asking Prime Minister Trudeau a question during Question Period.

Given my background in social innovation, and my current position as Chair of the Social Innovation Caucus, I believe now is the time to build momentum to drive social and environmental change across Canada. I was immensely pleased with the turnout of the Sustainable Finance Forum, and I have high hopes this event will help make sustainable finance a standard practice in Canada's financial sector and allow our government and national partners to work together to mobilize more capital.

Following the success of the Sustainable Finance Forum, I was glad to return to Whitby for the weekend before heading back to Ottawa. My family and I joined four Rotary Clubs in Durham, including Whitby and Whitby-Sunrise, for the 2022 Kids Against Hunger Canada meal packing. We had a wonderful morning helping pack more than 40,000 meals for food-insecure

individuals across Canada and the world. To date, Kids Against Hunger Canada has shipped food to over 19 countries and packaged over three million meals. I commend the incredible work they are doing, and my family and I were grateful to help this important cause. More information regarding Kids Against Hunger Canada can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>.



MP Turnbull pictured with wife Suze at the Kids Against Hunger Canada meal packing.

Following this, I attended a business launch in Downtown Whitby to celebrate the grand opening of Jayne Fashion, a locally owned boutique that specializes in women's fashion. It's truly amazing to see our Whitby community grow and the many new businesses joining our wonderful town. Congratulations to the team at Jayne Fashion and I wish you great success on this exciting endeavour!



MP Turnbull pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Jayne Fashion in Downtown Whitby.

Last week, I had the wonderful fortune of spending my week in Whitby where I attended local events and connected with many constituents. The weeks I'm back in the riding are nothing shy of exciting, and last week was no exception! I was delighted to welcome the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Public Services and Procurement to Whitby for an evening. We stopped by the Brock House where Minister Jaczek had the opportunity to meet with some members of our Whitby community. Thank you for visiting our lovely town, Minister!





MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Jaczek (to the right of MP Turnbull) and community members at the Brock House in Whitby.

Leading up to Remembrance Day, I had the opportunity to visit the ONroute at Port Hope on behalf of Minister MacAulay and Minister Wilkinson where I announced a huge milestone in the Trees for Life the Highway of Heroes Campaign. This initiative achieved its goal of planting two million trees by Remembrance Day to commemorate Canada's veterans. The Highway of Heroes Campaign is also the world's largest living tribute! This accomplishment was thanks to the previous investment of \$2.4 million through the 2 Billion Trees (2BT) program, and with the support of national partners. Following the announcement, we also unveiled a beautiful art installation by renowned sculptor, Ruth Abernethy, to remind us that our Canadian Armed Forces heroes will never be forgotten, despite their absence. Ruth was also the artist behind the statue of Len Cullen at Cullen Central Park and Sir Williamson Stephenson here in Whitby. The Port Hope OnRoute is the home to her recently unveiled piece. More information regarding the 2BT program can be accessed here.



MP Turnbull pictured at the Port Hope ONroute statue unveiling with members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Ruth Abernethy, and provincial and municipal representatives.

After the announcement, I welcomed the Honourable Filomena Tassi, the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to Durham. I joined Minister Tassi at Ontario Tech University where we met with Federal Development Ontario and stakeholders across Durham Region to discuss opportunities for economic growth. We discussed some of the challenges businesses are experiencing and how our federal government can contribute to the economic growth of businesses across Durham and Canada. As elected representatives, it is important we have these conversations to understand the unique needs of businesses and stakeholders to better address steps our government can take to support Canadian businesses. We had a great discussion, and I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss solutions and how we can progress



MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Tassi (to the right of MP Turnbull) and various stakeholders and representatives from businesses in Durham Region at Ontario Tech University.

I invited Minister Tassi to Durham College Whitby Campus at the Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology where we met with constituent, Ivan, who is also a Political Director for the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades Union (IUPAT). We discussed addressing labour shortages for skilled trades workers, and how our government can continue supporting the work of organizations such as IUPAT on a local and broader scale. Thank you to the wonderful leadership at Durham College for welcoming us in this space!





MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Tassi and Ivan at Durham College Whitby Campus Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology.

I attended the Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards hosted by the Whitby Chamber of Commerce. This event celebrates business excellence and commitment to our community. Whitby has held a tradition since 1955 of recognizing and honouring outstanding accomplishments of local businesses in the community. I wholeheartedly congratulate all of this year's winners and nominees for their meaningful contributions. I also extend a warm congratulations to this year's Peter Perry award winner, Joe Drumm!





MP Turnbull pictured with Peter Perry award winner, Joe Drumm at the Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards.

Last Friday marked Remembrance Day, a day to reflect and honour the Canadians who served, and continue to serve our country. On Remembrance Day, we remember their sacrifices, and we pay our respects to the brave individuals who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedom, peace, and democracy. I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to members of the Canadian Armed Forces, past and present, their families, and Veterans across Whitby and Canada for their service. On November 11th and every day, we remember these honourable Canadians.

I joined the 413th Whitby Cubs and Scouts and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112 for an act of remembrance at the Groveside Cemetery Veteran graves. We placed flags on their graves and acknowledged the brave veterans whose gravesites we visited. I spoke with the Cubs and Scouts about what Remembrance Day means to me, and we had meaningful and reflective conversations on the importance of Remembrance Day.





MP Turnbull pictured at Groveside Cemetery with members of the 413th Whitby Cubs and Scouts and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112.

I was honoured to join hundreds of community members at the Whitby Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day ceremony with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112. We placed wreaths in honour of the brave Canadians who answered the call of duty, and their families. My wife, Suze, represented me at the Brooklin Cenotaph for the ceremony with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152. Together, we expressed our gratitude to all those who have served our country.





MP Turnbull pictured speaking at the Whitby Cenotaph.



Suze Turnbull pictured with members of the Canadian Armed Forces at the Brooklin Cenotaph.

Yesterday in the House of Commons I had the opportunity to highlight an exceptional individual in our Whitby community, Carolyn Mountjoy, who was recently inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame. Carolyn has

been a dedicated ringette coach in Whitby for over 30 years. She has dedicated countless hours over the years in support of the Whitby Ringette Association where she has mentored generations of ringette players, predominantly young girls in our community. Great coaches have lasting impacts on the lives of the children they mentor and empower, and Carolyn is one of these greats. I commend Carolyn for her meaningful contributions to our community and for this impressive accomplishment. Congratulations!



MP Turnbull pictured speaking in the House of Commons.

As we enter the snowy season, I encourage you all to keep practicing safe health measures to protect yourself and your loved ones. I also encourage you to receive your flu shot if you haven't already done so. It is our collective responsibility to keep each other safe. I hope you have a restful and warm weekend.

Warmest regards, Ryan Turnbull

# NEWS AND UPDATES

#### **Updates from Your Government**

#### **Permanently Eliminating Interest on Canada Student Loans**

I am pleased to share that in our government's recent Fall Economic Statement we will be permanently eliminating interest on Canada Student Loans, including those currently being repaid, beginning April 2023. In addition, the zero-payment income threshold has increased to \$40,000 for single-person households. This means that repayment will not be required until recent graduates are earning at least \$40,000 yearly. We have also doubled Canada Student Grants to give students up to \$6,000 up-front to help with the cost of tuition, food, and housing. Students are our country's future leaders, and we are committed to help make life more affordable for students across Canada.

### Helping Canadians go to the Dentist

Our government is working to make life more affordable for Canadians by making dental care more affordable for families who need it the most. Beginning December 1, we will provide up to \$1,300 over two years through the Canada Dental Benefit for children under 12. This is our first step in our plan to build a nationwide dental care program to provide care for those who need it most.

We have also doubled the GST Tax Credit for six months, providing an extra \$234 in the pockets of single Canadians without children, up to \$467 for couples with two children, and an average of an extra \$225 for seniors which has started this month. We are also delivering \$500 to nearly 2 million low-

income renters who are struggling with the cost of housing. Affordability is on the minds of many Canadians, and our government is working to ensure Canadians have the relief they need.

#### **Announcing Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 Funding**

The Rapid Housing Initiative provides funding to select municipalities to build new housing or purchase existing builds to be converted into permanent affordable housing. It was recently announced that the third round of the Rapid Housing Initiative will be expanding to 41 municipalities across the country to support more vulnerable Canadians. I am pleased to share among these municipalities is Durham Region! This will help support projects across Durham Region to help individuals have access to safe and affordable housing. More information can be accessed **here**.



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