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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

I was glad to be in Whitby for an action-packed week! This past week was filled with meetings, events, announcements, and some very exciting visits. On Wednesday, we were thrilled to welcome Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Durham Region! My Durham caucus colleagues and I joined Prime Minister Trudeau at Memon Supermarket in Pickering, the largest independent South Asian supermarket in Canada. We heard from the people we spoke to at Memon Supermarket regarding the challenges they are experiencing due to the rising cost of living, and we reaffirmed our commitment to help make life more affordable. Our government has taken many measures to help alleviate the challenges Canadians have been facing. We have introduced legislation that will double the GST Tax Credit for six months, provide up to \$1,300 in support for families with kids who don't have dental coverage, and bring relief to 1.8 million renters across the country by delivering a one-time \$500 top-up. We are taking real action to help the middle class and Canadians who need it most.





MP Turnbull pictured with Prime Minister Trudeau at Memon Supermarket in Pickering with a local Whitby family.

After our visit to Memon Supermarket, I welcomed Prime Minister Trudeau to Whitby where we visited the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre. This recreation centre serves as a gathering place for older adults ages 55+ to learn new skills, access resources, and make connections. We met with the seniors and staff at the centre and shared what our government is doing to support seniors across Whitby and Canada, ranging from improving the Guaranteed Income Supplement to boosting the Old Age Security pension. Our government's inclusive affordability plan ensures no one is left behind. We were also delighted to be joined by Whitby's Mayor Mitchell who greeted us at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre. It's always a pleasure to connect with our local Whitby seniors.





MP Turnbull pictured with Prime Minister Trudeau and local seniors at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre.

During the Prime Minister's visit, my Durham colleagues joined us for a fantastic lunch at Whitby's own 12welve Bistro & Tapwerks. We enjoyed a delicious meal while we discussed important priorities shared by our constituents across Durham Region, and how we can address these priorities. We talked about many different pressing matters, including affordability, healthcare, affordable housing, and climate change among others. We had a productive conversation on how we can move forward to address the concerns of Canadians across Durham Region and Canada. Thank you to my wonderful colleagues, Mark and Jennifer, for the incredible work you do for the people of Durham!





MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Holland [middle left], MP O'Connell [middle right] and Prime Minister Trudeau [right] at 12welve Bistro & Tapwerks in Whitby..

Alongside an exciting visit from the Prime Minister, the Honourable Kamal Khera, Minister of Seniors also came to Whitby earlier in the week. I had a great time showing her around, and we had the pleasure of meeting with a number of constituents. We visited the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Durham group home in Whitby where we met with the staff and residents to hear about how the CMHA is breaking barriers and reducing stigma. It was great to hear firsthand from residents about the impact of the Collaborative Residents Enabling Assisted Transitional Engagement (CREATE) program, a program that offers 24/7 onsite support to transition into community reintegration. I commend the staff for the impactful work they do to help make programs like CREATE successful. Mental health matters, and Canadians deserve access to mental health resources and aid within their communities, and organizations such as the CMHA help make mental health support that much more accessible.





MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Khera at the CMHA Durham group home in Whitby.

After we visited CMHA Durham, Minister Khera and I met with seniors at the Whitby Lawn Bowling Club. We got to test our lawn bowling skills while engaging with the seniors at the club. Operating for 95 years, the Whitby Lawn Bowling Club has been an integral part of our town, promoting staying active and having fun for all members of the community, with a special emphasis on seniors. The Whitby Lawn Bowling Club was also a recipient of the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) grant this year, and they showed us the positive impact of receiving this fund, whereby they were able to purchase a new lawnmower and allocate money for their members to go to a coaching clinic. The NHSP grant provides funding for projects, such as the Whitby Lawn Bowling Club, that make a difference in the lives of seniors and their communities. Applications for the NHSP are open until November 1st, and I strongly encourage eligible organizations to apply [here](#). It was great to see firsthand how the NHSP funding supports seniors, and I commend the Whitby Lawn Bowling Club for their meaningful contribution to the lives of seniors in Whitby. Lawn bowling is not an easy sport, and I plan to come back to perfect my skills!



MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Khera, staff, and members of the Whitby Lawn Bowling Club.

Earlier this week, I went up to Barrie on behalf of the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, where I announced a joint investment of over \$4.5 million to support the construction of 12 transitional housing units in Barrie. Our government contributed \$1.4 million from the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCF) to support the Redwood Park Family Transitional Housing project. Founded in 2009, Redwood Park Communities works with various partners to build safe and affordable communities to support families and individuals. They also have a Furniture Bank initiative where they upcycle used furniture and provide it to households in need. To date, this organization has housed close to 500 people. With this funding, the Redwood Park Family Transitional Housing project will provide housing for vulnerable groups, particularly women and children in crisis. This investment will ensure that those who are most vulnerable have a safe and affordable place to call home, and that we continue to build a future where no one is left behind.

The NHCF is a program under the National Housing Strategy that prioritizes projects that help vulnerable groups, such as women and children in crisis, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, those living with mental health or addiction issues, veterans, and young adults, to name a few. With a \$13.2 billion budget, the NHCF aims to:

- Create up to 60,000 new homes;
- Repair up to 240,000 homes;
- Create or repair at least 4,000 shelter spaces for victims of family violence;
- Create at least 7,000 new homes for seniors; and,
- Create at least 2,400 new homes for people with developmental disabilities.

Our government is committed to continue supporting projects such as the Redwood Park Family Transitional Housing project to ensure every Canadian has a safe and affordable place to call home. I had a wonderful time connecting with representatives from Redwood Park Communities, and we had meaningful conversations about housing, social enterprise, and the Sustainable Finance Forum I am hosting next month.

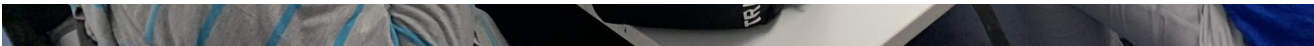




MP Turnbull pictured announcing federal funding at the Redwood Community Update meeting in Barrie.

I also joined MP Coteau at the SAAAC Autism Centre on behalf of Minister Duclos where we announced funding for a community-based Resource Kit project to help support the mental, physical, and social wellbeing of Autistic individuals, their families, and their caregivers. Autism Ontario will receive over \$360,000 to compile and distribute 3,300 kits including culturally-inclusive resources for marginalized and racialized Autistic individuals and their families. These kits will be distributed to families across Ontario, Alberta, and Yukon. Autism Ontario will also be partnering with autism-based professionals to organize and lead interactive meetings to guide families in using the contents in their Resource Kits. The COVID-19 pandemic presented significant challenges to accessing resources for Autistic individuals and their families, leaving many without support. Our government is committed to addressing barriers Autistic individuals face, and projects like this one are crucial in helping these individuals access the resources they need to stay healthy and well.





MP Turnbull pictured with MP Coteau at the SAAAC Autism Centre.

Don't miss out on applying for the 2022-2023 Whitby Constituency Youth Council (CYC)! The CYC is an opportunity for youth to talk about issues that matter to them and to be heard by the federal government. Through group meetings, projects, and events, I will work with the youth council to have their voices heard and enable them to have a say in decisions our government makes. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth ages 14-24 to get involved, and I encourage all youth to apply! Applications close on **October 21st** so apply [now!](#)



Whitby Youth Council

APPLY NOW

Get involved in political decision-making
& make a difference in our community!





After a very eventful week in Whitby, I look forward to returning back to Parliament next week to continue the important work our government is doing to tackle issues that matter most to Canadians. Before I leave, I am excited to attend some local events with organizations in the Whitby community, including small business grand openings. It's always great to spend my weekends with members of our wonderful community!

Warmest regards,
Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Putting More Money Back in Your Pockets with the Climate Action Incentive Rebates

Putting a price on pollution is not only one of the best ways to help fight climate change, but it puts more money back into the pockets of Canadians. The rising cost of living is something on the minds of many Canadians, and this is one of the ways our government is taking action to provide support. Canadians living in provinces where the federal carbon pollution pricing system applies (Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) will receive the second installment of the quarterly Climate Action Incentive (CAI) payment. This payment program keeps affordability in mind by helping those who need it most. Eight out of ten households will get more money back than they pay in. Today, an average family of four in Ontario will receive \$186.25 back. Families in rural and small communities are also eligible to

receive an extra 10 percent. Canadians are feeling the pressure of higher costs of living and the cost of climate change. By putting a price on pollution, we can reduce emissions and put more money back in peoples' pockets to make life more affordable for Canadians. Full details on the CAI payment amounts can be accessed [here](#).

Building an Inclusive Canada for Everyone

Last week, we introduced Canada's first-ever Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Building on existing measures, this Action Plan consists of programs, policies, and investments to improve the lives of persons with disabilities across Canada. The Action Plan is divided into four pillars:

- **Pillar 1 - Financial Security:** actions to improve the immediate and long-term financial security of persons with disabilities, such as through the creation of a new Canada Disability Benefit;
- **Pillar 2 - Employment:** actions to address long-standing barriers that persons with disabilities face in the labour market and workplace, including by providing supports to both persons with disabilities and employers;
- **Pillar 3 - Accessible and Inclusive Communities:** actions to address the physical, communication, and attitudinal barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from fully participating in their communities and the economy; and,
- **Pillar 4 - A Modern Approach to Disability:** actions to address the challenges that persons with disabilities face in accessing federal programs and benefits, as well as ensuring the needs of persons with disabilities are reflected in government policies and programs.

This is an important step in the right direction to make Canada more equitable and inclusive for all persons of all abilities. More information

... regarding the Disability Inclusion Action Plan can be accessed [here](#).

Canada's Measures Against the Iranian Regime

Canada stands with the people of Iran. We are horrified by the Iranian regime's actions, which have resulted in the tragic killings of Mahsa Amini and dozens of brave protestors. We have announced new measures to hold the regime accountable. We are listing the Iranian regime, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) officials, as inadmissible to Canada for their engagement in terrorism and human rights violations. We are also creating a new sanctions bureau and increasing sanctions on Iran, and expanding the ability to seize and freeze assets. We intend to invest \$76 million to strengthen our capacity to implement sanctions, and continue to pursue all tools at our disposal, including the Magnitsky sanctions, to hold the Iranian regime accountable. When it comes to the Iranian regime, Canada has some of the toughest measures of any country in the world. Canada will continue to work with international partners to ensure the Iranian regime is held accountable for its heinous conduct, including for the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, which killed 138 people en route to Canada, including 55 Canadians and 30 permanent residents. We stand with the Iranians protesting for a better future where human rights are respected. More information regarding Canada's sanctions on the Iranian regime can be accessed [here](#).

Easing Supply Chain Regulations

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the pressing need to streamline regulations across Canada's supply chains to make it easier to ship goods to Canadians on time. This is why we are investing \$17 million over five years to various new initiatives to ensure the rail, marine, and air modes of transportation work together more effectively. Some notable

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implementations include:

- Amending the Canada Transportation Act to allow Transport Canada to offer digital service delivery to transportation operators across modes, saving time and money;
- Working towards a Maritime Single Window, a uniform system that would enable digital information exchange between all stakeholders regarding vessel arrivals, departures, and stays;
- Collaborating with industry to develop an approach to eliminate paperwork and shift to the use of electronic shipping documents for the transportation of dangerous goods via the road, rail, and air; and,
- Launching the Pre-load Air Cargo Targeting (PACT) to improve the security of air cargo through the supply chain.

This is an important step to make our supply chains move effectively, keep our economy competitive, and ensure essential goods are delivered to Canadians on time.

Supporting Community Projects with the Enabling Accessibility Fund

The call for proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is still open. The EAF provides funding for projects that make communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities to give these individuals more opportunities to take part in community activities and access employment. The call for proposals will provide nearly \$58 million in funding from 2022 to 2023 to support at least 58- accessibility projects, and up to \$6.5 million to support at least 65 Early Learning and Child Care projects. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$100,000 to assist with construction, renovation, or retrofit of existing spaces to improve accessibility, and for accessible Information and Communication Technologies.

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Priority funding will be given to projects that support the improvement of accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities in:

- Shelters, for those experiencing violence and/or gender-based violence;
- Workplaces where persons with disabilities work or could work in the future
- Early Learning and Child Care centres; and,
- Indigenous projects to improve accessibility in Indigenous organizations.

This is a fantastic funding stream that I highly encourage all eligible organizations to apply to. The deadline to submit an application is **November 1st**. More information on eligibility criteria and how to apply may be accessed [here](#).



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