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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

I can't believe we are already nearing the end of October! The last several weeks have been very eventful, and I look forward to continuing this momentum during my time at Parliament and in Whitby.

I was grateful to spend the last few weekends in Whitby where I had the opportunity to connect with constituents in the community. Earlier in the week, I joined members of the Pak-Canadian Society of Durham and Friends Indeed Canada to honour the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was a somber yet joyful event as we commemorated Her Majesty's years of service to Canada and the Commonwealth. We will continue to cherish her memory and celebrate the life she lived.





MP Turnbull pictured speaking about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Remembering the Queen event.

Last week marked Small Business Week, a week that recognizes the meaningful contributions of Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs across the country. Small businesses create jobs, fuel our economy and build up our neighbourhoods. Small businesses are the heart of our communities. Our wonderful town of Whitby is home to many unique and diverse small businesses that cater to the needs of all residents. Downtown Whitby, alone, boasts over 450 local businesses that help make our community even more

vibrant and engaging to residents and visitors. As a former small business CEO, I understand the importance and value of the impact of small businesses on a local and national level. Small businesses have faced many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, and our government continues to work to help support the recovery of small businesses.

In addition, I posed a question in the House of Commons to the Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development regarding what our government has been doing to support small businesses all across the country. We supported small businesses throughout the pandemic and during the illegal convoy, we have supported businesses in Atlantic Canada after Hurricane Fiona, and we are cutting taxes for small businesses so they can grow. We are helping businesses export and get access to the international marketplace so they can flourish and contribute to the economy. In Budget 2022, we have allocated \$4 billion for the [Canada Digital Adoption Program](#) to help digitize small businesses, and this summer we approved the [Small Business Financing Program](#) to help entrepreneurs access funds they need to recover. We will continue to support small businesses and ensure they have the resources to prosper and be successful.

I was fortunate to celebrate Small Business Week a little early by visiting the fantastic team at Melly's Workplace, Café + Marketplace for their official grand opening! Melly's is a brand new social enterprise right here in Whitby. This not-for-profit café celebrates all abilities through an inclusive community-driven workplace, café, and market. Melly's has a wonderful café with handcrafted beverages, and a marketplace that features products from local entrepreneurs from underserved communities, including women, Black, and Indigenous entrepreneurs. Purchases made at the café support advancing opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I had a fantastic time connecting with the staff, and the incredible turnout and support from our community members was very

heartwarming. It's great to see Whitby grow as we welcome more diverse and inclusive small businesses. Congratulations to the team at Melly's, and I wish you the utmost success! More information about Melly's and their mission can be accessed [here](#).



MP Turnbull pictured with members of the Melly's Workplace, Café + Marketplace team at the official grand opening in Whitby.

After an extraordinary weekend in Whitby, I returned back to Parliament for a productive week. My week was filled with meetings and planning for the Sustainable Finance Forum I am hosting. It's less than two weeks away until the Forum, and I'm very excited to see everything come together. My team and I have been hard at work as we finalize key elements of the Forum, and I can't wait for it to happen! I look forward to the important dialogues that will be created as a result, and how our government can continue our important work to build an economy that works for all Canadians.

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 **tonight** so apply **now!**



Whitby Youth Council

APPLY NOW

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



I look forward to another busy week in Ottawa as we near the one-week countdown to the Sustainable Finance Forum. My team and I have been

hard at work to make this Forum a huge success, and I look forward to the positive impact this will have for Canadians across the country. Although this week is projected to be one of my busiest, I hope to allocate some time to practice mindfulness and take care of my mental health, and I encourage you all to find some time during your week to do the same.

Warmest regards,
Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Putting More Money Back in Your Pockets by Doubling the GST Tax Credit

Many Canadians are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living, and our government acknowledges that which is why we are providing much needed relief. Last week, our legislation to double the GST Tax Credit for the next six months became law by receiving Royal Assent. This will put 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 this year, helping 11 million families and individuals across Canada. Those eligible will automatically receive their payments starting in early November.

To help mitigate the challenges regarding affordability, we have also introduced legislation to:

- Provide up to \$1,300 over two years through a Canada Dental Benefit for children under 12, starting this year; and,
- Deliver a \$500 payment to nearly 2 million low-income renters who

are struggling with the cost of housing, including seniors.

Keeping Handguns Off Our Streets

Our government's national handgun freeze took effect on Friday, meaning buying, selling, or transferring handguns anywhere in Canada is illegal. Protecting our communities from gun violence can't wait, and our government has taken the strictest measures to ensure Canadians are safe. Action on gun violence can't wait, and we will continue to work to ensure we are creating a Canada that is safe for everyone.

In addition, we are also:

- Taking action at Canada's borders, with investments in the CBSA and RCMP to fight smuggling and stop guns from coming into Canada;
- Launching a buyback program to get assault-style weapons off of our streets, once and for all; and,
- Stopping gun violence before it starts by investing in programs and prevention to help young people succeed and build stronger communities.

Supporting the Economic Recovery of Indigenous Businesses

Small businesses have faced the economic impacts of COVID-19, and many continue to experience the effects as we rebuild our economy. Many organizations were able to receive support through the Indigenous Business Initiative loan program, which has supported many Indigenous small businesses stay operational during the pandemic. To continue supporting the economic recovery of Indigenous businesses, our government has

announced up to a 50% loan forgiveness for organizations who received the Indigenous Business Initiative. This will benefit roughly 3,800 small businesses and entrepreneurs who will be able to recover quicker, support their local economy, and maintain good quality jobs. Our government is here to support local businesses and help them navigate their recovery. More information regarding loan forgiveness can be accessed [here](#).

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.

Prioritization 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](#).

New Horizons for Seniors Program - Call for Proposals

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grant and contributions program with the goal of supporting projects that help seniors stay active and engaged in their communities. We are still seeking proposals for community-based projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding. The call for proposals is open until **November 1st**. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be viewed [here](#).



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