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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

The month of October has flown by! Last week was exceptionally busy for me as I finished preparations for the Sustainable Finance Forum I have been planning. We are officially three days away from the very first Sustainable Finance Forum on Parliament Hill! After five months of tireless planning with my team, I am ecstatic for this Forum to take place.

The Sustainable Finance Forum is a two-day event taking place on Parliament Hill with eight sessions, both virtual and in-person, and hundreds of participants. Members of Parliament, Senators, and investors, entrepreneurs, and experts within their respective fields from across Canada will be a part of this event. Through curated sessions on women, Black and Indigenous entrepreneurship, the energy transition and climate change, food security, and affordable housing, we will discuss how sustainable finance can help achieve broader economic, social, and environmental goals in Canada.

This Forum will serve as a platform to engage in meaningful discussions regarding challenges, the work other jurisdictions are doing, and how the federal government can collaborate with investors, financial institutions, innovators, entrepreneurs, and businesses to create an economy that is

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As the Chair of the Social Innovation Caucus, I believe this event will be an impactful and engaging way to bridge the gap between parliamentarians and professionals, and work together to create an enabling policy environment to drive change and scale impact for the benefit of all Canadians. I am very excited to see this event come to fruition, and the momentum that will follow to build an equitable, prosperous, and sustainable economy.



Last week was also eventful all across Ontario as the municipal elections took place. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to all of the re-elected and newly elected municipal candidates in Whitby! I would also like to thank Don Mitchell, Deidre Newman, and JoAnne Drumm for their years of service and dedication to the Town of Whitby. Collaborating with members of the Town of Whitby council and leadership has always been a priority for me, and I look forward to continuing that work to address issues that matter most to Whitby residents.

I spoke in the House of Commons where I asked a question to MP Sidhu, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the importance of Canada and United States relations following the first official visit to Canada by the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. This was an important visit to help strengthen the bond of Canada and the U.S. as allies, partners, and friends. Canada will continue to work with its international partners to address global issues, including holding Russia accountable for its illegal invasion of Ukraine.



MP Turnbull pictured speaking in the House of Commons.

I was able to spend some time in Whitby this weekend to attend some local events with our wonderful constituents before I left for Ottawa. This week is projected to be very busy with the Sustainable Finance Forum, but I look forward to updating you following this important event!

Warmest regards,
Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

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. We are working to provide up to \$1,300 over two years through a temporary Canada Dental Benefit for children under 12, starting this year. I am pleased to share that this legislation just passed through the House of Commons. This brings us one step closer to delivering the relief Canadian families need.

We are also doubling 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 starting this November. 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.

Increasing Competition to Lower Prices in the Telecom Sector

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Recently, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of Canada rejected the transfer request of spectrum licences from Shaw to Rogers. Our government's top priority is making life more affordable for Canadians, and by denying this request, we uphold our commitment to increase competition within the telecom sector to ultimately lower prices for Canadian consumers. We will continue to promote competition and drive down cell phone plan prices for Canadians, including rejecting proposals that do not increase competition.

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

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- 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 **tomorrow**. 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 **tomorrow**. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be viewed [here](#).



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