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WHITBY COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

We wrapped up the third week of the new session of Parliament, and it was nothing short of productive.

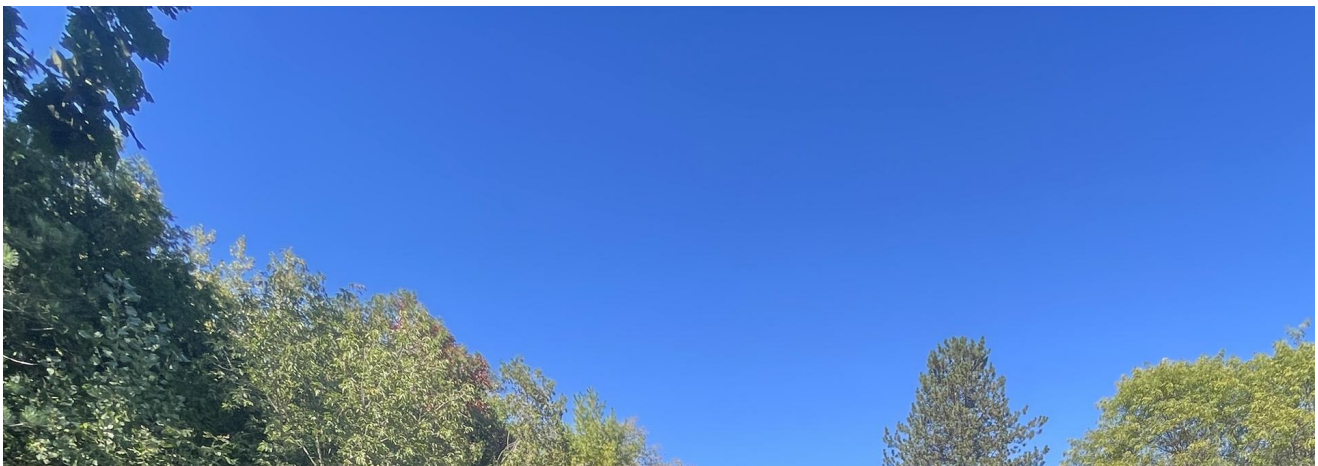
Last week, I had the pleasure of joining the community and members of the Ontario Regiment at the Ontario Regiment Museum in Oshawa to commemorate 156 years. It was incredible to see the display of military tanks and vehicles dated back to World War II. I was also pleased to take part with the community in welcoming Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Caron into his new role. I commend the Ontario Regiment Museum for the important efforts they do to preserve our nation's history. I also extend my sincerest gratitude to all of the Veterans, service people, and Armed Forces members for your service to Canada. Thank you for all that you do!





MP Turnbull pictured with members of the Armed Forces and municipal and provincial representatives from Whitby and Oshawa at the Ontario Regiment Museum.

My colleagues and I welcomed and met with Minister Guilbeault at Rouge National Urban Park. We had thoughtful conversations regarding nature-based solutions to combat climate change. Rouge National Urban Park is home to some of the last remaining working farms in the Greater Toronto Area, many species of flora and fauna, one of the largest marshes in the region, and Toronto's only campground, to name a few of the many wonderful attributes this land has to offer. It also has a rich history dating back well over 10,000 years, including some of the oldest known Indigenous sites in Canada. We all recognize the unique environmental significance of this park for preserving biodiversity.





MP Turnbull pictured with Minister Guilbeault and his caucus colleagues.

Environmental conservation is an important priority that I continue to advocate for more nature-based solutions to fight climate change. In fact, this week I met with representatives from the David Suzuki Foundation and Environmental Defence to discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed provincial Highway 413. We discussed the environmental consequences, such as the destruction of a portion of the Greenbelt, the threat to at-risk species, and the economic impacts of this proposed highway. We also talked about the importance of ensuring a project as large as this, should likely undergo a full environmental impact assessment with public hearings to ensure an informed decision is made on whether the environmental risks can be effectively mitigated. I believe the ecological concerns pertaining to where the highway is proposed to be constructed are worrisome, and this decision should not be taken lightly. Our government has taken significant steps to mitigate determination environmental impacts and combat climate change, and it is crucial we continue this important work

and combat climate change, and it is crucial we continue this important work to protect and preserve the environment.

I was delighted to speak in the House of Commons to recognize the incredible work of our beloved Station Gallery, who recently hosted their 29th Annual Drawing for Art fundraiser. As many of you may know, Station Gallery is a historic public art gallery that shares art and culture with the community through exhibits, events, performances, programs, and workshops to connect and inspire the community across Whitby and Durham Region. I have had the pleasure of attending Station Gallery's Annual Drawing for Art event in previous years, as it is a key fundraising initiative that supports the Gallery in delivering their important programs to the public. This year, Station Gallery received 160 unique artwork pieces which were generously donated by local and national artists to support the Gallery's continued success. I congratulate the Station Gallery on their 29th Annual Drawing for Art event, and I wish them continued success. It is incredible to see their vision of helping art and culture thrive across Durham Region come to life! My statement can be viewed on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).



MP Turnbull pictured in the House of Commons recognizing Station Gallery's 29th Annual Art Draw.

I participated in some debates in the House of Commons this week as well. I spoke during the Third Reading of Bill C-30: Cost of Living Relief Act, No. 1 (Targeted Tax Relief) to share my support for this important bill. I discussed our government's Affordability Plan and how it will deliver fiscally

responsible financial support to Canadians who need it the most, and address the needs of low-income Canadians who are most exposed to inflation. Key highlights of our Affordability Plan include:

- Canada Workers Benefit that will put up to \$2,400 into the pockets of low-income families;
- 10% increase in Old Age Security for seniors 75 years of age and over;
- Cutting Childcare: We are cutting regulated child care fees in half by the end of this year.
- Doubling the Canada Student Grant until July 2023 and waiving interest on Canada Student Loans through to March 2023; and,
- Doubling the GST Credit to provide \$2.5 billion in additional targeted support to roughly 11 million individuals and families who already receive the tax credit.

I participated in the debate on the Opposition Motion - Moratorium on New Taxes, and I voted against this motion. Carbon pricing has never been about raising prices on Canadians, and under our plan, most households end up with more money back in their pockets. Wherever federal fuel charge proceeds are returned to households, eight out of 10 families get more back through our climate action incentive payments, proving this system is assisting with the cost of living for many Canadian families. Our initiatives are making real impacts in the lives of Canadians, and giving Canadians more money back.

We acknowledge the challenges with inflation and the rising cost of living, and our government is tackling these issues with real solutions for Canadians. We are building an inclusive economy that works for all Canadians to ensure no one is left behind.

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! The application can be accessed [here](#).

Whitby Youth Council

APPLY NOW

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



I look forward to spending my time in Whitby next week. I have a very packed week filled with planning for the Sustainable Finance Forum which is less than one month away, connecting with constituents, attending local events, and some exciting meetings. As we approach the long weekend, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. There's a lot we have to be thankful for, living in one of the best countries in the world. I look forward to spending quality time with my family this weekend, and I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with your loved ones as well. With the projected

forecasts for a sunny incoming weekend, I encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, and perhaps even go for a nature walk at Rouge National Urban Park!

Warmest regards,
Ryan Turnbull

NEWS AND UPDATES

Updates from Your Government

Helping Canadians Rebuild After Hurricane Fiona

The impacts of Hurricane Fiona have been devastating, but our government stands with all those affected, and we are committed to providing relief to those in need. So far, we have established a donation-matching program with the Canadian Red Cross to support those impacted by the storm. Canadians wishing to make a donation to help those impacted by Hurricane Fiona can do so online at www.redcross.ca, by calling 1-800-418-1111, or by texting FIONA to 20222 to make a \$10 donation. We have also mobilized the Canadian Armed Forces personnel and assets to assist in Eastern Canada and help with debris removal, clearing roads, and conducting flyovers to assess the damage and check-in on individuals who were severely impacted. Recently, we announced the creation of the Hurricane Fiona Recovery Fund which will provide up to \$300 million over two years, beginning this year. The Fund will support projects that help local businesses and communities recover, restore economic activity by repairing critical infrastructure, and ensure the safety of navigation and protecting marine wildlife. We are here for those impacted, and we will help ensure communities and businesses affected can repair, rebuild, and recover more quickly.

Making Education More Affordable

Our government has made significant strides to make it more affordable for students to get an education in Canada. We doubled the Canada Student Grants to give students up to \$6,000 every year to help with the costs of tuition, housing, and food. We've waived interest on Canada Student Loans to make repaying student debt more manageable as young graduates search for employment. We have also created opportunities for young Canadians to gain employment through programs like Canada Summer Jobs, the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy for youth facing barriers to employment, and the Student Work Placement Program which creates co-op placements through wage subsidies. Affordability is an important issue for Canadians, and we are committed to addressing it on all fronts to ensure no one is left behind.

Commemorating Women's History Month

October is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the women and girls who are contributing to a better, more inclusive Canada. This year is especially significant as it marks the 30th anniversary of Women's History Month. This year's theme, *She Did, So Now I Can*, celebrates the actions of inspiring Canadian women that positively impact our lives. Whether it's making sure women receive equal pay for work of equal value, addressing gender-based violence, or advocating for affordable childcare spaces, we are thankful for Canada's vibrant women's movement. Women's History Month reminds us that when we invest in women, we create greater inclusion, stronger communities, and stronger economies to the benefit of everyone. When women succeed, we all succeed. To all of the women and girls in Whitby and across Canada, I wish you a very happy Women's History Month!

Breaking Down Barriers During Mental Illness Awareness Week

This week marks Mental Illness Awareness Week which gives us an opportunity to talk about mental health and end the stigma surrounding mental illness. The past two years have been challenging for many, especially the most marginalized, and the impacts of these inequities have put an increased burden on the mental well-being of many. We are committed to working with Canadians and partners on all levels to create a comprehensive, evidence-based plan to improve support and resources for the mental health of all Canadians. If you need help, please reach out to any of the following:

- [Wellness Together Canada](#) (WTC) for free 24/7 educational content, and self-guided and moderated peer-to-peer support, as well as one-to-one counselling with qualified health professionals;
- [Hope for Wellness Help Line](#) for Indigenous Peoples who need immediate emotional support, crisis intervention, or referrals to community-based services can access experienced and culturally sensitive counsellors. This service is available in English and French, and, upon request, in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut;
- [Talk Suicide Canada](#) by calling 1-833-456-4566, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for suicide prevention support; and,
- Young Canadians can contact [Kids Help Phone](#) for mental health support.

Our government is also working to implement 9-8-8 as a national three-digit suicide prevention and mental health crisis number by next fall. This Mental Illness Awareness Week, I encourage you to have dialogues about mental health and mental illness because mental health is health.

Supporting Community Projects with the Enabling Accessibility Fund

I am excited to share that the call for proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is live! 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.

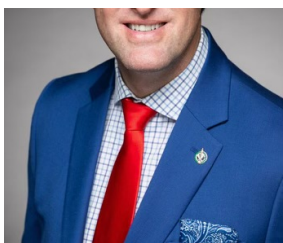
Prioritization will be given to projects that support the improvement of accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities in:

- 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](#).



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