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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Happy Vaisakhi to everyone who celebrates! The traditional Sikh New Year promotes justice and equality and the creation of a more equal and just society for everyone. Vaisakhi diyan lakh lakh vadhaiyan!

It's been a busy month in Ottawa and in the riding meeting with residents, businesses, and other government officials. Budget 2023 was presented in the House of Commons on March 28. I cover three major sections of Budget 2023 on Page 2: affordability, health and dental care, and green economy.

In Cloverdale—Langley City, I was honoured to be present as Minister Hussen announced that the City of Surrey is to

receive over \$11 million through the third round of the Rapid Housing Initiative. With this funding, the City will build at least 23 units to help women and vulnerable populations at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

In Ottawa, I recently joined the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN). The Committee reviews, examines, and reports on issues affecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada. I look forward to working alongside my colleagues to address First Nations, Inuit, and Métis issues.

Sincerely, John

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## CANADA-BC HEALTHCARE AGREEMENT

I had the pleasure of joining the Prime Minister and BC Premier David Eby last month at Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Langley Campus. The Prime Minister and the Premier announced an agreement in principle that will invest \$27.4 billion in federal funding to improve healthcare in British Columbia.

This investment, provided over 10 years, includes

\$3.32 billion for a new tailor-made agreement focusing on our shared health priorities. It also includes a 5% Canada Health Transfer (CHT) guarantee for the next five years, providing an additional \$2.44 billion over 10 years, and \$273 million through an immediate, one-time CHT top-up to address urgent needs.

Pediatric hospitals and emergency rooms need our help more than ever, and

Canadians shouldn't be waiting months for surgery availability. These investments will help provide better results in healthcare for patients and healthcare workers in BC.

The work is just beginning. The next step is a tailored bilateral agreement based on an initial 3-year action plan that will detail targets, timelines, and additional common indicators related to our shared priorities.



# BUDGET 2023: MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

Budget 2023 is our government's plan to build a stronger, more sustainable, and more secure Canadian economy for everyone.

We're introducing new, targeted inflation relief supports for Canadians. This new support system has been carefully designed to avoid worsening inflation.

Budget 2023 introduces a new Grocery Rebate, delivering targeted inflation relief for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families who need it most.

We're also helping young adults by increasing the Canada Student Grants, raising the interest-free

Canada Student Loan limit, and launching the new Tax-Free First Home Savings Account.

We have been in talks with major credit card companies about lowering transaction fees for small businesses, and Budget 2023 includes our plan to make this a reality.



# STRONGER PUBLIC HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE



To ensure Canadians receive the care they need and deserve, Budget 2023 delivers an urgent, needed investment to strengthen our public healthcare system. We're doing this through the \$198.3 billion announced earlier this year to reduce backlogs and expand access to family health services.

Last year, we launched the Canada Dental Benefit, which has provided dental care to hundreds of thousands of children. With Budget 2023, we're moving forward with a new Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Budget 2023 proposes \$13 billion over five years to Health Canada to

implement this new plan. The Plan will provide dental coverage for uninsured Canadians with an annual family income of less than \$90,000. Coverage will begin before the end of 2023 and will be administered by Health Canada, with support from third-party benefits administrators.

# GROWING A GREEN ECONOMY

The world's major economies are moving at an unprecedented pace to fight climate change, retool their economies, and build the net-zero industries of tomorrow. Budget 2023 presents our Made-in-Canada plan and is underpinned by a new federal toolkit for investing in the clean economy.

As part of this toolkit, Budget 2023 delivers:

- new investment tax credits designed to attract and accelerate investments in clean energy, clean technology manufacturing, and clean hydrogen
- \$3 billion over 13 years to support clean electricity programs, and

- a clean electricity focus for the Canada Infrastructure Bank

By making significant investments to ensure Canada does not fall behind at this moment of change and opportunity, Budget 2023 is ensuring a clean economy can deliver for Canadians.



# DID YOU KNOW—GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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merit-based selection processes reflect the fundamental role that Governor in Council appointees play in our democracy as they serve on commissions, boards, Crown corporations, agencies, and tribunals across the country.

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- Canadian Heritage
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Finance
- Health
- Natural Resources and more!

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