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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer in Cloverdale—Langley City. It's been a busy few weeks in the riding, going to events and meeting constituents. I had the pleasure of hosting two community barbecues alongside our Langley City and Surrey firefighters.

I hosted a round table in early July with special guest, Minister Mona Fortier. With a theme of "Women in Business", I invited several women business leaders in Cloverdale—Langley City to join our discussion about how the government can better support women-run businesses. We talked about Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan repayments, increases in Employment Insurance (EI), workforce shortages, and the move toward digitalization and hybrid work.

We're in full swing for Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) season, and I've already had the chance to visit several locations in Cloverdale—Langley City that are participating in the CSJ program this year. One exciting program I visited was Super Chefs Cookery for Kids in Surrey, BC. Super Chefs has been running for 15 years and is a free program based on the generosity of sponsors. The program encourages healthy lifestyles and eating for kids, helping growing minds stay strong. There are 48 CSJ locations across Cloverdale—Langley City. I can't wait to meet the many other employees and employers through the CSJ program!

All the best,

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EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE IN BC

The Government's Early Learning and Child Care Plan is already putting money back in the pockets of Canadian families. We're helping parents rejoin the workforce and grow our economy.

PS Ya'ara Saks and I announced a \$480,870 investment for two projects through the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Innovation Program. The University

of British Columbia and the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC will explore options for flexible childcare and training early childhood educators. The best practices, tools, and approaches will be collected to provide high-quality childcare to families across Canada.

July 8th marked two years since the BC Government signed the Early Learning and Child

Care Agreement. Since this agreement was signed, childcare fees have been cut in half across the province, and BC is on track to have \$10-a-day daycare in place by 2026. You can find more information about the current 17 \$10-a-day early learning and childcare facilities in Surrey and Langley by searching—\$10 a Day ChildCareBC Centres - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)



NATIONAL ADAPTATION STRATEGY: WILDFIRE EDITION

Every year, the country faces increasing record-breaking climate events, including wildfires, extreme heatwaves, and floods. To help communities adapt and prepare for climate-related disasters, we recently finalized and launched the National Adaptation Strategy.

Since 2015, the government has invested more than \$6.5 billion in adaptation, including \$2 billion to implement the

Strategy. One of the streams of delivery for the Strategy is the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, of which the City of Surrey has received \$77.6 million for its Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy.

We're also advancing a Wildfire Resilient Futures Initiative. This initiative has a proposed investment of \$284 million to enhance the FireSmart Canada

program and increase Canadians' resilience to wildfires. This initiative will also create a Centre of Excellence for Wildland Fire Innovation and Resilience to help transform wildfire management in Canada.



DID YOU KNOW: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Safety starts with planning ahead. Knowing how to prepare for hazards in your region can make all the difference in your family's safety and wellbeing. Risk of wildfire may be low in Cloverdale—Langley City, but everyone should know what to do in case of a wildfire when camping or visiting family outside the Lower Mainland.

As with any dangerous natural event, make sure your family is prepared with an emergency plan and kit, and familiarize yourself with local evacuation routes and procedures. If a wildfire breaks out, listen to emergency officials who coordinate evacuation plans. Most importantly, however, do not attempt to drive through a wildfire. Learn more about staying safe this

summer by searching—Emergency management in B.C. - (gov.bc.ca)

Make sure to have some fun this summer, and stay safe!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- MAKE A PLAN
- BUILD A KIT
- BE INFORMED