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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

It was a busy month in Ottawa following the Prime Minister's meetings with provincial and territorial Premiers. We're investing \$198 billion in healthcare over ten years to help address the healthcare crisis. This is a major announcement, so check out Page 2 for more details!

We're still addressing the high cost of living. One positive action is Bill C-22, the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) Act. As of 2017, more than 6 million Canadians aged 15 and over were identified as having a disability. Only 59% of Canadians with disabilities aged 25 to 64 were employed, compared to 80% of Canadians without disabilities. The CDB will supplement, not replace, existing federal and provincial supports. Currently in the Senate, the CDB will reduce poverty by

financially supporting low-income, working-age Canadians with disabilities.

In January, we introduced Bill C-35, the Canada Early Learning and Child Care Act. Affordable and inclusive early learning and child care is a powerful driver of economic growth and social equality. In 2022, childcare fees in BC were cut by 50% on average, and we're looking to have \$10-a-day fees in place for all regulated childcare by March 2026. This bill is our commitment to making sure our work toward affordable, high-quality childcare cannot be undone by future governments. We're enriching the cognitive, emotional, and social development of children, which will deliver long-lasting, far-reaching positive outcomes throughout the lives of future Canadians.

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BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND IN LANGLEY

People in our communities across Canada deserve to feel safe in their communities. That's why we're acting with a comprehensive plan that gets guns off our streets and puts more resources into our communities. An important element of this work is stopping violence before it starts. We've launched the \$250 million Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF), which

supports local initiatives that prevent gun and gang violence and help young people make good choices.

I had the pleasure of making an announcement about the BSCF in our riding, which gives \$1.94 million to Langley Township and \$916,568 to Langley City. This funding will help address the underlying conditions that give rise to crime. We are

supporting community-led projects to prevent violence among young people who are involved in gangs, or at risk of joining them.

The BSCF will help support at-risk youth to make healthier choices and better set themselves up for success in life. I look forward to seeing the difference it will make for young people in Cloverdale—Langley City.



TACKLING THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS: INVESTING \$198B IN PROVINCES & TERRITORIES TO SUPPORT CANADIANS

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted cracks in our universal, public healthcare system that requires a response from the federal, provincial, and territorial governments. That's why the federal government has taken the first step on the road to addressing the healthcare crisis.

We're investing \$196 billion over the next ten years in provinces and territories to improve healthcare services for Canadians. We're also providing \$2 billion to address the unique challenges Indigenous

peoples face when it comes to fair and equitable access to quality and culturally safe healthcare services.

These investments, on top of already significant funding, will further help provide Canadians with healthcare. This includes access to quality family health services, a resilient and supported health workforce, better mental health services, and access to their own electronic health information.

This funding will be distributed through two

streams: through the existing Canada Health Transfer (CHT) and through tailor-made agreements with provinces and territories that will allow for flexibility for jurisdictional healthcare system needs.

Since 2004-05, the federal government has supported approximately 32% of provincial and territorial health costs through the CHT. We're furthering support to the CHT through an immediate \$2 billion top-up to address urgent pressures on the health care system and to the CHT for the next five years.

We recognize that each province and territory has unique circumstances. The bilateral agreements will be flexible and tailored so health authorities can address the unique needs of their populations and geography.

Staffing has been a major contributor to the healthcare crisis. That's why we're asking provinces and territories to streamline foreign credential recognition for internationally-educated health professionals and to



advance labour mobility. We're also committing to advance and integrate our shared health priorities and support collaboration in areas like immigration.

This funding from the federal government will help provinces and territories deliver healthcare services in communities like Cloverdale-Langley City through our universal, publicly funded healthcare system. I eagerly welcome this new funding and am excited to continue the discussion as more information becomes available.



NATIONAL ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Last year, we introduced the \$1.6 billion National Adaptation Strategy. This funding builds on existing federal commitments to climate change adaptation, disaster resilience, and disaster response. Funding has totaled more than \$8 billion to date.

This funding will help municipalities build public infrastructure that can withstand flooding. With the increasing occurrence of atmospheric rivers here in

BC, this funding will be put to good use.

The Strategy will also provide information on how to stay safe during wildfires. This funding will be well used in BC as our forests are at extreme risk for wildfires during the summer months.

For every \$1 we invest in climate adaptation measures now, we can save ourselves up to \$15 in costs across the economy.

Insured losses for catastrophic weather events have tripled, totaling more than \$18 billion between 2010 and 2019. As extreme weather increases with climate change, both our economy and our environment will suffer. We must act now to stop this.

To learn more, please visit: Canada's National Adaptation Strategy: Building Resilient Communities and a Strong Economy - Canada.ca

