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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I am happy to be back in the House of Commons for the fall sitting where I am able to take your concerns back to Ottawa.

This session is proving to be a busy one, with many key pieces of legislation moving forward. One such item is the recently introduced Bill C -21. This bill takes action to keep communities safe by increasing penalties for those who break the law, strengthens protections to prevent gender-based violence, fights gun crime, and freezes the market for the sale of handguns. Canadians deserve to feel safe in their communities, homes, schools, and workplaces.

We will be working hard this session to get Bill C – 21 across the finish line as soon as possible.

Additionally, I will be working on passing Bill C -23, an Act respecting places, persons and events of national historic significance or national interest, archaeological resources, and cultural and natural heritage. Historical places, events, and persons are significant sources of pride and enjoyment for all Canadians. It is in the public interest to protect them for present and future generations.

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY: GURU NANAK FOOD BANK

Over the summer, I had the pleasure of visiting the Guru Nanak Food Bank (GNFB) in our community. GNFB did a tremendous job in delivering much-needed supplies to residents from the Fraser Valley to Lytton, a community that was devastated by floods and wildfires last year. On Canada Day this year, GNFB had a mega food drive, where they received a record 140 tons of donated items.

Currently, GNFB continues to support close to 5,000 families and individuals in our community with diapers, food, and other essential items.

Additionally, the organization supports international students with a welcome kit upon their arrival that includes food, and information packages on services in the community, amongst various other items.

GNFB truly embodies the Canadian values of selfless service, compassion, and volunteerism through the hard work they do in assisting those in need. In recognition of their hard work, I was proud to present the board of directors with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pins.

I wish them continued success on the invaluable work they do serving all British Columbians.



INVESTING IN OUR PARKS AND OUR COMMUNITIES: CITY PARK

Shared public spaces are the heart of communities across Canada. They bring together people of all ages and abilities and stimulate local economies.

I was pleased to announce an investment of \$750,000 through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund to support the upgrade of City Park in our riding of Cloverdale – Langley City.

This support will allow the City of Langley to improve the usability of City Park by upgrading drainage, entrance access, and playing surfaces throughout the park. Additionally, these upgrades will enable year-round access to playing fields for a variety of organized sports – including soccer, baseball, and frisbee – as well as general public use. By improving the park space at City Park, high-skill workers and

young families will be able to live, work, and play in the community.

I'm very pleased to hear that the field improvements will allow for additional programming for the Langley Baseball Association's Challenger Program, a program for youth with special needs. I hope you, your friends, and your families take the opportunity to enjoy the newly revitalized City Park.



INVESTING IN CANADIAN FAMILIES: CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

From day one, our government has been making life more affordable for Canadian families. That's why in 2016 we introduced and implemented the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), which gives more money, tax-free, to nine out of ten families and has helped lift nearly 435,000 children out of poverty.

To help with the rising cost of living, the amount families get from the

Canada Child Benefit increased on July 20th, 2022. This year, eligible families can receive up to \$5,903 per child aged 6 through 17 and \$6,997 per child under the age of 6. Thanks to the CCB, child poverty in our community of Cloverdale – Langley reduced from 13% in 2016 to 7.5% in 2021.

The Canada Child Benefit supports millions of families each year, helping them pay bills and put food on the

table. We know there is more work to do, and we will continue to provide support to those who need it most.

The CCB will continue to help Canadian families keep up with the rising cost for things like healthy food, sports programs, and music lessons.

INVESTING IN THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

When one person is forced to live on the streets, we are all diminished. Homelessness is a reality for too many Canadians, and a challenge for every Canadian community.

Through the Reaching Home Strategy, we are working with all levels of government, NGOs, Indigenous partners, and communities across Canada to provide more stable housing to people living in homelessness and increasing support for

vulnerable groups. This is only the beginning and one of many changes that will make a real impact on the lives of vulnerable Canadians. By working together, we can reduce homelessness in our communities by 50% over the next 10 years.

Through Reaching Home, our government is reinforcing its existing community-based approach by delivering funding directly to municipalities and local service providers. In

our community of Cloverdale – Langley City, the Reaching Home Strategy currently supports several organizations including *Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society*, *Lookout Society*, and *Stepping Stone Community Services Society* to combat homelessness. Only by working together can we end chronic homelessness for our vulnerable populations.

