



Happy New Years, everyone!

2022 was a productive year meeting with colleagues, advocates, and constituents about the issues that matter most to them. As chair of the Natural Resources Committee, we've been busy examining ways to build a green future while maintaining a strong economy.

In the House of Commons, we've passed many key legislative pieces on a wide array of topics, including:

- Bill S-10, which builds on our government's commitment to renewing nation-to-nation relationships with Indigenous people by reaching more self-governance agreements with Indigenous communities;
- Bill C-5, which amended the *Criminal Code* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to address the overrepresentation of Black, Indigenous, and other racialized offenders in our criminal justice system;
- Bill C-12, which amended the *Old Age Security Act* to make sure no senior received less of their GIS because their income increased due to benefits like CERB and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit;
- Bill C-19, which implemented several Budget 2022 proposals like a luxury tax, a two-year ban on foreign investment in Canadian housing, and a \$2 billion health transfer to provinces and territories, and;
- Bill C-235, which will develop a framework of cooperation so we can build a green economy in the Prairie provinces.

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Making life more affordable for Canadians was at the heart of Budget 2022 as well as the 2022 Fall Economic Statement. We passed several crucial pieces of legislation in the last session in line with this goal, like:

- Bill C-30, a one-time doubling of the GST Credit for a six-month period;
- Bill C-31, which delivered \$500 to nearly two million low-income renters and provides up to \$1,300 over two years through the Canada Dental Benefit to children under 12, and;
- Bill C-32, which eliminates interest on student and apprenticeship loans, taxes major banks and insurance companies, and helps Canadians buy their first home with a First-Time Home Savings Account.

I have proudly seconded several important pieces of legislation. One Bill that I'm especially proud of is Bill S-219. With Bill S-219 comes the establishment of "National Ribbon Skirt Day" on January 4th each year to address the racism and discrimination Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people experience when wearing traditional regalia. Indigenous culture, tradition, and ceremony are critical to the vitality and well-being of Indigenous peoples in Canada. National Ribbon Skirt Day provides an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous cultural expression while at the same time combatting racism and discrimination against Indigenous peoples.

2022 has been a great year for Cloverdale – Langley City, with many projects receiving federal funding. The new SkyTrain line to downtown Langley has been a team effort between TransLink and all levels of government, with the federal government committing \$1.3 billion to this \$4 billion project. The federal government has also provided \$96 million to the Highway 1 Widening Project, which will replace the Glover Road overpass, easing traffic woes and reducing trucking industry incidents. In November, federal funding was also announced for a project to create an immersive artistic plaza at Willoughby Community Park. This collaborative project between Kwantlen First Nation and Langley Township will showcase local First Nations artists and commemorate the shared history between the two collaborators.

It has been a fulfilling year as Member of Parliament for Cloverdale – Langley City, and I look forward to continuing to fight for constituents and other community stakeholders as we look to address the cost of living and climate change here at home.

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