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## Member of Parliament

### Cloverdale-Langley City

Happy New Year, everyone!

2023 was another productive year meeting with colleagues, advocates, and constituents about the issues that matter most to them. Here are some of my 2023 highlights.

#### **Addressing Affordability**

- Thanks to our \$10-a-day childcare agreement with the province, families in British Columbia have seen, on average, a 50 percent reduction in childcare fees
- As of January 2023, there were seventeen \$10-a-day childcare locations in Surrey and the Langleys and in June, Bill C-35, our early learning and childcare bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons
- On June 22, the Canada Disability Benefit received Royal Assent, which will reduce poverty among working-age Canadians with disabilities
- In July, the Canada Dental Benefit, available to low-income, uninsured families with children under 12, helped 1,240 children in Cloverdale–Langley City get the dental care they deserve
- In December, we launched the Canadian Dental Care Plan, which, once fully implemented, will make dental care accessible for up to nine million uninsured Canadians, including seniors with an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000.

#### **Improving Access to Healthcare**

- In Budget 2023, we announced \$198.6 billion in investments to the provinces and territories over ten years to improve access to and quality of healthcare for Canadians across the country
- In October, the governments of Canada and British Columbia signed a three-year, \$1.2 billion health deal to improve the province's healthcare system, including expanding the number of acute care and mental health treatment sites

#### **Protecting the Environment**

- In August, we confirmed our 2 Billion Trees program is exceeding planting goals at an announcement in Surrey, with over 110 million trees planted in the first two years of the ten-year program

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- In November, we signed our first major nature agreement with British Columbia and First Nations in the province to affirm our mutual support for protecting 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030, including BC’s iconic old-growth forests

### **Building Community in Cloverdale–Langley City**

- Ten organizations that support seniors in Cloverdale–Langley City received federal funding through the 2022-23 New Horizons for Seniors Program intake, accounting for \$219,365 in contributions coming into the riding
- During Canada Summer Jobs 2023, 48 organizations, not-for-profits, and businesses in Cloverdale–Langley City were approved for funding, accounting for 169 jobs for youth, over 44,000 hours of work, and over \$680,000 in funding coming into the riding
- Through our Building Safer Communities Fund, \$6.81 million was allocated to Surrey, Langley City, and Langley Township. The City of Surrey received \$3.95 million, the Township of Langley received \$1.95 million, and the City of Langley received \$916,568 to help address the underlying conditions that give rise to crime
- On December 5, Bill C-48, legislation to reform bail laws to keep people safe and strengthen public confidence in the justice system, received Royal Assent
- In November, I announced \$64 million for the construction of 213 purpose-built rental units in Langley City through the Rental Construction Financing Initiative, offering much-needed housing for families and individuals to grow and flourish in our riding.

It has been another fulfilling year as your Member of Parliament for Cloverdale–Langley City. I look forward to continuing to fight for constituents and other community stakeholders as we address affordability, housing, climate change, and more.

### Upcoming deadlines:

- Consultations for the Canada Disability Benefit are open until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. In the spirit of “Nothing About Us Without Us”, have your say today - [Share ideas: Canada Disability Benefit Regulations - Canada.ca](#)
- The Canada Summer Jobs 2024 employer application period is open until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - [Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidies - Canada.ca](#)
- Let’s talk Budget 2024! Pre-budget consultations are open until February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - [Let's Talk Budget 2024 | Let's Talk Budget 2024- Canada.ca \(letstalkbudget24.ca\)](#)

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