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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful spring weather in Cloverdale—Langley City. I want to share my sincerest congratulations to all graduates living in the riding. Whether you're finishing high school, trade school, or university, this is a very special time of year. Make sure you celebrate this milestone with your friends and families. Whether it takes you to further education, trades training or employment, I wish you prosperity and success.

We welcomed back the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair in style during the May long weekend. It was fantastic to see so many members of our community out enjoying the Rodeo Parade. I'd like to give a huge thanks to the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association, the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association, and the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce for their tireless work in organizing this world-famous event every year. And thank you to MP Sarai for joining us this year!

The Museum of Surrey launched two exciting new exhibits this spring. From May 10 until July 31, visit the 'Untangling Textiles' to experience a tapestry of cultures through fibers, tools, techniques, and finished textiles. The Museum of Surrey will also be opening 'Body Language', an Indigenous exhibit looking at the history of Northwest Coast cultural tattooing and piercing running from May 14 until September 4. Admission to the Museum of Surrey is free, so make sure you check out these exhibits this summer!

All the best,
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OUR COMMITMENT TO PLANTING 2 BILLION TREES

Last month, we kicked off the 2023 tree-planting season. We announced a Contribution Agreement between the federal and BC provincial governments under the 2 Billion Trees (2BT) program. Under this agreement, over 37 million trees will be planted in BC in the next two years.

Trees are essential to our lives and important allies in our fight against

climate change. The 2BT program provides financial support to organizations to plant trees across our country over 10 years.

Healthy forest ecosystems are home to thousands of life forms. Forests supply us with food, provide shelter, and hold spiritual significance for many, particularly within Indigenous cultures.

Planting two billion trees is a significant step forward as we address climate change and biodiversity loss. These trees will improve air and water quality, cool our urban centres, and create

and support thousands of sustainable jobs. Together with provinces, territories, Indigenous governments, and non-profit organizations, we will reach our two billion trees goal.



SUPPORTING OUR NURSES



Over the last few years, Canada's nurses have faced unprecedented demands and rapidly changing environments. Despite these challenges, more than 400,000 nurses continue to provide skilled and compassionate care in our hospitals, long-term care homes, and other healthcare settings.

Recognizing the critical role nurses play in our health care system, and to help provide nurses

with the support and resources they need, last year we appointed Dr. Leigh Chapman as the new Chief Nursing Officer of Canada. Dr. Chapman has been working with key partners, including provinces and territories, on key priority policy and program areas related to nursing, such as addressing nursing retention.

Under Dr. Chapman's leadership, Health

Canada will host a hybrid Nursing Retention Forum in June 2023. This will be a unique opportunity for experts, decision makers and key nursing stakeholders from across the country to come together in support of the nursing workforce. The goal is to co-develop a toolkit with evidence-informed strategies that employers can implement to support nursing retention within their organizations.

DID YOU KNOW: CONSULAR SERVICES

Summer vacation is almost here! That means travel season is just around the corner. I want to make sure everyone is aware of the consular services available to Canadians when you're outside the country.

Consular services provide help and advice to citizens who are living or traveling overseas.

Consular services include:

- Safety, security, and medical emergencies
- Passports, immigration, permanent residence, and visas
- Legal and local law enforcement
- Death abroad
- General services.

Each case is different, meaning the type and amount of consular

services provided depends on the situation.

Before you leave Canada for your trip, make sure you:

- Buy travel insurance
- Consult travel advice and advisories often
- Sign up for the Registration of Canadians Abroad Service (travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration)
- Have a valid Canadian passport

- Subscribe to Global Affairs Canada travel updates
- Find the contact information for the closest embassy or consulate to your location.

Safe travels!

