

NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Dear Constituents,

The weather is getting colder, and with it the approaching holiday season. A perfect time to not only look back at what has been accomplished in the last year, but also to prepare for what lies ahead in the next.

It's also a time of year when many people need a helping hand. Thankfully, the federal government is committed to helping those who need it most, whether it be Seniors aging in their own homes, working to lower interest rates to make life more affordable, protecting and creating vital, good paying jobs, or making sure Canadians don't have to worry about affording important healthcare services.

The spirit of the season is easy to find in our riding, and there are many events happening over the next few weeks that should put you in the right mindset for charity, community, and giving. All hallmarks of this time of year. Many of these events are deeply rooted in traditions specific to our region, and I'm pleased to see them continue again this year.

There has been so many wonderful opportunities over the last month that have benefitted the riding, whether that be incredible funding decisions from the federal government that will benefit young Canadians, the chance to speak with local small business operators about our country, or great success had by meaningful organizations that do such good for our community.

We have so much to look back on fondly, and even more to look forward to as we head towards the end of 2024. Have a look at these highlights and have a wonderful November!



Age Well at Home Initiative

Helping older adults live independently and comfortably in their own homes and communities for longer.



AGE WELL AT HOME INITIATIVE

Projects funded under the Scaling Up for Seniors stream will expand services that have already demonstrated positive results in helping seniors age at home. This funding will help organizations to expand services to reach more seniors, including in other provinces or territories.

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Bank of Canada cuts interest rate to 3.75%

CBC News – October 23, 2024



BANK OF CANADA LOWERS INTEREST RATES

The Bank of Canada has lowered its key interest rate to 3.75 per cent, making a 50-basis-point cut for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. Before, the rate stood at 4.25 per cent. Economists were expecting the central bank to go with a larger than usual cut, compared to the 25-basis-point downgrades made in June, July and September.

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PROTECTING AND CREATING JOBS

Workers are at the heart of Canada's economy. For our economy and for every generation to reach their full potential, Canadian workers need good-paying jobs. We're doing this by making investments that increase productivity, boost innovation, and accelerate the flow of capital into Canada.

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CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN REACHES MILESTONE

More than 1 million Canadians have received care under the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and more than 2.7 million Canadians have been approved to be part of the plan. The CDCP is saving Canadians on average more than \$730 through a wide range of oral health care services, from cleanings to life-saving screenings for diseases like oral cancer.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Nov
16**

PHOTOS WITH SANTA FUNDRAISER

The Temiskaming Hospital Foundation is hosting Photos With Santa on Saturday, Nov 16th from 11am-1pm in the clinics entrance. Minimum donation is \$10. [More](#)



**Nov
17**

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Bundle up and join us in celebrating the holiday season at the annual North Bay Santa Claus Parade. [More](#)



**Nov
23**

NORTH BAY WINTER OUTDOOR MARKET

The Winter Outdoor Market will feature The Artisans Way, Christmas Mini Train rides, live music and cultural programming, and a variety of other festive activities that capture the spirit of the season. [More](#)



**Nov
29**

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS WALK

Friday November 29 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM @ Downtown North Bay. Downtown North Bay is back with the 2024 Old Fashioned Christmas Walk. We're excited to welcome the community Downtown for this festive event! [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTS \$20 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE KINOOMAADZIWIN EDUCATION BODY

It was a pleasure to have Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, in the riding to announce \$20 million in funding for the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. A proud moment that I am proud to have been a part of. [More](#)



STATE OF THE COUNTRY BREAKFAST

I was honoured to be invited as the keynote speaker at the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce 'State of the Country' breakfast. Thank you for the opportunity to speak about one of my favorite topics – Canada. [More](#)



HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2024

Congratulations to the Nipissing Serenity Hospice on another hugely successful Hike For Hospice event! Thank you for inviting me to take part in the festivities [More](#)



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Minister LeBlanc launches Call for Applications under National Crime Prevention Strategy.

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs, announced the launch of the application process for funding under the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS). Eligible organizations will be able to apply for funding from November 1st to December 20th, 2024. An estimated \$123.5 million will be available over the next five years.

Organized crime groups and gangs are increasingly recruiting among youth. By investing in prevention, we're meeting young people where they are so that organized crime groups and gangs can't get to them in the first place. This investment will support community-led crime prevention efforts tailored to at-risk and vulnerable youth, particularly Indigenous and racialized youth, youth involved in violence, and youth with repeat contacts with the criminal justice system.

Specifically, funding will be focused on initiatives aimed at stopping crime before it occurs by reducing the risk factors that lead youth to get involved in violent criminal activity, such as gun violence and auto theft.

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

A friendly reminder!

Here's what you need to know about passports and travelling abroad.



- ✓ You can pick up passport applications at the office in North Bay at 375 Main Street West, or in Temiskaming Shores at 17 Wellington Street North.
- ✓ Constituents can take their filled-out applications to Service Canada in North Bay, located at 107 Shirreff Ave suite 102, P1B 7K8, and in New Liskeard at 280 Armstrong St North, POJ 1P0.
- ✓ By taking it to Service Canada, constituents are now able to get certified copies of their documents, while experienced Service Canada personnel check over the application. Service Canada will also mail out your passport to the processing centre the same day.
- ✓ The average processing time to receive your passport is approximately 20 business days plus Canada Post delivery time.
- ✓ For those wishing to renew an adult passport, you have 15 years from the original issue date to apply for a renewed passport.
- ✓ We encourage constituents to apply for their passport well in advance of their scheduled trip in case of any delays.
- ✓ How to apply for an adult passport in Canada :
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports/renew-adult-passport.html>