



# NEWSLETTER BULLETIN

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## Dear Constituents

As we enter the winter and spring sessions in Ottawa, the Government of Canada remains committed to making life more affordable for Canadians. Whether it's creating more jobs, building more homes, or helping Canadian families get ahead, strengthening the middle class and building a strong future will continue to be our focus.

We're cutting red tape and getting shovels in the ground, faster – unlocking over half a million homes over the next decade – so more Canadians can find an affordable place to call home.

We've helped over 500,000 Canadians save up for their first home – tax-free – and we'll help thousands more this year.

We're increasing competition in the grocery sector so Canadians have more choices and lower prices at the checkout counter.

And we're saving hard-working parents hundreds of dollars each month. In every province, child care fees have been cut by at least half, and in many provinces, fees are already down to \$10-a-day! That's more money back for groceries, after school sports, and the things that matter.

Below are some of the latest highlights:





## **THE CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)**

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The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.

## **AFFORDABLE DENTAL CARE FOR SENIORS**

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Last month, we announced the Canadian Dental Care Plan – a transformative investment for Canadians across the country.

We started by opening the plan to seniors aged 87 and up, and as of February 1st, applications are being accepted for seniors aged 72 and above.

Canadians deserve to get the dental care they need, without worrying about the bill – because dental health is health.



Ontario,  
your winter **pollution  
price rebate is here:**



**\$122**  
for an adult  
living alone



**\$183**  
for a couple



**\$244**  
for a family  
of four

Four times over the past year

Fighting climate change and putting more money back in your pocket.

## CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE

Families across Nipissing-Timiskaming received their Climate Action Incentive payments on January 15th which are now worth \$244 every three months.

These payments are part of the government of Canada's plan to put a price on pollution to ensure Canadian families can enjoy a healthy environment and a stronger, clean economy.

## SUPPORTING LOW-INCOME RENTERS, PROTECTING VULNERABLE CANADIANS AND FIGHTING CORPORATE GREED

- We are providing \$99 million more for direct rent support to low-income renters through the Canada Housing Benefit in 2023-24, co-developed and delivered with provinces and territories.
- We are ensuring that communities across the country can shelter those who come to Canada to seek protection from war, violence, and persecution, with a \$100 million top-up.
- To investigate and reveal price inflation and other harmful business practices, the government announced research projects which include
  - The Public Interest Advocacy Centre will investigate food pricing policy and regulatory challenges, such as shrinkflation and grocery pricing, and competition concerns;
  - Union des consommateurs will bring together 100 experts from across Canada to discuss solutions to the most pressing challenges Canadian consumers are facing
  - Food Secure Canada will investigate retail practices that negatively impact consumers, such as shrinkflation and skimpflation in the grocery sector

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023 TAX RETURNS



**FEB  
14**

Join the Government of Canada's Benefits and credits for adults 65 years and older webinar. Link here: [Benefits and credits for adults 65 years and older | Prestations et crédits pour les adultes de 65 ans et plus \(collaboratevideo.net\)](#).



**FEB  
19**

This is the first day when you can start filing your 2023 tax return online. If you file on paper, you should receive your income tax package in the mail by this date.



**APR  
30**

This is the deadline to file a tax return for most Canadians. By filing your tax return on time, you'll avoid delays to any refund, benefit, or credit payments you may be entitled to. If you owe money to the CRA, this is also the deadline to make a payment. By filing and paying on time, you'll avoid late-filing penalties and interest.



**JUNE  
15**

If you or your spouse or common-law partner are self-employed, this is the deadline to file your tax returns. As this date falls on a Saturday, your return will be considered filed on time if the CRA receives it or it is postmarked on or before June 17, 2024. If you owe money to the CRA, you'll still need to pay by April 30, 2024, to avoid interest

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# Press Releases

## SUPPORTING ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH IN TEMAGAMI

Anthony made a visit to the Municipality of Temagami to announce a Government of Canada investment of \$270,000 to help create and advance economic development opportunities in the Municipality of Temagami.

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## ENHANCING BROADBAND, TECHNOLOGY AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

Over \$1-million was invested for two projects that will help businesses attract skilled workers and innovate and access new technologies to make them more productive and competitive.

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# Press Releases

## INVESTING IN EV SUPPLY CHAIN IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

A \$5-million FedNor investment was made to support the continued expansion of Electra Battery Materials Corporation's Cobalt refinery in North Cobalt.

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## Important news and notes from Parliament Hill

### Shorter wait times, better health care in Ontario

Canadians deserve a health care system that gets them access to health services when and where they need them. That's why we're investing nearly \$200 billion over the next decade to improve health care delivery across the country.

We've already signed landmark agreements to improve health care services in BC, PEI, Nova Scotia and Alberta. And in February, we announced that we'll be investing \$3.1 billion over the next three years in Ontario to improve health care access and modernize health data systems across the province.

We'll keep investing in our universal public health care system – so everyone can get the care they deserve.

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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, P0J 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>