

NEWSLETTER

June 2024



Dear Constituents,

We've finally made it to the summer months, a time to enjoy the longer days and natural beauty that our region has to offer. With the House of Commons sitting period concluding for the summer, I am looking forward to spending more time in the riding, connecting with the people that make our community a special place.

The Government of Canada has continued working hard to make life more affordable and accessible for Canadians, and I'm proud to say it's working. The national inflation rate fell to 2.7% in April, meeting the Bank of Canada's target range, marking a 36 month low. We have also announced the launch of the National Pharmacare Program, enhancing public drug benefits to give Canadians access to the healthcare they need and deserve. As part of this program, prescription contraceptive medication and devices will be free, giving over 9 million Canadian women true freedom of choice.

I'm looking forward to the diverse celebrations and events taking place in our riding this summer. Our community has a rich history of indigenous culture, and we continue to celebrate the traditional people of our land. With June 21st marking National Indigenous Peoples Day, there will be many opportunities to get out in the community and learn more about the traditional land and people, such as attending one of the many Pow Wows being hosted across the riding this month.

June also marks the beginning of Pride Season, an opportunity for the 2SLGBTQI+ community and allies to come together to honor resilience, celebrate talent, and acknowledge the contributions of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

I am lucky to represent a riding that values diversity and inclusion of people from all walks of life. As always, I encourage you to get out, enjoy the sunshine, and take part in our community where you can.

Below of some of the latest highlights:



We're going to make prescription contraceptives free in Canada.



NATIONAL PHARMACARE PROGRAM

For 9 million women across the country, it means freedom of choice is will actually be 'free'. The federal government is working to enhance existing provincial and territorial spending on public drug benefit programs to provide for universal, single-payer, first-dollar coverage for a range of diabetes medications and contraception medications and devices. [More](#)

CANADA'S FIRST LITHIUM ION SEPERATOR PLANT

Asahi Kasei's decision to build this new \$1.6 billion facility in Port Colborne is a testament to Canada and Ontario's competitive business environment, highly skilled workforce, and dependable supply chains. For over a century, Canadians have been leaders in the auto manufacturing sector, and our government is making sure Canada is a global leader in EV production for years to come. [More](#)



Canada's next EV supply chain plant landing in Port Colborne, Ont.

Joint venture between Asahi Kasei Corp., Honda Canada will build Canada's 1st lithium ion separator plant

CBC News - May 13, 2024

Canada's **inflation** rate
cools to **3-year low**

CTV News · May 21, 2024

Loonie surges as
Canada's jobs gain **blows**
past expectations

Financial Post · May 10, 2024

Our plan is lowering
inflation, creating good
jobs, and building a fairer
economy **for everyone.**

CANADA'S INFLATION RATE IS BACK ON TRACK

The inflation rate fell to 2.7% in April 2024, within the Bank of Canada's target range. We have a plan to create jobs, make life cost less, and build an economy that works for everyone – and it's working. [More](#)

Kids learn best
on a full stomach,
so **we're creating**
a national school
food program.



INVESTING \$1 BILLION IN A NATIONAL SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

The federal government is investing \$1 billion over five years which will provide 400,000 more kids across the country every year with food in school. For kids, these healthy snacks make it easier to focus, to learn, to play and to grow; because when your hungry, it's really hard to learn. [More](#)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**June
19**

ARMED FORCES DAY

North Bay Armed Forces Day is set for June 19. The event will feature static displays, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, the CF-18 Tactical Demonstration Team, and the Canadian Armed Forces SkyHawks Parachute team. Those attending are encouraged to wear red. Memorial Drive will be closed from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. [More](#)



**June
21**

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY POW WOW

Keepers of the Circle is hosting the National Indigenous Day Pow Wow on Friday, June 21 from 10am-4pm. The event will take place at Mill Creek Cultural Grounds located in North Cobalt. [More](#)



**June
29**

HILLIARDTON FISH DERBY

The Hilliardton Recreation Committee is hosting a fish derby for all ages on Saturday, June 29th from 7am-4pm along the Blanche River. Headquarters is the Hilliardton Community Hall. Prizes will be awarded for the longest fish in each age category. [More](#)



**July
1**

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Join us for a day full of family activities to celebrate Canada Day! Festivities include a 5km road race, free admission to the Dionne Quints Home and discovery museum, KidZone activities and live music at the Kiwanis Bandshell. The day will finish off with a firework finale at 10pm at the North Bay waterfront. [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

PUBLIC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

North Bay is upgrading its public transit with a combined investment of more than \$4.1 million from the federal government, the provincial government, and the City. [More](#)



VISIT TO A LOCAL MODERN DAIRY FARM

Sam Loranger invited me to visit his farm in Earlton, and it was a wonderful visit. Sam and I had a chance to discuss the issues facing farmers like him that are vital to the economy and livelihood of both our communities and our country.



ANTOINE NATION'S NEW MULTI-USE FACILITY

The Government of Canada is investing \$200,000 to support the construction of Antoine Nation's new 5,000 square foot multi-use facility. Construction is expected to begin this summer!



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Federal government launches new \$1.5 billion program to build a new generation of co-op housing

On June 6th, the federal government launched a new Co-operative Housing Development Program to support a new generation of co-op housing in Canada and help make housing more affordable.

For decades, co-ops have provided Canadians with secure, affordable, and community-oriented homes. The new \$1.5 billion program – co-designed with the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada and other leaders in the co-op sector – will provide loans and contributions to build and grow co-ops across Canada. This is the largest investment to build new co-op housing in the last 30 years.

The program will build thousands of new co-op homes by 2028. Projects that focus on providing homes for those most in need will be prioritized. Co-op housing providers will be able to apply for funding starting on July 15, 2024, and the first intake round will remain open until September 15, 2024. Additional intake opportunities will be announced at a later date. To start preparing an application and to receive updates, please visit the [Co-operative Housing Development webpage](#).

The Co-operative Housing Development Program will help increase the number of affordable homes in Canada and grow the community housing sector faster so that low- and middle-income Canadians have a safe and affordable place to call home. Through investments like this, we are addressing housing pressures across the country, so that future generations have the same opportunity to rent or own a place of their own as generations that came before them.

[Read More](#)

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>