

NEWSLETTER

July 2024

Dear Constituents,

Schools out for the summer and much like the students in our riding, the House of Commons takes a summer recess as well. With the house sitting sessions on pause for the summer, I enjoy taking the time to get out in the riding and enjoy all the amazing events our community has to offer.

The federal government has continued working hard to manage the economy and make life affordable for Canadians. Our plan is working. The Bank of Canada has cut key interest rates for the first time in over four years.

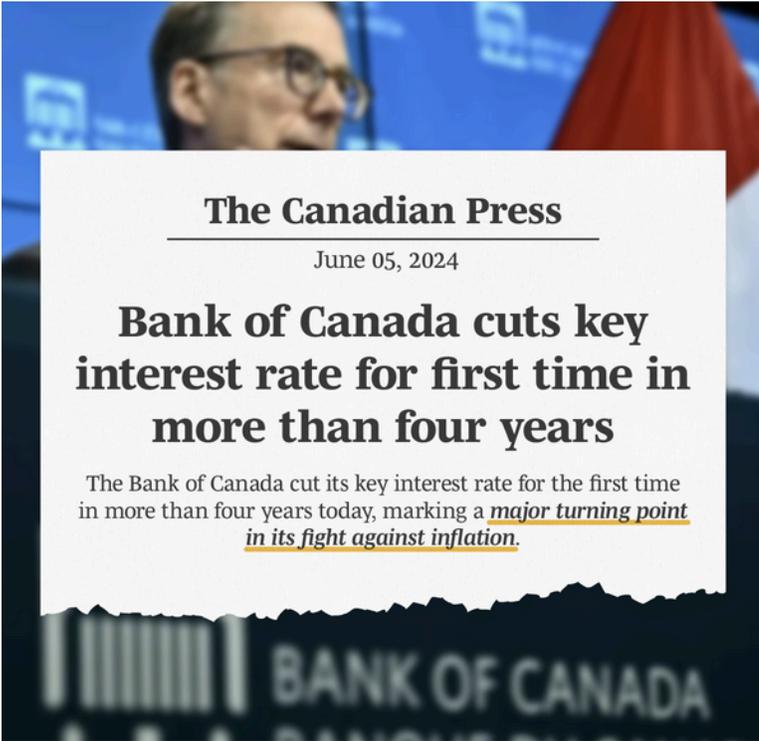
This past month, I had the opportunity to attend some great community events such as Armed Forces Day, the Maamwi Kindaaswin Pow Wow and Canada Day celebrations at our local North Bay Waterfront.

As a riding, we have a lot to look forward to this summer! The Studio is offering free weekly Zumba in the park sessions for seniors and New Liskeard is hosting a Summer Block Party.

We are lucky to have access to numerous lakes and trail systems in our riding and I encourage everyone to take advantage of these natural amenities. Spending time outdoors in the sun is something we should all be grateful for this summer.

I invite you to take a look at some updates from our riding and the federal government...





The Canadian Press

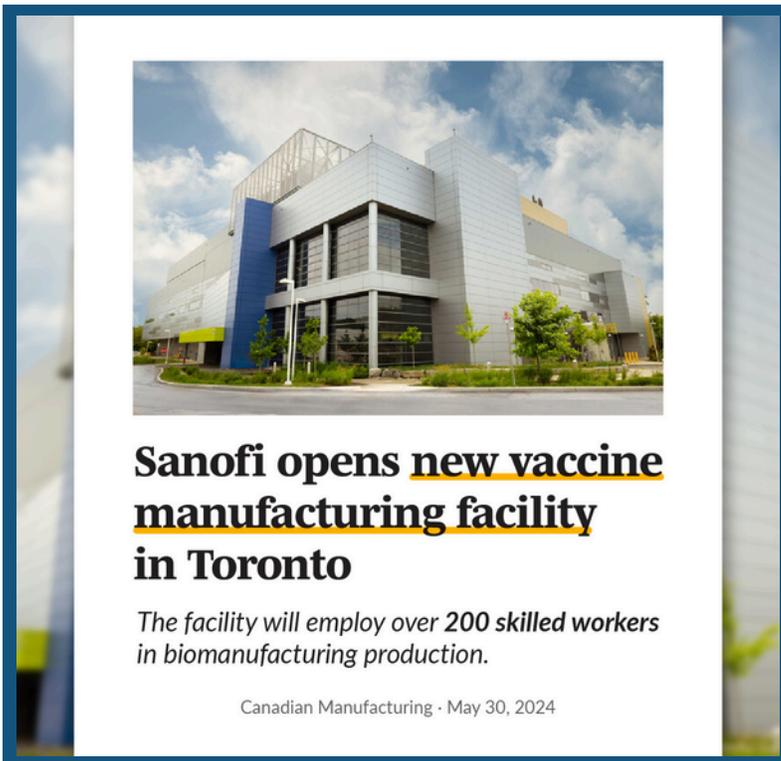
June 05, 2024

Bank of Canada cuts key interest rate for first time in more than four years

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate for the first time in more than four years today, marking a major turning point in its fight against inflation.

KEY INTEREST RATE CUTS

The Bank of Canada lowered its overnight rate by 0.25% to 4.75%. This makes Canada the first G7 country to cut interest rates. The Bank of Canada's decision is welcome news for Canadians; we're on the right path to make life more affordable for everyone. [More](#)



Sanofi opens new vaccine manufacturing facility in Toronto

The facility will employ over 200 skilled workers in biomanufacturing production.

Canadian Manufacturing · May 30, 2024

200+ SKILLED JOBS CREATED IN TORONTO

Sanofi, a French multinational pharmaceutical and healthcare company has opened a new vaccine manufacturing facility in Toronto. This facility will create over 200 high skill jobs in biomanufacturing production and help produce more life saving vaccines in Canada. [More](#)



**Federal government
ends cod moratorium
in Newfoundland after
more than 30 years**

CANADIAN PRESS | JUNE 26, 2024

RETURN OF THE NORTHERN COD FISHERY

The government of Canada recognizes the historical, cultural and economic importance of cod to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and is committed to the sustainable management of this iconic species.

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**We're
protecting
our planet.**

With **healthy** forests,
clean air, **fresh** water,
and **vibrant** biodiversity.

STEPS TO ADDRESS PLASTIC WASTE AND POLLUTION

As part of its comprehensive plan to reduce plastic waste and pollution, the Government of Canada is looking for ways to increase the circularity of the textile and apparel sector to keep these materials in the economy and out of the environment.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**July
13**

FERRIS FUN DAY

Join over a dozen local business at the second annual Ferris Fun Day! The Ferris area of North Bay will be bustling with music, games, demonstrations and prizes from 10:00am-3:00pm. A group bike ride will leave the North Bay Museum at 9:15am to tour a 28km loop, stopping in at all the events along the way. [More](#)



**July
14**

THE DAVEDI CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

Welcoming the whole community to a great afternoon of outdoor fun! Bring your lawn chairs and picnic lunch and enjoy children's games, bouncy castle, face painting, music and entertainment. BBQ and beverages will be available for sale. [More](#)



**July
18-21**

SHAKE THE LAKE RIBFEST

Head down to the North Bay Waterfront for North Bay's largest outdoor festival of the summer. There will be four nationally recognized rib vendors, live music, kids zone and helicopter rides- all in support of the North Bay Food Bank! [More](#)



**July
20**

NEW LISKEARD'S SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

The New Liskeard BIA's Summer Block Party is Saturday, July 20th with a street market from 10am-5pm and a night market with live music from 5-10pm. Enjoy the day downtown in the sun with food, drinks, local business attractions and music. [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

ARMED FORCES DAY

One of our riding's most cherished annual events is Armed Forces Day. The community came together again this year to celebrate and thank the men and women of our Armed Forces for their unbelievable service.



GEORGE AND HELEN VARI SIMULATION CENTER

I had the opportunity to explore the newly founded George and Helen Vari Simulation Center at Nipissing University. This facility, featuring four life-like mannequins, provides experiential learning opportunities for nursing students, immersive military training and more.



CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The federal government invested \$39,000 to support Canada Day and Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations across the riding. It was nice to see our community come together to celebrate the best country in the world.



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

More than 70,000 Canada Summer Jobs opportunities for youth across Canada

The Government of Canada is creating generational fairness by creating opportunities for young Canadians to get the skills they need for well-paying jobs. Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) supports this strategy by helping young people to earn money over the summer, while gaining skills and experience.

The Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth and the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, highlighted the impact of the CSJ program in creating over 70,000 job opportunities for youth across Canada. This initiative is part of the Government of Canada's ongoing commitment to support young Canadians, making life more affordable and providing them with the skills and experience needed to build a better future.

The CSJ program prioritizes projects that support youth who face barriers to employment. This includes youth with disabilities, Indigenous youth, as well as Black and other racialized youth. By providing all young people with equitable opportunities to develop their skills, Canada Summer Jobs can help them to succeed in the job market.

This year's budget includes a proposed \$200.5 million investment for 2025–26 to continue the Canada Summer Jobs program, further demonstrating the commitment to creating opportunities for young Canadians. These job opportunities have enabled youth to gain valuable work experience, develop essential skills and earn money over the summer in various sectors, including those facing critical labor shortages such as housing construction.

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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>