

NEWSLETTER

August 2024

Dear Constituents,

August is a great time to live in our beautiful riding. Communities are lit up with events, meanwhile the nature that surrounds us offers a quiet escape. I've had the chance to enjoy many community events so far this summer, and I'm looking forward to the ones coming up.

In Ottawa, we've been working hard to reduce Canada's carbon emissions, all the while making living more affordable for Canadians. I've shared below an article on the government's new Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program; which replaces the previous Canada Greener Homes Grant (CGHG). This new \$800 million program builds will help Canadians save nearly \$400 on energy bills and reduce their emissions by 1.18 tonnes.

Additionally, through Canada's Active Transportation Fund, we've recently invested in a new 7km multi-use path in Corbeil. This will connect MacPherson Drive to the existing 645-km voyageur cycling route that spans from Sudbury to Ottawa.

Our riding will have some fun events to check out this month and I encourage you to get out and discover everything our region has to offer.

This past month I've had the chance to see many parts of the community through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. This program provided key job opportunities for nearly 300 young workers throughout the riding. It's great to see the businesses and organizations that keep the community running.

There's lots to look forward to this August, so take a look at the latest highlights below.



Growing Communities and Building More Homes, Faster



NEW HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The federal government is launching a new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to accelerate the construction and upgrading of critical housing infrastructure. This includes water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure to support the construction of more homes.

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ACTION PLAN ON COMBATTING AUTO THEFT

The National Action Plan is focused on disrupting, dismantling and prosecuting the organized crime groups involved in auto theft. So far this year, the CBSA has seized 1,421 stolen vehicles.

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**AUTO THEFT
DROPS 17%**

*in six months, industry
report finds*

THE CANADIAN PRESS | JULY 17, 2024



Gov't invests big in Canada's semiconductor initiative

EP&T MAGAZINE | JULY 4, 2024

COMMERCIALIZATION OF SEMICONDUCTORS

The government announced a \$120 million investment to help CMC Microsystems expand its network across Canada, creating jobs and fostering economic growth. Canada continues to position itself as a global supplier of semiconductors, crucial for security, economy and technological progress.

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Investing \$500 million for younger Canadians and their mental health

INVESTING IN THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FUND

To help younger Canadians access mental health care, an investment of \$500 million has been made for a new Youth Mental Health Fund. The Fund will help community health organizations provide more care and resources to younger Canadians.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**August
10**

A DAY IN FARM COUNTRY

Embark on an agricultural adventure through Temiskaming Shores. Enjoy touring four farms to learn about agriculture in the Temiskaming area. Meet the farmers and experience where your food comes from! [More](#)



**August
10**

TIMISKAMING FIRST NATION POW WOW

Timiskaming First Nation's Traditional Pow Wow will be held August 10-11 at Timiskaming First Nation, 9 Notre-Dame-de-Nord. Grand entry will happen at 12:00pm both days and a community feast will take place Saturday, August 10 at 5:00pm. [More](#)



**August
10**

THE ARTISANS WAY MARKET

Head down to the Kiwanis Bandshell for a local handmade market at the beautiful waterfront. The market will be on from 5:00-9:00pm and will feature local music, food and craftsmanship. [More](#)



**August
24**

BAY BLOCK PARTY

North Bay's annual Block Party is Saturday, August 24th. The Bay Block Party fosters a vibrant and safe downtown atmosphere, celebrating local businesses and supporting the community. Enjoy local musicians, breweries, food vendors, artisans and family-friendly activities. [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

MACPHERSON DRIVE LINK TO VOYAGEUR CYCLE ROUTE

A new multi-use pathway is coming to Corbeil, connecting MacPherson drive to the 645-kilometer cycling route. The federal government is investing just over \$1 million through Canada's Active Transportation Fund (ATF) in this project. [More](#)



SCIENCE NORTH CAMPS

I had the chance to participate in activities with the local Science North Summer Camp. Science North camps offer the opportunity for young people to discover the world around them in new and unique ways, which helps build them into better leaders and innovators for our future. [More](#)



WARRIORS OF HOPE LAUNCHES NEW BOAT

The Warriors of Hope, a breast cancer survivor dragon boat racing team, retired their old boat "Jane" after over two decades on the water. They launches their new boat named "Spirit" which they'll use to race later this summer. [More](#)



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Government of Canada's new Canada Green Buildings Strategy to help Canadians save money on their energy bills

The Canada Green Buildings Strategy (CGBS) introduces the Government of Canada's vision and next steps to improve energy efficiency in Canada's homes and buildings, which will in turn cut energy bills for Canadians and support good jobs from coast to coast to coast.

The federal government introduced the \$800 million Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program (CGHAP) to help low-to-median-income Canadians, including tenants, upgrade their homes to save money on their energy bills and cut pollution. This new program will replace the Canada Greener Homes Grant (CGHG) with more comprehensive support for the installation of retrofits, at no charge to participating households. Using a "direct install" model, where the retrofits are managed and delivered by third parties, this program could provide participating households with support up to four times more valuable than the former grant program. Recommended retrofits will be determined by experienced energy efficiency professionals, enabling each participant to receive what their home needs and making their homes more affordable and comfortable.

The CGHAP builds on the progress made to date through the CGHG, which has already helped 240,000 homeowners install heat pumps, windows and doors, and insulation through an average grant of \$4,400 per household. Each year, a CGHG household will save an average of nearly \$400 on their energy bills and reduce their emissions by 1.18 tonnes of CO₂. Over the next couple of years, the CGHG will continue to help hundreds of thousands more program participants complete retrofit projects that will further reduce emissions and energy consumption.

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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>