

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Dear Constituents,

As cooler weather begins to make its way to us, we are reminded that fall is almost here, which means we sadly say goodbye to the summer, but also have much to look forward to as the leaves begin to change.

We have had great news for Canadians recently, as we have seen both inflation and interest rates come down. Combined with the federal government's national child care plan, and plan to develop a renter's bill of rights, and there is a lot to be optimistic about in Ottawa and across the country.

Locally, we have made some much needed investments in both housing as well as first nation's projects that will see vital jobs created and improvements made to homes that will allow for greater accessibility and a larger focus on environmental care.

This time of year our riding hosts some events that many look forward to all year round. I will be attending many of these events and I encourage you to be a part of them whenever possible.

The summer allowed me the opportunity to visit with many people and organizations celebrating milestones and new beginnings. It's always encouraging to see growth throughout our riding and commitment to those who have stayed strong to it.

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



Bank of Canada cuts interest rate to **4.25%**

Financial Post – September 4, 2024



BANK OF CANADA LOWERS INTEREST RATES FOR THE THIRD TIME

The decision, which reduced the benchmark rate by 25 basis points to 4.25 per cent, marked the first time the central bank has cut three times in a row, barring the pandemic, since the height of the global financial crisis in the first quarter of 2009.

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RENTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Ottawa will work with provinces and territories to develop a "renters' bill of rights" that would introduce a national standard lease agreement and implement requirements for landlords to disclose an apartment's pricing history to allow tenants to negotiate their rent.

NATIONAL CHILD-CARE PLAN

Aug. 30, 2024

National child-care plan has cut costs, created tens of thousands of new spaces, report says

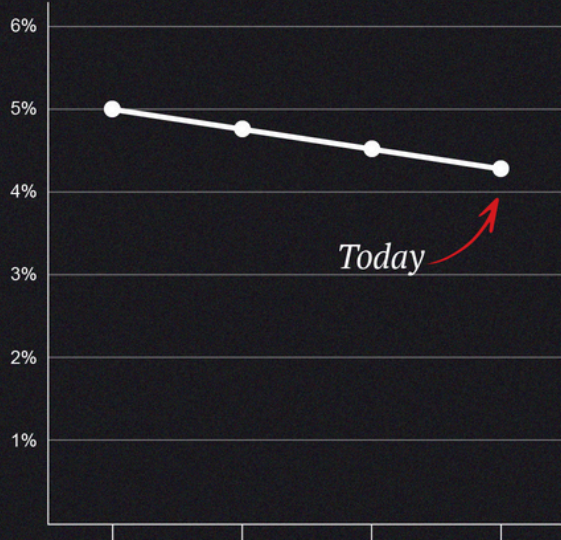
The Globe and Mail



The Childcare Resource and Research Unit released a report that assesses the federal Early Learning and Child Care program as of 2023. Ottawa launched the \$27-billion program in 2021 with a goal of bringing day care costs to \$10 per day.

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Interest rates in Canada have been cut again – this time to 4.25%



CANADA'S INFLATION RATE DROPS AGAIN

In its third consecutive cut since June, the Bank of Canada lowered its key interest rate to 4.25 per cent. The decision followed a pattern established earlier this summer when rates were cut to 4.75 per cent in June and 4.5 per cent in July.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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NEW LISKEARD FALL FAIR

Join us at the 2024 New Liskeard Fall Fair with live shows, music, entertainment, the midway and much more. The fair takes place at the fairgrounds in New Liskeard on Sept 12, 13 & 14 [More](#)



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DOWNTOWN GALLERY HOP

Downtown Gallery Hop is a free arts events hosted by galleries, shops and artists in downtown North Bay! [More](#)



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FALL HARVEST SUPPER

The Library will be hosting a fall fundraiser meal and auction featuring homemade beef stew, buns, pie, tea and coffee. [More](#)



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18th ANNUAL OUR HOSPITAL WALK/RUN

Our Hospital Walk/Run is excited to welcome you back for the 18th year! All are welcome to participate in one of 3 categories: The Hospital Mile, the 5KM or the 10 KM. [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

NICHI AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR ENDAAYAAN AWEJAA IN NORTH BAY

This funding will be put towards capacity building and enable the hiring of six dedicated staff members with a primary focus on housing and transitional support initiatives that currently support 100 youth. [More](#)



CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION AND GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR THE NIPISSING DISTRICT HOUSING CORPORATION

This funding will be put towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as increasing accessibility in buildings, which include 155 units identified for improvements. [More](#)



TROUT CREEK FRIENDSHIP CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

I was honoured to be invited to help celebrate the Trout Creek Friendship Club's 50th Anniversary. This is a great milestone for this vital organization. [More](#)



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Constructing a wetland in Nipissing First Nation to support vital plant species

Nipissing First Nation has received \$90,000 through the Natural Infrastructure Fund to construct a wetland that can convert nutrient-rich wastewater into environmentally-safe non-potable water, for growing ecologically significant plant species.

Wetlands store carbon; help communities prevent floods, droughts, and adapt to environmental change; improve water quality by removing pollutants; and provide important habitat for fish and wildlife.

Nipissing First Nation is working to increase environmental resilience in the region by growing local plant species. Once installed, the wetland will be capable of filtering contaminants out of wastewater so it can be used to irrigate important and rare pollinator and marsh based plant species. The community aims to become a regional leader in the use of modern green technologies.

"This is an exciting and innovative project! Nipissing First Nation will be able to repurpose wastewater and use it to grow food security in the community and cultivate climate resilience on the land."

-The Honourable Anthony Rota member of Parliament for Nipissing –Timiskaming, on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

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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>