

NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Dear Constituents,

As the trees around us change colours, we are reminded that nothing stays the same forever, so we must remember to enjoy the moment we live in, and there is much to be grateful for these days.

The federal government is committed to combatting hate in all of its forms, and making it easier for underserved people and communities to get access to the healthcare they need. Changes are being made to make housing more affordable, and inflation has lowered once again.

It is always wonderful to see the federal government invest in local tourism, and recently some great funding news was announced that will give people from our community the chance to bring more visitors to our area and give our economy a boost!

This season always brings about fun and interesting events throughout our area, ranging from cultural to just for fun, and everything between. Whatever you choose to do, I hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy all that our area has to offer!

I am fortunate to have been welcomed at so many of the important community events that took place recently. These are the kinds of gatherings that bring us all together and give hope for a brighter future.

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



Keeping **your** community safe

With security programs tailored to **your** needs

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COMBATTING HATE IN CANADA

Canada's Action Plan on Combatting Hate is the Government of Canada's first-ever action plan on confronting hate. The Plan brings together a whole-of-government approach to confronting hate by empowering communities, increasing research and data gathering, and building partnerships, to create a Canada that is free of all forms of hate.

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Our **Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund** protects **your** right to choose

- ⊕ Helps cover the costs of **transportation, accommodation, and meals**, for appointments
- ⊕ Invests in training and resources for healthcare providers to **deliver safe, sensitive care**
- ⊕ Focuses on Indigenous, remote, and other **under-served communities** who are more likely to lack access



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FUND

Some under-served communities have faced discrimination from the health care system that is meant to help them. Barriers and challenges remain because of unequal access to SRH services. The Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund (SRHF) aims to strengthen the healthcare system and related supports for under-served community members.

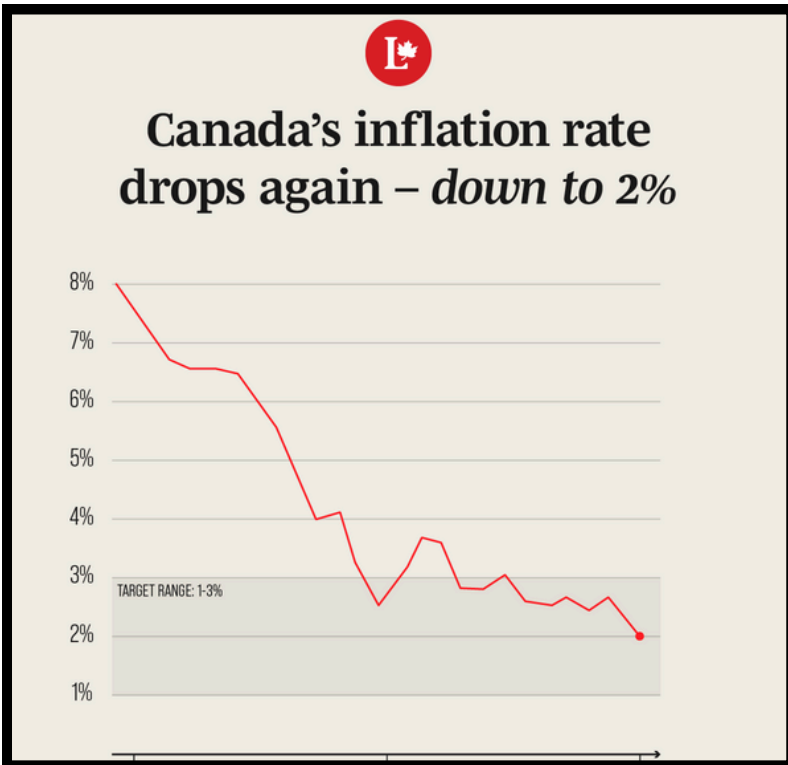
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HELPING MAKE HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

The federal government will increase the cap on insured mortgages to \$1.5 million from \$1 million, effective Dec. 15, which would allow more people to buy a house with a down payment below 20 per cent.

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CANADA'S INFLATION RATE DROPS YET AGAIN

Canada's inflation rate decreased to two per cent in August, finally hitting the Bank of Canada's target in its long campaign to cool price growth. Last month's two per cent rate marks the slowest pace of growth since February 2021. The Bank of Canada's preferred core measures of inflation also ticked down a notch.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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R'OKTOBERFEST

Join us for a fantastic evening featuring Oktoberfest-style sausages, refreshing draft beers and drinks, and lively entertainment by Radio Daze starting at 9pm. Don't miss out on the fun! [More](#)



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HAUNTED HIKES

On Friday nights at 6:00pm & 7:00pm throughout the month of October, come to the North Bay Museum for a spooky evening to remember. This 60-minute downtown walking tour has been revamped to include true crime stories on top of well-loved ghost tales, and will ensure visitors see North Bay in a whole new light. [More](#)



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MALL-O-WEEN STROLLATHON

The Strollathon is North Bay's only charity trick-or-treat, offering a safe Halloween experience inside from the cold that the whole family can enjoy! All donations directly support the Near North Palliative Care Network [More](#)



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NORTH BAY WINTER OUTDOOR MARKET

The Winter Outdoor Market will feature The Artisans Way, Christmas Mini Train rides, live music and cultural programming, and a variety of other festive activities that capture the spirit of the season. [More](#)

AROUND THE RIDING

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTS \$121,500 TO HELP BOOST TOURISM AND REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN

Once fully operational, the winter market will feature products from close to 80 artisans and provide guests with a Northern Ontario inspired experience that includes holiday themed lighting and walking tours, film screenings (French and English), and outdoor activities and programming. [More](#)



NORTH BAY PRIDE MARCH FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE PARADE

I was pleased to be a part of what is always a wonderful event at the North Bay Pride March for Equity and Justice Parade. Just one of the many events that made up the North Bay Pride weekend in September. [More](#)



EVERY CHILD MATTERS WALK

Events like the Every Child Matters Walk bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous allies together in the spirit of truth and reconciliation. I am honoured to have taken part in this ceremony. [More](#)



NEWS AND NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Government announces significant new support to help small business owners

Canada's small- and medium-sized businesses keep main streets flourishing across the country, create good-paying jobs, and deliver the dream of entrepreneurship. It is essential that these businesses thrive so they can continue being the bedrock of our communities and our economy.

Today, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, alongside the Honourable Rechie Valdez, Minister of Small Business, and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced a comprehensive suite of measures to help small- and medium-sized businesses start up, grow, and thrive.

First, the federal government announced the payment amounts for the new Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses, which will deliver over \$2.5 billion to about 600,000 Canadian businesses before the end of this year. This refundable tax credit will return a portion of the fuel charge proceeds from 2019-20 through 2023-24 to small businesses, in jurisdictions where the federal fuel charge applies. Eligible businesses that filed their 2023 tax return by July 15, 2024, will receive their payment by:

- December 16, 2024, if registered for direct deposit from the Canada Revenue Agency; or,
- December 31, 2024, if receiving payment by cheque.

To ensure all eligible businesses can receive their payments, the government is proposing to extend the deadline for businesses that file their tax return from July 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Late filers would receive their payment at a later date, subject to Royal Assent of the required legislation.

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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>