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Dear Neighbour,

*"We are no longer just relying on the strength of our values, but also the value of our strength."*

Prime Minister Mark Carney captured the world's attention with his speech in Davos. The world has taken note of Canada's leadership in these challenging times. We see it reflected in our expansive new trade and security partnerships.

It's been busy in Ottawa working hard to pass our government's agenda. I'm pleased that the **Canada Groceries & Essentials Benefit** has received Royal Assent, guaranteeing new relief for millions of Canadians.

As always, my team and I are here to answer questions, hear your feedback, and help you with any challenges relating to federal programs like **Immigration, OAS, CPP, EI** and much more. So please, stay in touch!

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People in Toronto—St. Paul's  
will receive the new  
**Canada Groceries and  
Essentials Benefit**

## The New Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit Comes Into Effect

This new benefit builds on the existing GST Tax Credit, and will support millions of Canadians affected by rising food costs. A family of 4 will receive up to **\$1,890** this year, and about **\$1,400** annually for the next 4 years; and a single person will receive up to **\$950** this year, and about **\$700** annually for the next 4 years. Plus, we're investing in our domestic food supply chains through a **\$150M Food Security Fund**, new tax write-offs for greenhouses and targeted immediate relief for food banks.

## Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy

As Prime Minister Carney said in Davos, the world is changing fast.

This new industrial action plan aims to make Canada a leader in defence production, unlock strong, made-in-Canada jobs and meet our NATO commitments. We will:

- Advance a strategy centred around Canadian workers and companies, creating more than **125,000 new jobs**
- **Build at home wherever possible** to strengthen key industries in shipbuilding, aerospace, digital technologies and more
- **Unlock \$125 billion in new economic benefits for Canada**





## New Federal Investments in the TTC

It's been a busy few months for expanding present and future transit capacity in Toronto. Lately we have:

- Opened the Eglinton LRT, with 8 stations in Toronto—St. Paul's, already speeding up commutes across Midtown Toronto
- Announced investments in building new and improved subway cars for Line 2 (Bloor—Danforth)
- Celebrated construction progress on the Ontario Line, a generational new 15-stop subway through downtown Toronto

## Two Wonderful Local Skating Parties

This January, City Councillor Josh Matlow, Member of Provincial Parliament Stephanie Smyth and I got together to host two skating parties here in Toronto—St. Paul's. Our afternoon at the picturesque, community-run Casa Loma Parkette skating rink was frigid, but the hot chocolate stayed warm! We followed it up with a great time at Phil White Arena in Cedarvale the day after. It's really special to have these opportunities to bring our community together. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



## Out and About in Toronto—St. Paul's!



Talking to local environmental advocates about Canada's upcoming Nature Strategy



Touring Silent Voice Canada, an incredible, local charity supporting deaf Canadians



Enjoying breakfast at The Neighbourhood Group's Pancake Tuesday Open House



Delivering opening remarks at the National Institute on Ageing



Welcoming MPP Stephanie Smyth to our February Constituency Youth Council Meeting



Meeting the professionals who service and repair our TTC subway fleet

## Have You Registered for the Canadian Dental Care Program?

Did you know that you can qualify for public dental coverage? If you...

- Don't have private dental coverage
- Filed your taxes last year
- Made less than \$90,000 in household income

You may qualify for the Canadian Dental Care Program! Last year, more than 15,000 Toronto—St. Paul's residents qualified. If you earn less than \$70,000 per year, you can get 100% of eligible dental work covered.

FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY AT [CANADA.CA/DENTAL](https://CANADA.CA/DENTAL), OR REACH OUT TO [LESLIE.CHURCH@PARL.GC.CA](mailto:LESLIE.CHURCH@PARL.GC.CA)

