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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Neighbours,

Our community is one of the most dynamic in Canada – entrepreneurs, young families, and new Canadians, all building their futures in Markham-Thornhill. Our new government is guided by that ambition, as am I, each and every day.

This year, our new government has introduced and passed a series of landmark bills, all designed to advance the kind of Canada we were elected to build. **Bill C-12** keeps communities safer by giving law enforcement new tools to combat fentanyl and organized crime. **Bill C-4** cuts taxes for working families and eliminates the GST for first-time home buyers. **Bill C-19** delivers grocery and essentials relief to over 12 million Canadians. **Bill C-15** invests in the roads, bridges, and community infrastructure that communities like ours depend on. And **Bill C-5** dismantles internal trade barriers and establishes the Major Projects Office to drive nation-building projects across the country.

From ports to roads to transmission lines, nation-building projects are advancing with a speed and ambition not seen in generations. In April, we broke ground at the Contrecoeur Terminal – expanding the Port of Montréal, Canada's largest container port in Eastern Canada and critical gateway for goods through the St. Lawrence. On the Prairies, we are advancing the Port of Churchill Plus – upgrading Canada's strategic northern gateway on Hudson Bay with rail, road, and a new energy corridor. Further north, in the Northwest Territories, construction on the Mackenzie Valley Highway begins this summer – connecting remote northern communities and opening the region to new economic opportunity. And in Ontario, the Crawford Nickel Project is on track to break ground by year's end, and the Darlington small modular reactor – the first of its kind in the G7 – is now being built, which will provide reliable, affordable, clean power to 300,000 homes.

We have momentum from coast to coast to coast and we intend to keep at it, because when we build Canada strong, we build Markham-Thornhill strong.

Relief at the Pump and in Your Pocket

Global conflict in the Middle East has driven energy prices higher for everyone. Our government is committed to controlling what we can to make life more affordable for people in Markham-Thornhill.

That is why we announced we are taking off the federal excise tax on gasoline and diesel until Labour Day. This will save you 10 cents per litre every time you fill up. On top of the savings that come from cancelling the consumer carbon tax, you are now saving 28 cents per litre.

This builds on what we've already done: cutting income taxes for the middle-class, saving two-income families up to \$840; passing the new Canada Grocery Benefit to help alleviate the rising cost of food for 12 million Canadians; and unlocking dental care savings for over 37,000 Markham-Thornhill residents.

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I recently had the opportunity to visit an early learning centre here in Markham-Thornhill. It was a lot of fun chatting with the preschoolers, and I enjoyed hearing from the staff. It is clear, we are very lucky to have incredible centres like this one in our community.

Building More Affordable Homes

Big things can happen when we work together. That is why Prime Minister Carney, alongside the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, announced a new partnership to build more affordable homes in our province.

In 2025, our new government introduced legislation that eliminated the GST for first-time homebuyers – and we are now going even further. Our new partnership with Ontario removes the full 13% HST on new homes up to \$1 million for all buyers, saving up to \$130,000. This announcement represents the federal government's first partnership through the Build Communities Strong Fund. This partnership will deliver:

- 8000 new homes,
- up to 21,000 jobs; and,
- an additional \$2.7 billion to Ontario's GDP.



Incredible insight and experience was shared at the Markham Housing Roundtable that brought together local stakeholders including developers, nonprofits, and representatives from government.

Development charges are the fees charged to developers to fund the infrastructure required to support new homes. In recent years, these fees have been growing at an unsustainable rate, increasing the cost of new homes and stalling new builds. To help alleviate this pressure, the federal government and Ontario will reduce municipal development charges by up to 50% for three years.

To even further support communities and connect more people to careers and housing, Canada and Ontario are collaborating on transit infrastructure projects, especially ones built by Canadian workers, using domestic suppliers and materials under Canada's Buy Canadian Policy. This includes the Yonge North Subway Extension, which is expected to reduce travel times from Markham to downtown Toronto by up to 22 minutes, support more than 90,000 daily trips, and put over 26,000 people within walking distance of a subway station.



It is always inspiring to spend time with the Canadian Youth Champions, highlighting the importance of civic engagement and community.



Supporting education and innovation at the Canadians of Pakistani Origin's 3rd Annual Eid & York University's Markham Campus Fundraiser.



From biotech research to Yspace startups it's incredible to see the work being done at York University's Markham Campus.

Upcoming Federal Benefits 2026

May 2026

May 20 Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

May 21 Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)

May 27 CPP/OAS/GIS

June 2026

June 18 Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)

June 19 Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

June 26 CPP/OAS/GIS

