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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

Your federal government's recent Spring Economic Update 2026 highlights Canada's response to a rapidly changing world: focus on what we can control and build Canada Strong for All. We are investing in the industries that will define the next generation, from clean energy and critical minerals to advanced manufacturing. We are training thousands of Canadians in the skilled trades, to build the Canada of tomorrow. And we are moving forward on key measures dedicated to keeping communities safe and affordable.

Over the past year, we have opened new markets across four continents, signed Canada's first-ever bilateral free trade agreement with an ASEAN member state—Indonesia—and concluded the largest order of Canadian aircraft in history — a \$19 billion Airbus-AirAsia deal that will mean high-paying work for thousands of Canadian engineers, electricians, steel welders, and IT specialists. We are supporting Canadian workers, businesses, and industry by breaking down internal trade barriers and implementing our new Buy Canadian Policy. Through the Build Communities Strong Fund we are helping to build the hospitals, transit systems, bridges, and water infrastructure Canadians rely on every day.

And the momentum is only growing. Canada's first-ever Investment Summit comes to Toronto this September, with an ambitious plan to catalyse \$1 trillion in new capital over the next five years. And through Team Canada Strong, we will train 80,000 to 100,000 new skilled trades workers to build the economy of tomorrow.

I look forward to bringing all these benefits and more home to Markham-Thornhill, and to continue building a Canada that is strong, prosperous, and fair for everyone.

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THE CANADA STRONG FUND

As Canada's first **national sovereign wealth fund**, this will give all Canadians a direct stake in building Canada strong.

We're investing **\$25 billion** in
major Canadian projects in:



ENERGY



INFRASTRUCTURE



MINING



AGRICULTURE



TECHNOLOGY

and other key sectors

TEAM CANADA **STRONG**

Canada will launch a new initiative to train and hire up to

100,000 SKILLED TRADES WORKERS.

The government will invest

\$6 BILLION OVER 5 YEARS

in this plan. This will help:



YOUNG PEOPLE FIND TRAINING AND JOBS IN THE TRADES.



BUILD MORE HOMES AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.



SUPPORT DEFENCE PROJECTS.

MAKING LIFE **MORE AFFORDABLE** FOR CANADIANS

We are relentlessly focused on making life **more affordable** for Canadians.



With our middle class tax cut, 22 million Canadians are keeping more of what they earn.



More than 12 million Canadians have more support to buy groceries and essentials with the *Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit*.



We eliminated the GST for first-time homebuyers on new homes below \$1 million, with additional relief on homes up to \$1.5 million—and by partnering with Ontario to remove the provincial HST for all homebuyers this year, we're going even further, delivering up to \$130,000 in total tax relief for families across the province.



Paused the Fuel Excise Tax – saving Canadians up to 10 cents/L on gas, 4 cents/L on diesel.



Launched Automatic Federal Benefits so 5.5 million low-income Canadians automatically receive the benefits they qualify for by the 2028 tax year.

CANADA'S **STRONG** FISCAL POSITION

In addition to a deficit that is \$11 billion lower than projected in Budget 2025, **Canada has the:**

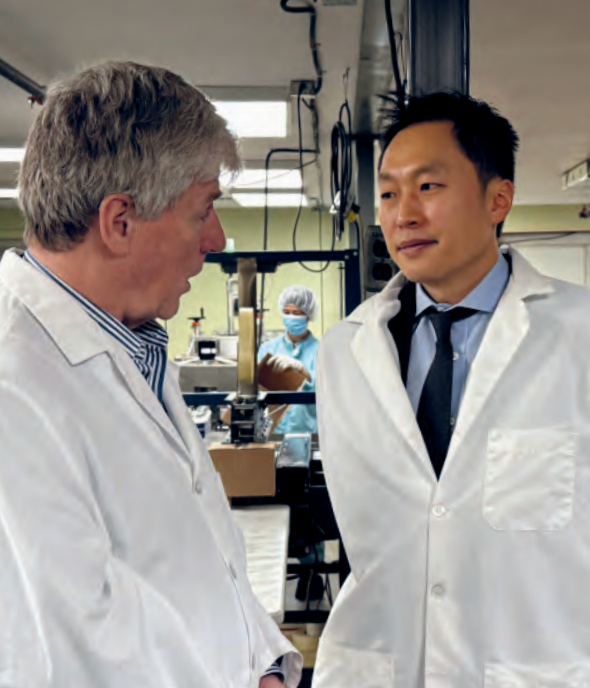
STRONGEST CREDIT RATING IN THE WORLD.

LOWEST NET DEBT-TO-GDP IN THE G7.

MOST COMPETITIVE LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES IN THE G7.

SECOND FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY IN THE G7.





TRADE DIVERSIFICATION AND ATTRACTING INVESTMENT

Our government is on a mission to double non-U.S. exports in the next decade. This past year, we've seen record growth in overseas exports, creating new opportunities for businesses and workers across the country.

We struck new partnerships on four continents — including unlocking more than \$7 billion in export markets with a new strategic partnership with China.

We are concluding a new agreement with India to double two-way trade to \$70 billion. We're moving so fast that we recently made history by finalizing two trade agreements received on the same day. These new deals with the United Kingdom and Indonesia together open doors to more than 340 million consumers.



CLIMATE COMPETITIVENESS

We are **protecting and conserving Canada's natural environment** for future generations while growing our economy:

A FORCE OF NATURE: CANADA'S STRATEGY TO PROTECT NATURE

Is our plan to conserve **30% of lands and waters by 2030.**

THE SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE 2026 PROVIDES OVER **\$160 MILLION** TO CONTINUE PROTECTING CANADA'S WHALES AND THEIR HABITAT.

UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS

For too long, nation-building infrastructure has been bogged down in red tape. Our government is changing that by:

PASSING THE ONE CANADIAN ECONOMY ACT TO FAST-TRACK MAJOR PROJECTS.

LAUNCHING THE MAJOR PROJECTS OFFICE TO ACCELERATE THE APPROVAL PROCESSES OF 15 PROJECTS.

UNLOCKING \$125 BILLION IN INVESTMENT IN JUST HALF A YEAR, AND MORE THAN 60,000 JOBS.



CANADA'S AUTO STRATEGY

CANADA IS STRENGTHENING ITS AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR AND SHAPING AN INDEPENDENT, CLEAN FUTURE FOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION. WE ARE BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS BY:

- SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF MADE-IN-CANADA VEHICLES.
- HARNESSING OUR WORLD-CLASS CAPABILITIES TO BUILD THE CARS OF THE FUTURE, INCLUDING EVS.
- POSITIONING CANADA TO BECOME A GLOBAL LEADER IN EV PRODUCTION.
- MOBILIZING UP TO \$3 BILLION TO ACCELERATE AUTOMOTIVE INVESTMENT.



TRANSFORMING NATIONAL DEFENCE

As a former reserve officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, supporting those who serve and maintaining a strong Armed Forces is personal to me. I am proud our government is delivering on both, while creating massive economic and supply chain opportunities for Canadians in the process.

Our government has provided the **largest pay raise in a generation for CAF members** and recruitment is at a 30 year high.

We also launched the **Defence Investment Agency**, including over half a trillion dollars in investments to:

-  **SUPPORT 125,000 HIGH PAYING CAREERS.**
-  **INCREASE DEFENCE EXPORTS BY 50%.**
-  **BOOST SHARE OF DEFENCE ACQUISITIONS AWARDED TO CANADIAN FIRMS TO 70%.**
-  **GROW CANADIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY REVENUES BY 240%.**
-  **Last June, we promised to achieve NATO's 2% target this year – and in March, we delivered.**



COMBATTING CRIME

The new **Financial Crimes Agency** – the first federal body focused on serious financial crimes – will be complemented by Canada's first government-wide National Anti-Fraud Strategy, creating a multi-sector response to fraud.

Increased funding for the **Canada Community Security Program** will help cover security upgrades for religious, ethnic, and marginalised communities in response to rising hate-motivated incidents.

EXPLORE CANADA FOR FREE WITH THE CANADA STRONG PASS



The **Canada Strong Pass** is back! This summer enjoy **free admission** to all Parks Canada national parks, national historic sites, and marine conservation areas **from June 19 to September 7, 2026** — no signup, no app, no pass required. All you have to do is show up!

The **Canada Strong Pass** also includes **free VIA Rail travel** for children 17 and under when accompanied by an adult, and **25% off fares** for young adults 18 to 24. **National museums offer free admission** for kids and teens, and 50% off for young adults. **Campers also receive 25% off** at Parks Canada campgrounds.

For full details, visit Canada.ca and search "Canada Strong Pass."

UNITING CANADA THROUGH SPORT

Canada's new government is investing **\$755 million** to expand access to sport across the country. **This will allow us to:**

HOST AND COMPETE WITH THE BEST

by bringing world-class sporting events to Canada.

SUPPORT ATHLETES AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS

with enhanced training and competition opportunities.

GET MORE CANADIANS INVOLVED

by increasing support for national sport organizations.

We are making a **generational investment in sport** to put more Canadians on podiums.

