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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Constituents,

July 1st marked Canada Day – a day to celebrate what it means to be Canadian. For me, that has always meant a country that believes in democracy, stays true to its values, and stands up for what's right at home and abroad. It's a country worth standing up for.

I was honoured to serve this country in the Canadian Armed Forces, and it remains one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve it still today, as your Member of Parliament for Markham-Thornhill. On Canada Day and every day, I'm reminded just how extraordinary our community is, and how it is filled with vibrant and diverse people who all love and help build the country we share.

This year, that spirit was on full display for Canada Day. One of the most moving moments for me was watching our newest Canadians take their oath of citizenship – men and women from every corner of the globe, who have chosen Canada to build their lives.

It was also incredible to see Canadian pride on display on the pitch, as we watched our men's national soccer team take on the world. The red and white in the stands, flags held high across the country, the heart of our team was incredible to watch, and it felt fitting that this surge of national pride coincided with Canada Day celebrations from coast to coast to coast.

We are always at our best when we stand together. Canada is strong because of its people – and today, we are stronger, prouder, and more united than ever.

I hope you all had a very Happy Canada Day!



Celebrating our country and community by joining a Canada-wide drumming circle with Mayor Scarpitti and friends in Markham.



It was a privilege to welcome 50 new Canadians after taking their oath of citizenship. It was an incredible way to honour our country.



It was moving to see young people share the stage with senior citizens at the CCBAG Seniors Celebrate National Day performance.

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Expanding Global Trade

Canada continues to build new trade relationships around the world, and this month marks another step forward with the Philippines. Prime Minister Carney recently welcomed the President of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., to Canada and announced a new Canada-Philippines Strategic Partnership that will deepen cooperation in trade, energy, mining, defence, and tourism.

We are diversifying trade so we can open doors to new opportunities for Canadians for high-paying jobs, significant investment, and a stronger, independent, and more resilient economy.



Keeping Communities Safe: The Bail and Sentencing Reform Act is Now Law!

Our government promised stricter bail and tougher sentencing to keep our communities safe – and that promise is now law.

Bail laws are now stricter for violent and organized crime, home invasion, car theft, and human trafficking. With over 80 targeted changes to the Criminal Code, bail will be harder to get for repeat and violent offenders, and sentences will be tougher for serious crimes.

Now that these changes are law, effective implementation will be essential across the justice system. We'll keep working with our provincial and other partners across the country to ensure communities like Markham-Thornhill remain a safe place to call home.



Canada's Historic Submarine Deal

On July 6, Prime Minister Carney confirmed that Germany's TKMS has been selected as the preferred supplier to build up to twelve new submarines for the Royal Canadian Navy, marking Canada's largest-ever defence purchase.

TKMS estimates the partnership will generate \$167 billion in economic activity in Canada and support 650,000 Canadian jobs. These submarines will help Canada secure all three of our coastlines, reinforce Arctic sovereignty, and contribute significantly to our NATO defence spending goals.



Another fantastic Taste of Asia to kick off the summer in Markham-Thornhill.



Celebrating Canada Day at the Markham Civic Centre.



It was a joy to have my wife, Linda, join us for Canada Day celebrations throughout the day.

Upcoming Federal Benefits 2026

August 2026

Aug. 20 Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)

Aug. 20 Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

Aug. 27 CPP/OAS/GIS

Sept. 2026

Sept. 17 Canada Disability Benefit (CDB)

Sept. 18 Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

Sept. 25 CPP/OAS/GIS

