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## A NOTE FROM YOUR MP

DEAR Neighbours,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer so far! My team and I have been hard at work, making sure that you and your family get your passports in time for your vacations, ensuring that your travel visas and those of your family members are approved in time for important family events, answering your questions when you call, email or drop by - and we've announced some exciting local funding for community organizations too. But we know that the number one concern here and across Canada is the rising cost of living. High inflation and global supply chain challenges are driven by the pandemic and amplified by Russia's illegal and unjust invasion of Ukraine, but I'm more interested in how that impacts my neighbours here in Milton. We are fortunate that inflation is much lower in Canada than in the USA, United Kingdom, and across Europe - but that doesn't make buying gas and groceries any easier here in Milton, and we hear you 100%.

I have prepared a constituency mailer here to outline some of the measures our government has put in place to help you and your family deal with the rising costs of living. The good news is, gas prices are coming back down to normal, more Canadians and more Miltonians have jobs than ever before, and thankfully the national poverty rate is at a historical low - but we still have a lot of work to do.

Our work is enhanced by great ideas and suggestions from people like you and families like yours. I've included a clip-away card that you can fill out and send back to me with your recommendations. Please be constructive and considerate, as these notes are often read by my team.

All my best,

*To keep up to date with my office follow me on social media and sign up for my e-newsletter at [www.adamvankoeverdenmp.ca/newslettersign-up](http://www.adamvankoeverdenmp.ca/newslettersign-up).*

# OUR AFFORDABILITY PLAN

## Key Measures to Help Canadians with the Cost of Living

"We know that Canadians are worried about inflation and that they're asking what their government is going to do about it. That's why we have a new Affordability Plan- \$8.9 billion in new support this year- that is going to put more money in the pockets of Canadians at a time when they need it most."

-**Chystia Freeland**, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister

### Enhancing the Canada Workers Benefit

By enhancing the Canada Workers Benefit at a cost of **\$1.7 billion in new support for workers** this year, we are putting more money in the pockets of an estimated 3 million Canadians. This means that a couple working full-time minimum wage jobs could receive up to \$2,400 more in support this year. At a time of global inflations, most Canada Workers Benefits recipients are receiving this increased support through their 2021 tax return.

### A Ten Per Cent Increase to Old Age Security

Life can get even more expensive as we get older. That's why we are **increasing the Old Age Security** pension for seniors 75 and older by 10 per cent which started this summer in July. This means **over \$766 in new support** to full pensioners in the first year, and increased benefits for more than three million seniors.

### Affordable Early Learning and Child Care

Because of our new affordable, universal early learning and child care system, Canadian families will see their fees reduced by an average of 50 per cent this year. Our plan means **savings for families up to \$6,000 in Ontario**.

### A Housing Affordability Payment

We know that housing is more expensive than ever. As we work to build more homes, fight unfair practices, and make housing more affordable for Canadians, we are also providing a one-time **\$500 payment to nearly one million Canadians** who are struggling with the cost of housing.

### Dental Care for Canadians

Seeing a dentist is important for our health, but it can also be expensive. One-third of Canadians don't have dental insurance, and in 2018, more than one in five Canadians reported avoiding dental care because of the cost. That's why **we will provide dental care to families with an income of less than \$90,000 annually**. Our dental care program will start with children under 12 years of age this year, meaning families will have an easier time accessing and paying the cost of dental care for their kids.

### Benefits that are Indexed to Inflation

As we keep working to make life more affordable for Canadians, important benefits that millions of Canadians count on are indexed to inflation to help keep up with the cost of living. This **includes the Canada Child Benefit, the GST Credit, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and the Guaranteed Income Supplement**.

## Helping Canadians and Fighting Climate Change

### Climate Action Incentive Payments

You would have received your first quarterly installment of the Climate Action Incentive on July 15th. July's payment would also have included a retroactive payment from April. Following payments will be made in October and January. Those eligible will receive an annual credit of \$373 for an individual, \$186 for a spouse or common law partner, \$93 per child under 19 and \$186 for the first child in a single-parent family. If you have not received this payment, feel free to reach out to my office at ***Adam.vanKoeverden@parl.gc.ca*** and we would be happy to look into it for you.

Pricing carbon is an essential tool in fighting climate change and reducing our collective reliance on fossil fuels. This is a revenue neutral system, and the Government of Canada sends all the money from the price on pollution back to families. It's non-taxable and it will go up every year. You can spend it on anything you'd like, but if you're using it to fight climate change (tuning your bike, planting a tree, buying greener or more sustainable products etc.) - I'd love to hear what your ideas are! Use the clip-away mailer to send me a note or drop me a line over email.



**Please provide my office with any feedback or recommendations that you may have for my office or for the federal government.**

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**What issues are most important to you (Check ALL that apply):**

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- Childcare
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Gun control
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Thank you to everyone who came out to my office's first ever Canada Day BBQ! I want to send sincere gratitude to everyone who braved the rain and a bit of a line-up. Admittedly, we under-estimated how many people would join us for lunch, but it's a lesson learned and next time we will add a few more BBQ grills and keep the line moving faster. Thank you for your enthusiasm and for coming out to celebrate together for the first time in a while!



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