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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I want to thank everyone who is working hard to keep our community safe during these tough times. Everyone from grocery store workers, to mail carriers and delivery workers, transit workers and those in uniform, thank you! As I write this, it's National Nurses week, so I want to send a special note of gratitude to nurses in Halton. Doctors, nurses, hospital staff and administration have all been working overtime to serve our community and keep us healthy and safe – you are all heroes!

I also want to thank everyone who has gone out to get a vaccine. I made an appointment and got mine as soon as I was eligible, and I want to encourage everyone to get your vaccine as well. Vaccines are the safest and most effective measure we have to protect against the virus, so it is important that we all get vaccinated to protect ourselves and our communities. Health Canada has a thorough review process to ensure safety and efficacy vaccines before approval.

Eligibilities are broadening so quickly that it's been difficult to keep up, but by May 19<sup>th</sup> everyone in Halton 16+ will be eligible for a dose, so please make your appointment ASAP!

Please continue to support our local restaurants and shops, they've been hit hard, and they've always been there for us when we needed a team sponsored, a donation for a raffle or a quick meal in a pinch, let's help them out now. I know I've said this often... but we will get through this by working together and supporting one another!

Adam

### VACCINES

Health Canada approves vaccines only when they are supported by robust scientific data and evidence showing clearly that the benefits of the vaccine outweighs any potential risks. All of the approved vaccines have high rates of efficacy.

Health Canada's reviews of the vaccines were highly effective across age, sex, race and ethnicity. At this time, vaccines are not being offered to youth until more clinical trials are completed and there is more data available.

***The best vaccine is the first one offered to you.***

There are enough vaccines that everyone who wants one should be able to get their first shot by Canada Day, and be fully vaccinated by the end of the summer.

If you have allergies and are concerned about getting vaccinated, please speak with your health care provider.

For more information on the vaccines available, please visit Health Canada's website.

[www.canada.ca/en/health-canada](http://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada)



### Local Funding Update

- Canada Summer Jobs- \$1.5 million for jobs for youth in Milton
- \$205,000 approved for Halton Region Conservation Authority by Environment Canada
- Infrastructure funding of \$558, 655 for the John Tonelli Sport Centre and \$912,000 for the Crawford Lake Boardwalk
- \$79,416 to support 4 local projects which will support seniors needs
- \$441,200 in Federal funding to connect over 450 of our rural neighbours to High Speed Internet

### PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

Please continue to do your part in the fight against COVID-19. Please stay home if you are able, and if you must go out, please keep a distance of 2 meters from people who are not from your household, wear a mask and wash your hands. Continue to follow the rules from public health.

Take care of your health, both physically and mentally. If you or someone you know could use some support with mental health, please visit [wellnesstogether.ca](http://wellnesstogether.ca).



**Better child care for families**

## ESTABLISHING A CANADA-WIDE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE SYSTEM

The government proposed to build a Canada-wide early learning and child care system through Budget 2021. This is a plan to drive economic growth, increase women’s participation in the workforce, and offer each child in Canada the best start in life.

Our aim is to reduce fees for parents with children in regulated child care by 50 per cent on average, by 2022, with a goal of reaching \$10 per day on average by 2026.

We will invest almost \$30 billion over the next five years and provide permanent ongoing funding, working with provincial and territorial, and Indigenous partners to support quality, not-for-profit child care, and ensuring the needs of early childhood educators are at the heart of the

## FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

We are moving towards a green recovery to create jobs, build a clean economy, and fight and protect against climate change with a proposed \$17.6 billion in Budget 2021. By investing in climate action now, we can create good middle class jobs today, and a cleaner and safer future for the next generation.

These include investments to develop innovative new technologies to reduce pollution in heavy industry, help property owners have greener homes to reduce their carbon footprint, increase production of low carbon fuels (including biofuels), conserve up to 1 million square kilometers more land and inland waters, and create new opportunities for the economy of the future.

These investments put Canada on a track to exceed its Paris target and reduce greenhouse gas emissions 36 per cent by 2030 and put Canada on a path to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.



## MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

With housing costs continuing to rise, low and middle-income Canadians faced with increased financial burdens, we are investing more in affordable housing to help make life easier for Canadian families, create jobs, and strengthen the middle class.

The measures which were introduced will speed up construction and repair of 35,000 affordable housing units across Canada, address urgent housing needs for vulnerable Canadians, provide direct financial assistance to women and children fleeing violence, create a pilot program for rental supplement to reduce veteran homelessness.

## SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Many businesses have struggled over the last year, some finding ways to adapt to the ever changing regulations, and others closing their doors more permanently. This is why it was important for the government to find ways to support businesses. Through Budget 2021, we are extending the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy as well as the Canadian Emergency Rental Subsidy through to the fall. We are also introducing measures to help business become more competitive and go digital, lowering credit card fees, strengthening diversity of our entrepreneurs, and incentivizing hiring back, increasing hours or wages.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Milton have joined forces to provide free self-screening kits to small and medium-sized businesses who employ up to 150 employees throughout the Town of Milton. This is another example of all levels of government working together to ensure that our community is safe. The goal of the program is to identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals and prevent them from spreading COVID-19 in the workplace, at home, and around the community. The kits are available by appointment only, please inquire directly with the Milton Chamber of Commerce at [info@miltonchamber.ca](mailto:info@miltonchamber.ca).



## SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE

This pandemic has placed a significant strain on our healthcare system. Budget 2021 seeks to address some of these through Federal Transfers to the province to help support the costs of personal protective equipment, increasing testing capacity, contact tracing, and sharing public health data to help fight the pandemic. This investment will also go to support the health care system to respond to surges in COVID-19 cases, and address the needs of vulnerable groups as well as people who are experiencing challenges related to mental health, substance abuse and homelessness.

