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Milton

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Neighbours,

Summer weather is here so it's BBQ season! Once again we are hosting our free BBQ here at the Community Office to celebrate Canada Day on July 1st. Please see the invite below for details – everyone is welcome, we'll have halal and vegetarian options. We've scaled up and procured some large grills, more volunteers and more food to accommodate higher numbers for this year. The Farmer's Market is also back on Main St. Downtown Milton, so we hope to see people out supporting local!

I'd like to give a shout out to **Sustainable Milton**, the **Town and Regional Councilors** and everyone who has hosted and participated in clean-ups around town to pick up litter and keep the town tidy. I'm proud to have spent a few hours on trash pick-up duty and I'm thrilled to see the difference it's made when so many take part. It's an easy and rewarding activity – so big thanks to all that have pitched in.

Our excellent co-op students, **Abigail** and **Arianna** organized a **Spring Youth Summit** at the Community office where high-school and university aged youth came by for two hours to discuss important issues and have a slice of pizza. We talked about climate change, human rights, the cost of living, foreign affairs, physical activity and protecting universal healthcare – and a lot more! Young people might not have a vote, but they do have a voice in our community and I'm proud to amplify these important concerns.

I've dedicated this mailer to Affordability and Public Safety because we've passed recent legislation to support both, and since these issues continue to be priorities for our neighbours based on my conversations and interactions.

Thank you for reading this update, and as always please don't hesitate to be in touch with your ideas and feedback!

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The last day to apply for our Dental Benefit for kids under 12 (as of December 1st, 2022) who are uninsured is June 30th 2023

Check your eligibility and apply online at: Canada.ca/Dental





Join us **July 1st** from 12noon until we run out of burgers, and yes, we will have more burgers than last year! Halal and veggie options available.

16 Hugh Lane Parking Lot

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Halton is the safest community in Canada and our Government is committed to keeping it that way.

That's why we're investing **\$390 million** over the next five years to fight crime, crack down on gun smuggling, car theft and combat violence of all kinds in our communities.

We also believe that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so we're investing a further quarter-billion dollars in the **Building Safer Communities Fund** to build up communities and prevent crime before it starts. Four million of those dollars are coming to Halton right now.

We've also introduced new legislation that will reform our bail system with a reverse onus, and ensure that violent and repeat offenders never get out on bail.

The Government of Canada is committed to implementing the most comprehensive gun-violence prevention laws in a generation. We've consulted with hunters, sport-shooters and Indigenous communities to protect their livelihoods, while ensuring that our streets are free of guns and gun violence.

In my meetings with local police and community leaders, the calls have been unanimous - the recent tragedies that our community endured must never happen again. I'm proud to join that strong chorus and grateful that our Government is stepping up and enhancing all measures to ensure public safety.







AFFORDABILITY

The rising cost of living has been an important theme at all the public meetings I've hosted, and a priority for our Government through the recent budget announcement. We are committed to helping working Canadians and families make life more affordable.

The Grocery Rebate is one of the signature programs from Budget 2023 that will provide targeted and **effective inflation relief** to over **11 million** Canadians of low- to modest-income, with additional payments for those with kids, and seniors. If you are eligible and you've filed your 2021 taxes, you'll see this payment go straight into your account starting July 5.

Additionally, our new Canadian Dental Care benefit has supported almost 300,000 children across Canada, including over 1000 here in Milton. Fully one third of Canadians are uninsured for dental care, and one in five report avoiding dental care because of the cost. The next step is to provide dental coverage to all uninsured seniors and youth through Health Canada.

Since implementing the Canada Child Benefit in 2016, over \$106 million dollars has been delivered to parents in Milton, every year. Since I was elected in 2019, our community has grown considerably – so the benefit has delivered an incremental \$10 million every year. We have one of the youngest demographics in the country, so our **\$10-a-day Childcare plan** has also had a tremendous impact. It has already cut the cost of early learning and childcare in half - with more to come.

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CANADIAN DENTAL CARE BENEFIT

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MILTON PARENTS

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Looking for a Summer Work Opportunity?

Small businesses and organizations in Milton are hiring for the summer! As part of the Canada Summer Jobs program, our Government has already subsidized the salaries of almost **300 jobs in Milton**. We're keeping

good-paying seasonal jobs here in Milton for young people aged 15 to 30.

Visit jobbank.gc.ca/youth to apply!





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