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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Neighbours,

I hope you and your family are in good health at this time. As everyone continues to adapt to the changes in restrictions, it's important to stay focused on our mental health. Eating well and staying hydrated, getting enough sleep, and exercising daily are important considerations for your daily routine. I know I've struggled lately, and I want you to know that it's okay to not be okay. Reach out to friends and family, stay connected, and try to be available for those who might be experiencing loneliness and isolation during these tough times.

For a wide range of mental health supports, please visit Wellness Together Canada at [wellnesstogether.ca](https://www.wellnesstogether.ca).

Take good care of yourselves and one another,

Adam

Correction Note: The recent calendar sent from my office incorrectly listed the office phone number. Please note that our Milton community office number is 905-693-0166.

INFORMATION

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VACCINE ROLLOUT

With the most extensive portfolio of vaccines in any country, and with shipments largely ahead of schedule, Canada is on track to have vaccines available for every Canadian that wants one by September. Some countries are ahead of us, and many are behind, but these are early days in vaccine deployment and we continue to be on schedule. There may be some bumps along the way, but that is to be expected with an undertaking this historic. There are already two vaccines approved by Health Canada, and well over one million Canadians have already received their first dose, with provinces and territories ramping up the delivery across the country.

Pandemic fatigue can still lead us to become a little more complacent with the regulations in place. While there is light at the end of the tunnel, it is important to continue following the advice of public health, in order to protect ourselves and those around us until we can all be vaccinated against this virus.

The best thing we can do to support the incredible work of our health care heroes is to follow the best advice from public health officials. Please visit [Halton.ca](https://www.Halton.ca) for the most up to date regional information.



Wear a mask.



Wash your hands.



Keep your distance.



Download COVID Alert.

CN INTERMODAL– OUR FIGHT ISN'T OVER

The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change released the over 325 conditions under which the CN Intermodal project may proceed. I am disappointed with this decision, and I'm writing this to make that clear, but I also want to let you know where we go from here. Something I want to be abundantly clear about this situation - is that **this fight isn't over**.

While I'm grateful that these additional measures, restrictions, and conditions are reflective of the many valid concerns we in Halton have with this project, I remain very concerned about the potential truck traffic and the resulting pollution, health and safety implications for all of my constituents, especially those who reside in south Milton.

I have worked extremely hard to articulate the individual concerns of my neighbours, the hardworking advocacy groups and those of my fellow elected officials - both prior to my election at the Joint Review Panel and since as the Member of Parliament for Milton. But never once did I compromise my strong position that this application should be rejected.

The health, safety and wellbeing of Miltonians is my number one concern. The **325 legally binding conditions** set out by the Minister represent some reasonable progress, and some have even labelled this as a 'constructive rejection'. The result is that this Intermodal project cannot go forward as it was presented by CN. Those 325 conditions would make this facility the most stringently regulated in North America. They include *measures to address effects on air quality, traffic, human health, groundwater and surface water, migratory birds, species at risk, fish and fish habitat, the use of lands and resources by Indigenous peoples, and physical and cultural heritage*. Failure to comply with any of these conditions is a violation of Federal Law.

One of those 325 conditions is that CN will be *required to establish a community liaison and communication process, in consultation with representatives of local and municipal governments, nearby residents, community and business organizations*. This process will allow

potentially affected parties to provide feedback about any adverse environmental effects of the project, including reports from an independent environmental monitor that would be engaged to verify compliance with conditions. CN will be required to document and respond to feedback from the community and demonstrate how it has been addressed, including through the implementation of any modified/ additional mitigation measures or additional follow-up program requirements. This includes liaising with potentially affected parties to identify and address potential impacts on traffic and road safety.

To continue this fight, it's important we are aware of the current conditions and restrictions, but that **does not mean that it is an inevitability**, there is no reason to believe that this project is going ahead. We are not at the finish line, or even the start line for this project. Shovels are not going in the ground, and I remain steadfastly opposed to this development. There is a **Canadian Transport Agency process**, and the Minister is very aware of my objections to this project. There is a **Provincial court case** involving the Region of Halton, and many other hurdles for CN to attempt to clear before this is over.

Every elected official in our region and the vast majority of our neighbours are united in our opposition to the location of this industrial project. This fight is far from over. Our voices will continue to be heard, and you can continue to count on me to keep fighting for our community.

I will continue to try to communicate with everyone on this issue, through my website, my social media accounts, newsletters, interviews and emails.

If you are not currently receiving emails from me and would like to receive emails on this and other issues, please send me an email at:

adam.vankoeverden@parl.gc.ca.

SOME COVID-19 FACTS

- Over 16.7M Canadians have been tested for COVID-19 to date.
- Over 6 million Canadians have downloaded the COVID Alert app.
- Through the Wellness Together App, over 847,00 individuals across Canada have accessed services in 2.49 M distinct web sessions, as of January 19.
- Over **14.3M** rapid tests have been sent to provinces and territories to date:
 - Ontario: **4,465,172** (3,390,500 Panbio, 419,472 ID NOW, 655,200 BD Veritor)



We are covering **all the costs** of vaccine doses and supplies so provinces and territories can **vaccinate Canadians as quickly as possible**.


CANADIAN NET-ZERO EMISSIONS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT


The Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act ensures that all future governments will be held accountable to ensure clean air and clean water.

The **Net-Zero Emissions** will mean:

- Growing Canada's green economy and **creating jobs**.
- Leaving a **cleaner future** for our kids and grandkids.

A couple ways we will help:

 Ensure every community has access to clean power and transportation.

 Planting 2 billion trees will cut pollution and clean the air we breathe.



It's okay to not be okay. We are here to help.

Canadians can access the confidential and free Wellness Together Canada online tool for support.

For immediate help, text **WELLNESS** to **741741** or visit **wellnesstogether.ca**
We are in this together.

We are helping Canadian entrepreneurs and small business owners with:

- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
- Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy
- Canada Emergency Business Account
- Regional Relief and Recovery Fund
- Support for Indigenous Businesses
- Women Entrepreneurship Strategy
- Black Entrepreneurship Program

Learn more at Canada.ca/coronavirus



NEW: HIGHLY AFFECTED SECTORS CREDIT AVAILABILITY PROGRAM

Helping the hardest hit businesses with their day to day costs by providing guaranteed low-interest loans.

Applications open February 1.

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What would you like to see as our government's priorities as we move forward?

Name: _____

Email: _____

CALENDAR DATES

Recently a small calendar was sent out from my office and a few people reached out with concerns that some holidays and important dates weren't included. This was partially due to the size of the calendar, but I should have chosen a format that was more accommodating and inclusive and I regret that some important dates were unintentionally left out. In an effort to be inclusive as possible, I've included some additional holidays and special dates below, please update your calendars with the ones that are important to you and your family:



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A MORE RESILIENT
CANADA —
ONE THAT IS
HEALTHIER AND
SAFER,
CLEANER AND
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AND FAIRER AND
MORE INCLUSIVE
FOR EVERYONE.**



JANUARY

- 1- New Years Day
- 7-Orthodox Christmas Day
- 14- Orthodox New Year
- 25- Robbie Burns Day
- 27-31 Milton Film Fest

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

- 2- Groundhog Day
- 12- Chinese New Year
- 14- Valentine's Day
- 15- Family Day
- 16- Shrove Tuesday
- 16- Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 8- International Women's Day
- 14- Daylight Savings Time
- 17- St. Patrick's Day
- 20- Nowruz
- 27- Passover*
- 28- Palm Sunday/ Holi

APRIL

- 1-April Fool's Day
- 2- Good Friday
- 3- Holy Saturday/Last Day of Passover

- 4- Easter Sunday
- 5- Easter Monday
- 9-Vimy Ridge Day
- 12- Ramadan starts
- 14- Vaisakhi
- 30- Orthodox Good Friday

MAY

- 2- Orthodox Easter
- 3- Orthodox Easter Monday
- 9- Mother's Day
- 11- Ramadan Ends
- 12- Eid ul Fitr
- 16- Shavuot begins
- 24-Victoria Day

JUNE

National Indigenous History Month

Pride Month

- 20- Father's Day
- 21- Indigenous Peoples Day

JULY

- 1- Canada Day
- 19- Eid ul Adha

AUGUST

- 1-Emancipation Day
- 2- Civic Holiday

SEPTEMBER

- 6- Labour Day/Rosh Hashana
- 15- Yom Kippur
- 19-Terry Fox Run
- 25- Franco-Ontarian Day
- 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (*with the passage of Bill C-5*)

OCTOBER

- 7-14 Navarati
- 11- Thanksgiving
- 15-Dussehra
- 19- Mawlid Nabi
- 31- Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 4- Diwali/Bandi Chhor Divas
- 7- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11- Remembrance Day
- 19- Gurpurab
- 29- First day of Hannukkah

DECEMBER

- 6-Last Day of Hannukkah
- 24- Christmas Eve
- 25- Christmas Day
- 26- Boxing Day
- 31- New Year's Eve



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