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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear fellow Yukoners,

Once again, it's amazing how quickly July and August have gone by. I hope each of you had a wonderful summer, and I send my best wishes to all educators, parents, and students for a successful return to school.

During the past few months, I've been able to connect with many of you at various community gatherings, festivals, and local events. These conversations have been invaluable, touching on important issues such as affordability, mental health, health care, housing, overdoses and addictions, salmon conservation, and climate change. Your input has deeply influenced my priorities as we approach the upcoming fall sitting and beyond. I'm grateful to everyone who has taken the time to engage with me in person, through email, or by phone.

I deeply cherish travelling the territory while joining with you wherever you are. In this message, I want to share with you some of the places and activities that hold a special place in my heart—experiences that serve as a testament to our community's spirit, and I'm excited to share them with you.

I was particularly pleased to announce significant new funding initiatives over the summer, including the Yukon tourism sector for seven Yukon businesses and organizations, support for survivors of gender-based violence through housing initiatives, the signing of the historic Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Traditional Conservation Area Agreement, Affordable Housing Fund for home construction and repairs across the Yukon, support for the Yukon Film Industry, the renewing of Air North's fleet and infrastructure, and support for building more homes in partnership with Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council through the Housing Accelerator Fund. These milestones reflect our dedication to supporting our growing community in a variety of ways.

Our government remains steadfast in its commitment to creating opportunities for prosperity. We recognize the challenges faced by younger generations and are dedicated to ensuring they have the means to surpass the achievements of their parents and grandparents. Initiatives such as expanding affordable housing, reducing everyday living costs, and promoting fair and inclusive economic growth are central to this vision.



Teddy Bear Picnic Program with Yukon Literacy Coalition, August 2024

The growing threat of climate change demands urgent and decisive action. Our policies prioritize supporting the transition to clean and renewable energy sources, thereby securing a sustainable future for our communities and children. This effort not only preserves our quality of life but also fosters new green job opportunities and enhances our global competitiveness.

With the new school year underway, I understand the concerns many of you have expressed about our children's future. Our government remains committed to supporting Canadian families, recently announcing an increase in the Canada Child Benefit to alleviate financial burdens and ensure a brighter future for our children.

As we resume parliamentary sessions in mid-September, I want to thank all Yukoners. It is a privilege to represent you in Ottawa, and I remain committed to serving our shared interests.

Together, let's continue to make Yukon a thriving place to live, learn, and grow. Here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

All the best,

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MOVING THE YUKON FORWARD

AULLAVIAT-ANGUNIARVIK CONSERVATION AREA + PEEL WATERSHED NATIONAL PARK

Two steps contributing to Canada's goal of conserving 30 percent of lands and waters took place in the Yukon earlier this year.

In April, Gwich'in Tribal Council, First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Government of Yukon, and the Government of Canada announced our shared commitment to explore the feasibility of establishing a new national park in the Peel Watershed. If established, the proposed new national park would permanently protect 3,000 km² of rich and diverse landscapes.

In June, I was thrilled to participate in announcing the **Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Traditional Conservation Area**, with a federal contribution of \$10 million. This area, which covers almost 1.8% of the Yukon, establishes range protection for summer and fall Porcupine Caribou and secures the area for ongoing use by the Inuvialuit.



Watching the ribbon cutting ceremony at Koanuck's River Cabin with the Aullaviat/Anguniarvik Working Group

YUKON TOURISM BUNDLE ANNOUNCEMENT

On June 26th, I announced an investment of nearly \$800,000 in **strengthening the Yukon tourism sector** through CanNor at MacBride museum. This funding will support seven Yukon businesses and organizations to offer new programs, experiences and services; expand their ability to accommodate overnight guests; improve accessibility; and transition to greener energy.

The seven Yukon businesses and organizations include MacBride Museum, Cabins over Crag Lake, Klondike Visitors Association, Northern Nomad Outdoors & Yoga (NNOY), Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Carmacks Development Corporation and Grayling Camp Enterprises.



Making a tourism announcement at the MacBride Museum

\$20 MILLION HOUSING BENEFIT FOR SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

In partnership with the Yukon Government, I was pleased to co-announce an enhancement investment of \$5.24 million through the Canada Housing Benefit.

This program will **provide housing support for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence**, including women, children, and 2SLGBTQI+ people, to find a safe place to call home.

This benefit is expected to support over 328 households and will provide individuals fleeing violence with up to \$2,000 a month to help Yukoners access stable and reliable housing, and avoid the need to return to an unsafe situation.



Making the Canada Housing Benefit announcement with Yukon Minister Jeanie McLean and Premier Ranj Pillai.

HOUSING/CMHC ANNOUNCEMENT

Alongside Chief Barb Joe of Champagne and Aishihik First Nation, and representing Minister Sean Fraser, it was an honour to announce more than **\$13 million in funding for communities across the Yukon from the Affordable Housing Fund**.

This announcement supports the repair of 108 units for members of CAFN, 13 new single-family homes and repairs of eight homes for Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, repairs to 141 homes for members of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, and the repair of four apartments and 12 beds in Watson Lake for women and children fleeing violence.



Making an affordable housing announcement in Haines Junction with L. to R. Mike Gemmill, Project and Asset Manager, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN); Sharmene Jones, Deputy Chief, CAFN; Barb Joe, Chief of CAFN; Brendan Hanley, Yukon MP; Carol Buzzell, Elder Councillor CAFN; Matthew Ooms

MOVING THE YUKON FORWARD

FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE YUKON'S SCREEN-BASED MEDIA INDUSTRY

Through CanNor (The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency) I was thrilled to help announce a significant investment of over \$645,000 to support the Screen Production Yukon Association (SPYA) and the Shot in the Dark Productions (SITDP).

More than \$620,000 will assist SPYA and \$25,000 for SITDP to **provide professional puppetry training and acquire the skills needed to work on the company's new made-in-the-Yukon children's television series called Northern Tails**. Investing in the Yukon's screen media supports skilled employment, and the benefits go well beyond entertainment. Such investment promotes the territory's cultural identity on both national and international screens.



At the announcement, located at the new SPYA office. L. to R. Deborah Lemaire, Economic Development Deputy Minister, Yukon Government; Brendan Hanley, Yukon MP; Brianne Bremner, Executive Board Member, SPYA; Daniel Little, SITDP

INVESTMENT TO AIR NORTH, YUKON'S AIRLINE

Air North is integral to the Yukon's economy. Yukon's airline provides local jobs, transport of goods, connects our communities to each other and to the broader Canadian network, all while bringing visitors, workers, and tourists to our beautiful territory.

On behalf of Minister Dan Vandal and the Government of Canada, I was proud to announce **an investment of \$6 million in Air North, Yukon's Airline**. This repayable investment will **support the renewal of Air North's fleet and the expansion of its infrastructure**.

These enhancements are designed to bolster Air North's competitiveness, reduce maintenance costs, and achieve up to a 20 percent reduction in fuel consumption per seat. This investment underscores our commitment to fostering local business development both in Whitehorse and throughout the Yukon.



At the announcement, located at Air North. L. to R. Brendan Hanley, Yukon MP; Joe Sparling, Chief Executive Officer; Torrine Johnson, Yukon Region Director CanNor

HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND AGREEMENTS WITH KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION AND TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL

Through the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), I **announced over \$7.2 million to remove barriers that have historically slowed housing development. This is a pivotal step forward in addressing the housing crisis in the Yukon and provide funding for additional communities.**

The fund supports creative local initiatives that support the development of affordable, inclusive, equitable communities. **Supported by the Government of Canada, Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council plan to accelerate the construction of a total of 107 housing units over the next three years, and 1,519 homes over the next decade.**

This initiative underscores our commitment to making housing more affordable for Canadians. Together with provincial, territorial, municipal, and First Nation governments and partners, we will continue to work to ensure that all Canadians have access to safe and affordable housing.



Making this housing announcement with Chief Amanda Leas and Chief Sean Smith

WHAT'S THE LATEST IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS?

LAUNCHING A NATIONAL PHARMACARE PLAN

At the heart of Canada's social safety is the promise of access to universal public health care. Canadians should have access to quality medicines, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay. In February 2024, Bill C-64, the Pharmacare Act was introduced. **The Pharmacare Act puts forward the vision of a national pharmacare program that will improve the health of Canadians and build a stronger public health care system.**

With this Act, we are making essential medication more accessible and affordable for Canadians, starting with providing universal, single-payer coverage for contraceptives and diabetes medications. This act is planned to improve the health of 3.7 million Canadians with diabetes by reducing the risk of serious, life-changing complications that come from not following treatment plans due to their cost. Pharmacare coverage for contraceptives will mean that 9 million Canadians will have better access to contraception and freedom over their reproductive health.

LAUNCHED THE CANADA HOUSING PLAN

Solving the Housing Crisis: Canada's Housing Plan is our ambitious plan to build homes by the million.

This plan makes it easier to afford to rent or buy a home, while ensuring the most vulnerable Canadians have the support that they need. With the proposed plan, we are unlocking new pathways to ownership while reinforcing our commitment to helping Canadians find homes to live in.

- ◆ Launching a Tenant Protection Fund to provide funding to legal services to better protect tenants.
- ◆ Leveraging rental payment history to improve credit scores, helping you qualify for a mortgage at better rates.
- ◆ Increasing the Home Buyers Plan withdrawal limit by \$25,000.
- ◆ Extending mortgage amortizations for first-time buyers buying newly built homes.
- ◆ Providing \$1 billion for the Affordable Housing Fund.
- ◆ Launching a \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund to protect and expand affordable housing.
- ◆ \$90 million for the Apprenticeship Service, creating opportunities to train and recruit the next generation of skilled trades workers.
- ◆ \$50 million in the Foreign Credential Recognition Program with a focus on residential construction to help skilled trades workers get more homes built.

CANADIAN RENTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Home ownership is core to the Canadian dream. **We are committed to protecting renters, helping renters become homeowners and protecting homeowners from rising mortgages.** With the proposed Canadian Renters' Bill of Rights, we are unlocking new pathways to ownership and reinforcing our commitment to the housing market. For renters, that means allowing renters to count rent towards their credit rating, and launching a tenant protection fund to prevent unfair hikes and unjust evictions.

For first-time buyers, this means extending new-build amortization by five years, enhancing tax savings plans that help young Canadians save for their first home, and increasing the Home Buyers Plan withdrawal limit from \$35,000 to \$60,000.

MAKING CHILD CARE MORE AFFORDABLE

Children are the future of Canada. For young families, many with Millennial parents, the costs of child care can add up to a second rent or mortgage payment. This makes it harder to start and grow a family and means parents—especially moms—are often not able to pursue their careers because of high costs and low access to child care.

That's why we **launched a Canada-wide affordable childcare system in 2021. Building a national \$10-a-day child care program helps give every child the best start in life while ensuring parents don't have to choose between their family and their career.** In the Yukon, regulated child care fees save the average family up to \$7,300 per child, per year.

In May, we announced \$10.5 million from the Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund to the Yukon Government, to help build more inclusive child care spaces across the Yukon, helping more Yukon families save up to \$14,300 on child care every year, per child.

WHAT'S THE LATEST IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YUKON?

HEALTH CARE— WORKING TOGETHER AGREEMENT

As part of the federal government's work to deliver better health outcomes for Canadians and take care of our neighbours when they have the need, we announced an investment of nearly \$86 million to improve health care access and services in the Yukon.

Through The Working Together Agreement with the Government of Yukon, funding provided:

\$23.8 Million

This would specifically support:

- ◆ Improved access to family health services (including the new Walk-In clinic located in Whitehorse)
- ◆ Expanding the delivery of mental health and addiction services and specialized care by:
 - Expanding access to opioid treatment services,
 - Developing land-based mental health and substance use projects,
 - Creating the Yukons' first residential managed alcohol withdrawal program in Whitehorse by 2025-2026, and others.

Through the Aging with Dignity Agreement with the Government of Yukon, funding provided:

\$12 Million



To help Yukoners age with dignity close to home by:

- ◆ Supporting home care and client support programs
- ◆ Expanding rural community home care to the entire territory
- ◆ Hiring personal support workers and nursing staff for nursing homes
- ◆ Improving the quality of long-term care in the territory.

Through the Territorial Health Investment Fund with the Government of Yukon, funding will provide:

\$50 Million

Over five years, we are investing \$50 million in innovative health care projects:

- ◆ Implementing Putting People First, including the creation of a new health authority: The Putting People First report is the Yukon's roadmap to a future high-performing, integrated health and social system that is collaborative, culturally safe, anti-racist and puts Yukoners at the centre of care. A core recommendation from the report is to establish a new health authority.
- ◆ Helping to recruit and retain health workers, and improving health workforce planning
- ◆ Supporting Yukoners by continuing to improve Digital Health solutions

MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES

In March 2023, the government launched the \$4 billion Housing Accelerator Fund to work with municipalities to cut red tape and fast-track the creation of at least 100,000 new homes across Canada. **We are topping-up the Housing Accelerator Fund with \$400 million to build an additional 12,000 homes in the next three years.**

Through the Housing Accelerator Agreements, The City of Whitehorse received \$11 million, with the communities of Dawson City, Carmacks, Haines Junction, and Watson Lake receiving a total of \$6.7 million. **We also recently announced a combined \$7.2 million in federal funding to Kwanlin Dun First Nation and to Ta'an Kwachan Council.**



HEALING AND ADDRESSING PAST HARMS



The federal government seeks to work with parties to address past wrongs to the extent possible, through financial compensation, meaningful apologies, and corrective action, which can help bring closure and promote healing—all reflective of what we've heard from engaging directly with Indigenous partners.

A historic \$23.3 billion settlement to compensate First Nations children on reserves and in the Yukon who were removed from their homes through involvement in the child and family services system, as well as others who were impacted.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Enjoying live music and talented artists in Arts in the Park, July 2024.



Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, June 2024.



Celebrating with constituents at Whitehorse's Canada Day Parade, July 2024.



Ride for Dad Event in support of prostate cancer research at Shipyards Park, June 2024.



L'Association Franco-Yukonnaise Open House, June 2024.



"Support, Don't Punish—Community March and Event" hosted by Blood Ties, June 2024.



Enjoying a road bike ride with U Kon Echelon, proudly funded through Canada Summer Jobs, July 2024.



Drive Your Ride to MacBride.. A special way to showcase Klondike Cruisers and to enjoy BBQ, July 2024.



"It Could Have Been Any One of Us" - a community bike ride to support and raise awareness for safe transportation infrastructure, June 2024.



Visiting Mt. Sima Adventure and meeting with the Canada Summer Job Students July 2024



Stopping by and supporting local stalls at the Thursday Fireweed Market, July 2024



Historic Places Day at Robinson Roadhouse, July 2024

MINISTER YA'ARA SAKS IN THE YUKON



We held a roundtable to have a frank discussion with health and social service providers and Indigenous and community leaders on critical health issues in Dawson and throughout the Yukon.



Alongside Minister Yaa'ra Saks, we met with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Council and Hähkë Steve Taylor, and visited the K'ájit-in Zho Youth Centre



We visited Blood Ties Four Directions where they gave us a tour of their centre and the safe consumption site to learn about the services they provide to the residents of Whitehorse and Yukoners.



Met with Chief Sean Smith of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and members of his team (KDFN). We had the opportunity to learn more about their team's support they provide for KDFN citizens.



Met with Grand Chief Peter Johnson of the Council of Yukon First Nations, and caught up on many subjects, including our youth, mental health, and the need for holistic support.



Enjoying a nice lunch at Bullet Hole Bagels in Whitehorse!



Stop in at Klondyke Dental, where we discussed the Canadian Dental Care Plan and helped ensure the oral health providers of the Yukon have the information they need to participate.



We held a roundtable in Whitehorse alongside mental health leaders and youths in the community to discussing youth mental health needs, barriers, and opportunities as we develop the Youth Mental Health Fund.

KING CHARLES III'S CORONATION

About the Medal

A Canadian commemorative medal has been designed to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on May 6, 2023. This is the first Canadian commemorative medal to mark a coronation. This prestigious medal, administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall, will recognize 20 members of our community that have made significant contributions to Canada.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal aims to honour 30,000 remarkable Canadians of all ages and from various backgrounds who have positively impacted their communities. I am honoured to participate as a nominating partner, and I invite you to nominate individuals in your life who have made a difference in our community.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this honour, a person must have:

- ◆ Made significant contributions to the country, territory, region, or community, or made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada;
- ◆ And been alive on May 6, 2023, when His Majesty was crowned.

To nominate an individual through my office, please fill out the form below and

- 1) Drop it off at 204-204 Black St, 2) Send it in the mail, or
- 3) Send me an email to: Brendan.Hanley@parl.gc.ca

Please include:

Nominee Information

Title or Rank: _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Contact Information (# + email): _____

Field of Endeavour: choose one

- Arts and Media, Business, Industry and Economy
 Community Service and Philanthropy Education
 Healthcare and Medicine Sports
 Science, Technology and Innovation

Nominator Information

Full Name: _____

Contact Info: (#, + email): _____

Brief Summary of the Nominee's Achievements:

Guidelines for the selection of nominees:

- ◆ The individual must live in the Yukon to be nominated through my office.
- ◆ Nominations should focus on the achievements of persons who have helped build the Canada of today, including youth, volunteers, educators, veterans and health care workers.
- ◆ Nominees may be selected for their long service and good conduct as a volunteer or member of an organization; for having demonstrated high professionalism; or for performing a deed or activity that brings great credit to Canada.
- ◆ Through their achievements and sustained contributions, nominees will have distinguished themselves from others employed in the same field.
- ◆ The Medal is to be awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples.
- ◆ Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Deadline to apply: September 30th, 2024

