



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

**Happy Thanksgiving!** Wishing you all a weekend filled with cherished memories, delectable dishes, and hearts full of thanks!

Through the many years I have lived in the Yukon, I have learnt that our many communities offer a lot to love and admire, especially the diverse and resilient small business community. Small businesses are essential to our economy and communities.

October is Small Business Month in Canada, let's show our support and gratitude!

We are excited to kick off Small Business Month by announcing new initiatives from the federal government to further support small businesses as they grow and innovate in our economy. This has been something that small businesses in the Yukon and I have been calling for a long time, and I am so pleased to see it becoming a reality!

News release

A red graphic with white and green text and icons. At the top, it says "We are REDUCING CREDIT CARD INTERCHANGE FEES for Small Businesses". Below this is an illustration of a credit card and a bar chart with three bars of decreasing height, with a green arrow pointing down and the text "up to 27%". At the bottom, a white oval contains the text "Starting October 19".

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## This Mental Illness Awareness Week



This Mental Illness Awareness Week, let's prioritize mental health as an essential part of our well-being. I encourage everyone to #CheckInDontCheckOut and advocate for understanding and open dialogue around mental health. Together, we can strengthen mental health literacy and ensure that every Canadian has access to the care they deserve. Let's continue advocating for a system that treats mental health with the importance it deserves! Don't forget to check out the mental health resources here:

[Click to see the video](#)



Last week in Ottawa, I joined my colleagues in announcing over **\$12 million** to advance firefighter health and safety.

The Minister of Health tabled the long-awaited National Framework on Cancers Linked to Firefighting after C-224 was passed unanimously by Parliament in the summer. The Framework addresses the increased cancer risks faced by firefighters and aims to improve access to prevention and treatment for firefighters.

This funding will also support federal actions focused on raising awareness, generating scientific knowledge, and developing diagnostic guidance and training needs.

This [week's news](#) will help ensure firefighters, who protect our communities, are protected themselves.

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## Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee

I'm deeply grateful for the invaluable experiences I gained during my three years on the Fisheries and Oceans Committee, especially with the recently completed Yukon Salmon Report. I hope it will be presented to the House some time this month. I am now working with new colleagues on the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee. Currently, we're focused on gathering input from Indigenous communities regarding Bill C-61, which aims to ensure access to clean drinking water for First Nations for years to come.

## The Standing Committee on Health studies issues

An important piece of legislation, Bill C-277 The National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act, has reached HESA Committee these past two weeks. I was pleased to welcome a fellow Yukoner to the Committee last week Lis Pilon, founder of Concussion Cafe, who does great work for support and awareness of brain injuries. These past few meetings on C-277 have been another great example of parties all working together to get this great piece of legislation through.

We have also continued our work on the study I introduced, the Opioid and Toxic Drug Crisis in Canada, as well other pieces of legislation.



**GLOCAL** is a national not-for-profit organization that promotes digital civic engagement in Canada. They recently announced a new round of the Government of Canada (ESDC) funded Diversity Microgrants Program, aimed at supporting young Canadians aged 15-30 in civic engagement and community service. For more details, visit [www.glocalfoundation.ca](http://www.glocalfoundation.ca).

They invite youth from Yukon to apply for grants to develop projects addressing civic participation, policy issues, and community needs.

Employment and Social Development Canada will distribute 160 grants in

2024, varying from \$500-\$5,000. Projects will take place from May 31, 2024 – March 31, 2025 and will support youth civic engagement, guiding creative social innovation, and will amplify youth perspectives.

This funding opportunity through GLOCAL also offers:

- Mentorship and regular support to youth participants for their project ideation, strategic planning and execution.
- Training in project management, research, data analysis & visualization, community outreach and communications to youth participants to strengthen the quality, efficiency, sustainability and impact of their projects.

**FOUNDATION FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES**

**NEW funding opportunity**

**Black-led, Black-focused and Black-serving organizations: you could receive up to \$200,000 in funding if you:**

- ✓ combat anti-Black racism
- ✓ improve the social and economic well-being of Black communities
- ✓ are a non-profit organization
- ✓ have a project idea to better serve Black people in Canada

Canada

Our government is dedicated to empowering Black Canadians and creating a fairer, more inclusive country. Six years ago, Canada recognized the UN International Decade for People of African Descent, committing to transformative investments for Black communities.

Recently, the second call for proposals under the [Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund](#) was launched, providing funding for Black-led non-profit organizations in Canada. The Black Ideas Grant allocates \$9.5 million, including \$5.23 million in federal funding, with streams for Community Spaces, Core, and Catapult projects.

This round aims to fund about 130 projects that combat anti-Black racism and enhance social and economic outcomes for Black communities.

**The application deadline is November 8, 2024.**

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I'm still accepting amateur photo submissions for my calendar this year! Last day to submit is Nov 15, 2024.

Your image must be landscape orientation and high quality to be considered. Photos can showcase Yukon nature, events, people, sports, etc!

Please send your submissions via email to [Brendan.Hanley@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Hanley@parl.gc.ca). Include your full name, where the photo was taken, and use subject line "Calendar Photo Submission" to enter!



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YOUR VOICE WILL IMPACT THE PRIORITIES  
WE SET IN OTTAWA.

You can fill out this Google Form for free.

Which issues are most important to you?

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