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Yukon

Dear Yukoners,

While we breathed a sigh of relief with the one-month reprieve from Trump's tariff threat, we also know that the threat remains. Having listened to many of you, I want to acknowledge the very real anxiety that is affecting businesses, families, and communities in the Yukon and around the country.

I want to assure you that while engaging with Yukoners, I remain in close touch with caucus colleagues and the federal ministers involved. With the Team Canada plan, our federal government has worked in close collaboration with the territories and provinces. We have been, and will continue to prepare for what comes, protecting our sovereignty and the things that matter most to us as a country.

While preparing for countermeasures, I recognize that we need to take a hard look within. We need to enhance interprovincial trade to boost economies and foster regional collaboration. Meanwhile, we're working closely with Canadian businesses to work to address and minimize the impact on workers and communities. In the Yukon, we have a lot to offer—our resources, our ingenuity, and our hardworking people. We will use these strengths to keep our economy going and our communities strong.

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While the House is prorogued until March 24, I'm excited to be here in the Yukon, rolling up my sleeves to address the issues that matter to Canadians, especially the unique challenges we face in the North. I had the honour of speaking at the AME Roundup, one of the world's largest mineral exploration conferences, where we discussed the critical role that our region plays in shaping a cleaner, more sustainable future.

I'm proud of the work we're doing here and look forward to the opportunities ahead as we continue to strengthen the North and contribute to a brighter, more resilient Canada.

As a reminder, whether you have questions about Canada Revenue Agency, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Service Canada, other federal issues – and birthday/anniversary certificate requests, [my team and I are here to help.](#)



Big news for the Yukon and the Far North

Right now, many of us in the North are stuck paying way more than our neighbours down south, and for spotty service. But there's change on the horizon! The CRTC is stepping up to make sure we have affordable, reliable Internet.

The CRTC is now requiring Northwestel to automatically lower our bills when Internet services are disrupted for 24 hours or more. They are also launching a public consultation to develop a subsidy that could make the Internet more affordable for Northerners.

After hearing from over 250 groups, the CRTC is committed to making sure Internet services are more reliable and affordable for everyone in the North.

This is a big win for the North!

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I was deeply honoured to share a monumental step by announcing almost **\$25 million** in federal funding for a new Heritage Complex in Dawson City for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

Once built, this will provide an important space for cultural conservation and knowledge sharing. With an oral history studio, a library, classrooms and archives, this facility will

ensure that stories, language, and knowledge are passed down to future generations.

But it's not just about preserving the past – this complex is built to be sustainable and resilient, designed to withstand the impacts of climate change for years to come. I am immensely proud to see this investment, and I eagerly anticipate the positive impact it will have on all of the Yukon.

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Polar Knowledge Canada opens Whitehorse, Yukon office

Polar Knowledge is responsible for advancing Canada's knowledge of the Arctic, strengthening Canadian leadership in polar science and technology. POLAR operated the Canadian High Arctic Research Station and conducts world-class cutting edge Arctic research out of their facilities.

This new office will help build stronger connections with local communities, researchers, and Indigenous knowledge holders, deepening collaborative efforts in Arctic science. By working directly with the people of the North, Polar Knowledge Canada aims to co-develop research, build capacity, and address pressing challenges like climate change, all while supporting the long-term well-being of Northern communities.

This move is an important step in strengthening the organization's commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering Indigenous self-determination in research to better understand and respond to the rapidly changing North.

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Canada Health Act

Our government remains committed to ensuring that Canadians receive the health care they need when and where they need it, without having to pay out of pocket. Throughout the last several years, we have seen health care delivery evolve to meet the needs of Canadians. For example, patients now benefit from nurse practitioners diagnosing, referring, and treating them – tasks historically handled only by a primary care physician.

While this evolution has been critical to ensuring access to primary care for Canadians, we have unfortunately also seen an increase in Canadians paying out of pocket for health services that would otherwise be covered by their publicly-funded provincial or territorial health care plan if provided by a physician. Access to care should not be dependent on whether a Canadian has the ability to pay out of pocket.

This is why Minister Holland issued a new Canada Health Act (CHA) Services Policy confirming that, as of April 1, 2026, any medically necessary physician-equivalent services provided by regulated health professionals, such as nurse practitioners, are to be paid for by provincial and territorial health care plans.

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Canada's job gains smash expectations and unemployment rate drops

The Financial Post | January 10, 2025

Our government added 91,000 jobs in December, nearly four times the expected amount, marking the highest job growth since January 2023. This is the third positive job report in the last four months.

Our government is focused on protecting and creating well-paying jobs, driving innovation, and boosting productivity, and these efforts are showing real results.

Of the 91,000 jobs added:

- 40,000 were in the public sector
- 27,000 were in the private sector
- 24,000 were from self-employment

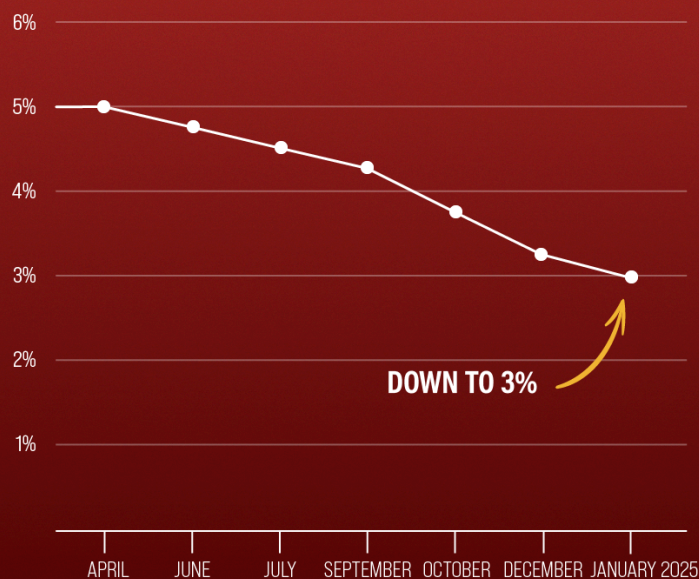
This is all part of our broader plan to raise wages, improve living standards, and build a stronger, more equitable Canada for future generations.

Inflation ticks lower to 1.8% in December, thanks in part to GST tax break

The Canadian Press – January 21, 2025

We're supporting our workers and boosting our economy – with inflation falling to 1.8% last month.

Bank of Canada cuts interest rate by 25 basis points to three per cent



SOURCE: BANK OF CANADA (2025 FISCAL YEAR)

The Bank of Canada lowered interest rates to 3%, providing welcome news and relief for Canadians. It is particularly good news for homeowners, and for businesses, lowering payments for people renewing their mortgage or looking to buy a first home. Canada was the first G7 country to cut interest rates and is now the first G7 country to do so for a sixth time.

Women in Canada still face significant obstacles to success, including ongoing pay disparities, underrepresentation in high-paying roles, disproportionate caregiving duties, and limited opportunities for career advancement.

Last month, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, announced up to **\$40 million** in funding for **170 women's and Indigenous women's organizations**. This funding will help these organizations grow their capacity, enhance their knowledge, and drive meaningful change. It will support efforts to form partnerships and networks, boost community involvement, and develop strategic and financial plans.

By investing in women's and Indigenous women's groups, we're removing barriers and ensuring that more individuals can actively contribute to Canada's economic, social, and political spheres.

Canada is implementing our **\$1.3 billion border plan**



**\$1.3 BILLION TO SECURE
OUR BORDERS**

- ➔ New Aerial Intelligence Task Force
- ➔ More drug detector dog teams
- ➔ 24/7 counter-drone surveillance
- ➔ New tools to seize criminal cash
- ➔ Banning new precursor chemicals

Canada is implementing our **[\\$1.3 billion border plan](#)**—reinforcing the border with new choppers, technology and personnel, enhanced coordination with our American partners, and increased responsible for less than 1 percent of fentanyl and illegals entering the United States.

Originally announced in late 2024, it includes:

Put an [end to flagpoling](#) - the practice used by some to skirt immigration processes by exiting and re-entering Canada. This means shorter lines at Ports of Entry (POEs) and more officers focused on enforcing the border.

Deployed 60 new drones along our border with the U.S.

Improved the capacity of intelligence sharing with American counterparts by enacting the [High Risk Child Sex Offender Database Act](#), which will establish a publicly accessible database of high-risk offenders convicted of sexual offences against children.

Announced the launching of [the first Canadian land preclearance operation](#) in the US, ensuring security threats are intercepted early while streamlining the flow of legitimate travel between Canada and the US.

[Reduced the cost burden](#) of removing inadmissible people from Canada by increasing the funds recovered from those individuals.

[Aligned hours of service](#) between many Canadian and American POEs, allowing for smoother enforcement.

Completed border security exercises with all provinces, territories, and Indigenous communities.

Introduced an [additional protocol to the Safe Third Country Agreement \(STCA\)](#), in partnership with the United-States (U.S.), to expand the application of the STCA to the entire land border, including internal waterways.

Implemented a [partial visa requirement for Mexican nationals](#) to reduce the high number of asylum claims, most of which were refused, withdrawn or abandoned.

Heightened scrutiny of visitor visa applications from countries with the highest rates of abuse, based on a new system of fraud detection.

Removed the additional points that candidates receive under Express Entry for having a job offer.

Implemented reforms to the [International Student Program](#) and launched [a system to verify every letter of acceptance directly with post-secondary learning institutions for each study permit application](#).

Proposed new regulations to address misconduct by paid representatives and strengthen the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants.

Launched two annual international ad campaigns delivered in over 10 languages to combat misinformation: one to address misinformation about the [international study permits and application process](#) and another targeting people seeking information on [Canada's asylum system](#).

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



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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