



Hello from Brendan Hanley's team!

We're happy to share our February recap with you – a quick look at what the MP has been working on both here at home and in Ottawa.

Thank you for being part of our community and for staying connected.

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Thank you, Merci!

– Team Hanley

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Dear Yukoners,

As we move from February to March, I have been reflecting on a month filled with important work both at home and in Ottawa. With winter well underway and cold temperatures still upon us, I want to take a moment to extend a sincere thank you to the workers and community members who help maintain our local outdoor spaces. Thank you specifically to the ski groomers and road maintenance workers for helping make this season beautiful.

February was a productive period on Parliament Hill. The House advanced key legislation, including the recent passage of the Budget Implementation Act – sending it to the Senate for further review.

At the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee, we had the opportunity to begin the study of Bill C-10; An Act respecting the Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation. I was honoured to host both Chief Frost and Chief Joe at the meetings. This study will continue when the House returns in March.

I was also grateful for the chance to meet with Yukoners while they were in Ottawa – from Yukon First Nation Chiefs, to the Premier, to Yukon Government Ministers. We had some solid discussions about the future of our Territory and I look forward to continuing to work together.

I was able to return to Whitehorse several times as well. I had the pleasure of hosting Secretary of State Sarai, Minister Chartrand, Minister Alty, and Parliamentary Secretary Lavack and showing them around some of our Yukon communities. I was also thrilled to take part in Rendezvous, the Yukon African Music Festival, the Intergovernmental Forum, and the Arctic Summit—important gatherings that showcase the strength, diversity, and leadership of our territory. During these visits, I met with local businesses and spoke with many of you about your priorities, the challenges you're facing this winter, and the work ahead in the months to come.

This month, I will be spending more time in the Yukon as the Parliamentary calendar shifts. I am especially looking forward to being back in Whitehorse for the Arctic Winter Games in a few short days.

To all those celebrating, I extend my warmest wishes for a joyful Lunar New Year, a meaningful and peaceful Ramadan, and a thoughtful Lenten season.

As always, thank you for staying engaged.

Warmly,  
Brendan

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**Premier Dixon Visits Ottawa**



In January, Premier Currie Dixon made his first trip to Ottawa as Premier. Strengthening intergovernmental relationships is a priority for the office, helping ensure that the Yukon's key priorities are addressed in collaboration to build a thriving territory.

During the visit, Premier Dixon met with the Honourable Ministers Chartrand, MacKinnon, and Roberts to discuss a range of important Yukon issues. He was in town for the Council of the Federation and First Ministers' Meeting, alongside other premiers from across Canada. Discussions focused on trade relationships and diversification, opportunities to strengthen Canada's domestic economy, public safety, and ensuring energy security and affordability.

Important issues brought up by the Premier included energy security, health care infrastructure, critical minerals development, and creating conditions for private-sector growth. MP Hanley looks forward to continued collaboration with Premier Dixon and other partners to advance these key areas and more for the Yukon.

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In February, Chiefs and leaders from Yukon First Nations came to Ottawa to participate in the Land Claims Agreements Coalition leadership meetings alongside Indigenous governments from across Canada. While in town, a number of meetings with Ministers on a variety of issues.

MP Hanley was pleased to be in attendance at many of these meetings, including participation in a meeting with a number of Yukon First Nations and their discussion with Minister Julie Dabrusin (pictured above).

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### **Celebrating Yukon's Diversity During International Development Week**

This February, MP Brendan Hanley welcomed the Secretary of State (International Development), the Honourable Sarai, to Whitehorse. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to connect with community members and celebrate Yukon's rich cultures.

The MP joined Minister Sarai at the Yukon African Music Festival, organized by TELIYA International, and highlighted the \$65,000 federal investment supporting the Teenage Life and Young Adults International Society. The festival, held each February during Black History Month, brings our community together to celebrate culture, connection, and creativity.

**Here is a glimpse of the Yukon African Music Festival:**



They also met with EntrepreNorth and the Northern Council of Global Cooperation to connect with local leaders and discuss justice, equality, and community innovation. Visits to Whitehorse Gurdwara and other gatherings highlighted the amazing work happening across Yukon.



During the visit, the MP and Minister Sarai also met with members of the Yukon's Iranian community. The discussion focused on Canada's recent sanctions targeting individuals linked to the Iranian regime, reaffirming support for human rights and the Iranian people. Canada continues to implement measures to hold Iran accountable for its support of terrorism, human rights violations, and destabilizing activities.

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### **Celebrating Yukon's Biathlon Facility Upgrade**



MP Brendan Hanley was proud to celebrate the completion of the upgraded Biathlon Yukon facility – a place where athletes like Olympian Nadia Moser got their start and where a lifelong love of sport is nurtured.

Recreational infrastructure like this has kept communities healthy, connected, and resilient. With over \$2.2M in federal support for this project, and more than \$45M invested in Arctic Winter Games legacy infrastructure across Whitehorse, Yukon's next generation of athletes is well-positioned to thrive.

[Read more](#)

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**Roundtable on Strengthening Emergency Management**



MP Brendan Hanley hosted a roundtable in Whitehorse on strengthening federal leadership in emergency management. The discussion focused on improving coordination, building local capacity, addressing climate-related risks, and enhancing public preparedness.

The themes and recommendations from the roundtable were submitted to federal consultations, helping ensure Yukon voices are part of shaping national emergency management priorities. Thank you to everyone who participated and continues to work to keep Yukoners safe.

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**Supporting Indigenous-led Health Initiatives**



On behalf of the Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, MP Brendan Hanley celebrated two important announcements alongside the Honourable Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Grand Chief Math'ieya Alatini at the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN).

The first announcement provided \$45,000 to CYFN's Moccasin Mobile Outreach, expanding their services to offer after-hours and weekend support for vulnerable populations in downtown Whitehorse. The second awarded nearly \$2.1 million to Shawthan Nazhi: Healing with The Land Society in Haines Junction, supporting programming that uses traditional ceremonies, circles, and on-the-land activities to address Yukon's opioid and alcohol health emergency.

These investments highlight Indigenous leadership, community wellness, and culturally grounded healing across the territory.

[Click to see the video recap](#)

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**Intergovernmental Forum in Whitehorse**



MP Brendan Hanley hosted Minister Alty, Minister Chartrand, and Parliamentary Secretary Lavack in Whitehorse, where they participated in the Intergovernmental Forum alongside Yukon First Nations leaders and members of the territorial Cabinet.

The forum has convened for more than two decades, providing a space to collaborate, listen, strengthen relationships, and address shared priorities. Discussions this week focused on Arctic security, energy, health, infrastructure, and ongoing intergovernmental collaboration.

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### Supporting Local Housing Projects in Yukon



MP Brendan Hanley joined Minister Chartrand to announce investments in building more quality homes for Yukoners. Over \$2.3 million was provided to support three local projects, helping First Kaska Construction, NGC Builders, and Northern Windows and Doors expand and modernize their operations.

This funding will support Yukon's growing housing needs, ensure safe workplaces, and allow construction to continue year-round.

[Read more](#)

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### **Tax Season Resources**

This year's tax season runs from February 26th to April 30th.

Things to know for tax season:

Free local tax clinics will be offered through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (with two in Whitehorse!).

Automatic tax filing is available for eligible individuals with modest incomes and simple tax situations; and,

Filing is how Canadians access benefits – including the new *Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit*.



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### **Tackling Food Inflation: Strengthening Supply Chains**

Our government is investing in strengthening supply chains, supporting food producers and developing a National Food Strategy in order to tackle food inflation and food insecurity. Recently, our government announced a \$500M Investment from the [Strategic Response Fund](#) to Ease Supply Chain Pressures on Businesses and Consumers, as well as a \$150 Million Food Security Fund to Help Small Businesses Navigate Tariff Impacts.

We are also addressing food security and affordability in the North through an investment of \$30 million to meet the current needs of the Nutrition North Canada subsidy, as well as \$6.7 million for the Northern Isolated Community Initiatives Fund to support businesses, community groups, and innovators working on practical solutions to grow, process, and distribute food locally.

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### **Canada and Germany Launch AI Partnership**

At the Munich Security Conference on February 14, 2026, Canada and Germany signed a Joint Declaration on Artificial Intelligence and launched a new Sovereign Technology Alliance to strengthen cooperation on advanced technologies.

Building on the Canada–Germany Digital Alliance, the agreement focuses on secure AI infrastructure, accelerating research and commercialization, closing skills gaps, and reducing technological dependencies. The partnership will deepen collaboration between trusted partners and support innovation for shared economic growth.

Germany will also be recognized as Country of the Year at Montreal’s All In conference in September 2026, further strengthening ties between our tech sectors.

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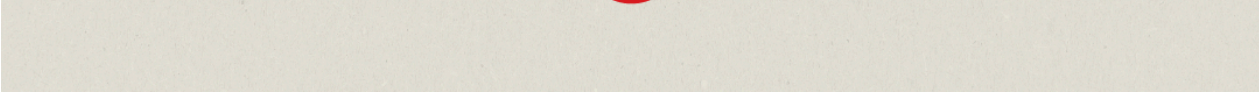
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February 24 marks four years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine — four years defined by immense suffering, profound loss, and extraordinary resilience. Millions have been displaced, civilians have been killed, and critical infrastructure has been deliberately targeted. Yet in the face of relentless aggression, Ukraine has shown remarkable courage, strength, and determination.

Our government has reaffirmed its unwavering support, announcing additional military assistance alongside sustained commitments to security and humanitarian aid.

With more than [\\$22 billion](#) in total assistance, Canada remains a steadfast partner. Ukraine's freedom is non-negotiable — and our support will not waver.

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### **Professional development at the heart of Canadian democracy**

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Our community is built on everyday moments and extraordinary achievements alike. Each month, I'd like to dedicate a small space in our communications to celebrating the people of our territory.

Whether it's a proud volunteer making a quiet difference, a project you are taking outside of the territory you are proud of, or someone achieving something extraordinary-big or small-I want to help recognize and celebrate these moments. Selected stories may be featured in our newsletter, on social media, or in other printed materials, with your permission.

If there's someone you'd like to celebrate, please share their story with us at [\*brendan.hanley@parl.gc.ca\*](mailto:brendan.hanley@parl.gc.ca).



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