



Hello from Brendan Hanley's team!

Happy Spring! MP Hanley spent a great deal of time in the territory this month and had a fantastic experience at the Arctic Winter Games 2026. Here's a quick look at what's been happening both at home and in Ottawa over the past month.

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Thank you, Merci!

– Team Hanley



Dear Yukoners,

What an unforgettable week at the Arctic Winter Games 2026 in Whitehorse! It was a joy to cheer on our youth, present ulus to outstanding young athletes, and take part in the traditions that make these Games so special.

What stood out most wasn't just the competition—it was the connections. The Arctic Winter Games bring people together in a lasting way, through friendship, fair play, and a strong sense of community across the North.

I was also pleased to welcome colleagues and partners from across the circumpolar world, including Mary Simon, Marc Miller, Lena Diab, Adam van Koeverden, and Madeleine Chénette. I was proud to highlight a \$2.6 million federal investment supporting these Games.

Hosting the Games marked a meaningful moment for Whitehorse following the cancellation in 2020. The energy across the community was remarkable—supporting local businesses and bringing people together.

Once again, the Yukon showed what it does best: welcoming the world and creating experiences that leave lasting memories. I couldn't be prouder to call it home.

To everyone who made it happen—thank you.

Warmly,
Brendan





\$14.3M Investing in arts, culture and heritage in the Yukon

During a visit to the Yukon and following the spirit of the Arctic Winter Games, Minister Marc Miller and MP Hanley announced funding for 28 organizations, supporting both new projects and long-standing initiatives in arts, culture, official languages, and Indigenous languages.

In addition to the announcement, they visited key community organizations-including the Yukon Native Language Centre, the Association franco-yukonnaise, and CHON-FM-highlighting the vital role these groups play in strengthening communities, preserving languages, and celebrating the cultures that bring northerners together.



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Minister Diab and Secretary of State Belanger were in the Yukon



MP Hanley joined Minister Diab at the MacBride Museum for a citizenship ceremony welcoming 16 new Canadians from five countries who now call the Yukon home.

Following the ceremony, they met with local business leaders for a roundtable discussion on immigration, workforce needs in the North, and ways to better support the local economy. The visit was a valuable opportunity to host the Minister and highlight the important role immigration plays in strengthening Yukon communities.



MP Hanley was also pleased to welcome the Secretary of State for Rural Economic Development, Buckley Belanger, to highlight the new Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit—helping Yukon families manage the rising cost of everyday essentials. They also held a roundtable with local leaders to discuss rural community priorities and how the federal government can support sustainable growth.

Insights from these discussions will help inform the ISED Rural Development Action Plan, expected later in 2026.

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OUR GOVERNMENT IS LAUNCHING A NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON MEN AND BOYS' HEALTH



Across the country, too many men are struggling in silence. The data shows clear gaps we can no longer ignore:

Men are three times more likely to die by suicide

72% of opioid toxicity deaths are men

1 in 2 young men are at risk of problem anger

Preventable illness among men costs Canada \$12.4 billion every year

It's time to build a strategy that meets men and boys where they are and supports their mental, physical, and social well-being.

Learn more and share your feedback until June 1, 2026: Canada.ca/Healthy-Men

Share Feedback

Historic Investment in Cancer Prevention Research

Cancer touches nearly every family in Canada. It's the leading cause of death and costs our system and families billions each year. Yet, up to 40% of cases could be prevented.

Our government and partners are investing over \$41M in 19 research teams across Canada and Japan.

This CIHR-led initiative—supported by the Terry Fox Research Institute, the Canadian Cancer Society, and other partners—is the single largest federal investment in cancer prevention research to date.

Researchers will explore groundbreaking ideas:

Can common diabetes drugs lower cancer risk?

How does gut bacteria influence prostate & colorectal cancer?

New prevention options for women at high genetic risk

Cancer vaccine development and early detection

Together, we're building a future where cancer prevention is proactive, personalized, and powerful.

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Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)



As the country's largest employer, the Government of Canada offers thousands of student job opportunities each year across fields like administration, communications, IT, finance, policy, agriculture, and more.

Benefits:

Gain valuable work experience

Explore careers in the public service

Apply what you're learning in school

Work in a respectful and inclusive environment


Who can apply?

Full-time high school, college, CEGEP, or university students who are returning to full-time studies next year.

Student jobs are available across Canada in offices, labs, national parks, historic sites, and more.

Apply Here

\$27M for Youth Jobs in Agriculture



APPLICATIONS FOR THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PROGRAM

ARE NOW OPEN!

The Government of Canada is investing up to \$27 million in the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) from 2026 to 2028 to help young Canadians gain hands-on experience in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

For 2026–27, nearly \$13.47 million will support youth aged 15–30 through paid work opportunities. Employers can receive up to 50% wage support, or up to 80% if hiring Indigenous youth or those facing employment barriers.

Applications are open from March 5 to May 4, 2026.

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Our community is built on everyday moments and extraordinary achievements alike. Each month, our office would 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-Brendan wants 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.



This week, we're celebrating two remarkable Yukoners, Josianne Gauthier, M.S.M., and Dr. Alexander John Poole, M.S.M., for receiving the Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal. Together, they pioneered the use of iloprost in Canada for treating frostbite, developing a protocol that has helped minimize amputations and improve outcomes for countless patients.

Their impact reached far beyond the Yukon, and has truly changed lives. Very well deserved!



Another celebration includes the premiere of Season 2 of Northern Tails! We are all extremely proud of the incredible Yukon talent behind this show - rooted in the Yukon land, culture, and humour we all love.

Congratulations to the cast, the crew, and the hands and brains. Thank you all for building this set and story, and for creating magic that allows audiences around the world to learn about this special place we call home.



In 1962, the International Theatre Institute (ITI) began marking World Theatre Day annually on March 27th, the opening day of the Theatre of Nations season in Paris. Since then, this day has been recognized and celebrated worldwide to spread the word about the importance and value of art and culture in our communities.

Storytelling is at the heart of culture in the Yukon, which is obvious from the sheer number of theatre companies we have up here! One of which, Gwaandak Theatre Society, was founded in 1999 by Leonard Linklater and Patti Flather and is the only Indigenous professional theatre company in the Yukon. Gwaandak gets its name from the Gwich'in language and translates to storyteller.

We are also proud to recognize [Pivot Theatre](#) for its hard work in advancing theatre-making here in the Yukon, from intimate performances to incredible festivals. They continue to champion Northern voices that connect and highlight Northern stories.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and celebrate theatre across the Yukon, and the many other theatre companies doing incredible, professional work to help keep our stories alive.



March 2026 – International Engagements



This month, PM Mark Carney announced major steps to strengthen Canada's defence and security, including reaching NATO's 2% spending target and launching an ambitious plan to modernize capabilities, especially in the Arctic and North.

These national priorities are already taking shape here at home. The NOSH site in Whitehorse will be more than an infrastructure project—it's a direct investment in the Yukon's future. With \$3B spread across four sites, the economic benefits will be felt here at home, while strategic investments across the North create opportunities for all northern communities. Despite the added security and limited advance notice that come with National Defence projects, I will continue to advocate for funding that supports the Yukon in every way possible.

At the same time, Canada is reinforcing these efforts on the global stage. In March, PM Carney advanced key international partnerships through visits abroad. In India, he worked with PM Narendra Modi to expand cooperation in trade, investment, and innovation. In Australia, discussions with PM Anthony Albanese focused on critical minerals and defence. In Japan, talks with PM Sanae Takaichi established a comprehensive strategic partnership on economic security, technology, and defence. Engagements in Norway with PM Jonas Gahr Støre further strengthened collaboration on Arctic priorities, energy, and regional security.

Taken together, these visits highlight a consistent effort to deepen Canada's economic ties, strengthen defence relationships, and position the country as a reliable and forward-looking global partner.

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