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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

As we are now a month in 2021, I look forward to get back to work for you in Ottawa. This year we will be presented with a unique opportunity to implement action plans to address the vulnerabilities in society that have been exposed by the pandemic.

I am pleased to formally establish the Richmond Hill Community Councils which are divided amongst five topics that our community members are most passionate about: Health, Affordability, Small Business, Environment and Seniors. I wanted to establish the Community Councils as a way for residents of Richmond Hill to be able to freely express their concerns directly to me. I want to hear more from you and take your important feedback back with me to the House of Commons where I can successfully advocate on the behalf of you and all the residents of our great city.

I am looking forward to helping as many Richmond Hill community members as I can in 2021.

Sincerely,
Majid Jowhari

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2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



In 2020, **we have assisted 500 constituents with cases** dealing with EI, OAS, CPP, CBSA, CRA, and Immigration.



We have responded to **over 9000 Policy Queries** providing answers and advice to constituents on federal issues over email.



We have **convened 4 Virtual Town Hall Meetings related to COVID-19**. Topics included Small Business Support, Procurement, and Financial Aid.



Advocated for **\$4 million** in funding for Richmond Hill apart of Canada's Safe Restart Agreement.



Majid has advocated for the recognition of **August 1st as Emancipation Day** Nationwide.

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VACCINE UPDATES

Though deliveries of the Pfizer vaccine will be reduced for four weeks due to the expansion of a Pfizer facility in Europe, we are still ahead of schedule in our goal to immunize every Canadian who wants a vaccine by September 2021.

As of **January 22nd, the Ontario government has administered 264,985 vaccine doses**. With a total of **920,775 doses** delivered to all provinces and territories thus far.

We also have two more vaccines currently under review by Health Canada from a total of seven agreements vaccines.



TRAVEL UPDATE

Starting on January 7, we will require travellers coming to Canada to test negative for COVID-19 **no more than 72 hours before** boarding their flight. The 14-day quarantine will also remain in place.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

CEWS

- Provided more than \$54 billion to protect 4 million jobs across the country.
- Subsidizing employee salaries of up to 75% until June 2021.



CEBA

- More than 800,000 businesses have been approved for CEBA.
- Loans for eligible businesses will increase from \$40,000 to \$60,000, apply by March 31st, 2021.
- Those who received \$40,000 are eligible to apply for the \$20,000 top-up.



CERS

- Provides simple and easy-to-access rent support for commercial tenants.
- A subsidy of up to 65% for businesses that can demonstrate a revenue loss amount.
- An additional 25% top-up available for organizations temporarily shut down by a mandatory public health order.



INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT

CRB

- Income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are affected by COVID-19 and not eligible for EI.
- If eligible, you can receive \$1000 per 2-week period, for a total of 13 eligibility periods.



CRCB

- Income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for a child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care.
- If eligible, your household can receive \$500 for each 1-week period, for a total eligibility of 26 weeks.

Canadians who received COVID-19 financial support will be receiving T4A slips from the CRA in January and no later than March, 2021.

CRSB

- Income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they are sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19 or those with a medical issue that are high risk to contracting COVID-19.
- If eligible, you can receive \$500 for a 1-week period, for a total eligibility of 2-weeks.



SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE UPDATES

Long Term Care:

The federal government is working hard to protect long-term residence and staff by:

- Establishing a new **\$1 billion Safe Long-Term Care Fund** to help provinces and territories protect seniors in long-term care. It will support infection, prevention, ventilation improvements and staffing.
- Addressing acute labour shortages in long-term care and home care, we will support through an **accelerated online program and 4-month work placement**. Colleges and Institutes Canada will also begin a national dialogue on training standards.
- Created a **COVID-19 Resilience funding** stream to allow federal infrastructure funding be used to upgrade long-term care homes.
- Enhancing the Criminal Code to explicitly penalize those who neglect seniors under their care, putting them in danger.



Seniors:

We restores the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement to 65 years from 67 years, putting thousands of dollars back into the pockets of new seniors.

Our government increased the **Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by \$947**, improving the financial security of about 900,000 vulnerable single seniors.

We made public pensions fairer:

- Couples who are forced to live apart for reasons beyond their control to receive Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits based on their individual incomes instead of their household incomes.
- To make sure seniors receive the benefits they paid for, we're introducing proactive enrolment for Canada Pension Plan for those aged 70 and older.

In 2020, **\$227,755 was secured in funding** from the New Horizons Seniors Program to support Richmond Hill's seniors with essential services and help them to lead more active lives.

CLIMATE PLAN UPDATES

\$600 Tax Rebate for Families—2021 Climate Incentive:

The federal pollution pricing system ensures that the majority of families receive more money back than what they pay. In 2021, a family of four will receive **\$600** in Ontario. Rebates will now be delivered on a quarterly basis.

The carbon price has and will continue to be revenue neutral to the federal government, meaning that 100% of the proceeds must be returned, by law, to the jurisdiction in which it came from.

2021 Climate Plan:

This plan focuses on the following five initiatives to get our people back to work, while reducing pollution, and making our air and water cleaner:

- Making the places we live and gather more affordable by cutting energy waste
- Making clean, affordable transportation and power available in every community
- Continuing to ensure pollution isn't free and households get more money back
- Building Canada's clean industrial advantage
- Embracing the power of nature to support healthier families and more resilient community

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has committed about **\$60 billion** to reduce pollution, adapt to a changing climate, and support clean technology innovation and the transition to a clean growth economy. In 2020, nearly **10,000 trees** were planted in a joint effort with the Richmond Hill community.



IMMIGRATION UPDATES

International Students and Post-Grad Visa Extension

Former international students in Canada affected by the pandemic with an expired or expiring post-graduation work permit, will now be able to apply for another open work permit that will be valid for 18 months.

To apply for an open work permit under the policy, an applicant must:

- Have a PGWP that expired on or after January 30, 2020, or a PGWP that expires in 4 months or less from the date they apply.
- Still be in Canada
- Have a valid temporary status, or be applying to restore their status

Applications will be open from January 27 to July 27, 2021.



CANADIAN SUMMER JOBS

In response to COVID-19, the following flexibilities have been extended to respond to the needs of employers and youth:

- A wage subsidy, so that private and public sector employers can receive up to 75% of the provincial and territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee (not-for-profit organizations will continue to receive 100%)
- An extension to the end date for employment to February 26, 2022
- Allowing employers to hire staff on a part-time basis.

CSJ helps young people get the work experience and abilities they need to transition successfully into the labour market while providing wage subsidies to private-sector and not-for-profit organizations with fewer than 50 employees.

In the summer of 2020, we acquired **\$1,200,106** in funding for the Canada Summer Jobs Program to create **296 Jobs** for youth throughout Richmond Hill.



ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Our government is committed to putting an end to chronic homelessness.

From the beginning of the pandemic we:

- Made **\$157.5 million** available to support those living in homelessness and prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 amongst homeless populations, which we topped up with an additional **\$236.7 million**.
- Announced that we will be sustaining our response into 2021 with an additional investment of nearly **\$300 million**.
- Announced a **\$1 billion Rapid Housing Initiative** to quickly create **3,000** new affordable units for those who don't yet have a place to call home.

