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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I want to start by thanking you for your **determination & compassion** towards your community. Your resilience not only helps those around you, but also contributes to the **progress of Richmond Hill** as a community. Your ability to stay strong in difficult times is supported by the actions we have taken together to ensure that **Richmond Hill receives its fair share** in order to create a **greener, more affordable, inclusive, diverse, and accessible community**, Together.

So far, we've taken concrete action towards securing over **\$20 Million Dollars** in federal funding for the **Municipality of Richmond Hill**, various local organizations, **Childcare centres, Community Centers, Shelters, Small Businesses, Social Service NGO's**, Innovative clean technology sector, diverse cultural/ethnic organizations, youth and seniors support centres in Richmond Hill & much more.

Whether it's through **supporting youth-at-risk**, enhancing the quality of life for **Seniors**, investing in **Richmond Hill's Youth, Arts & Culture**, Boosting **community infrastructure**, Fostering **Accessibility, Inclusion, Innovation & Sustainability** and or **Revitalizing** our local **economy**, We've been there to **support you and your great work** so that together we can help Richmond Hill **grow and flourish** for the years ahead and generations to come.

This Mailer echoes just that, It provides a recap of all the funding we've **secured** for our **vibrant community**. So, please continue reading this Mailer to learn all about it.

Sincerely,

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Securing City of Richmond Hill's Fairshare

Near \$6,000,000 Million Secured for the City of Richmond Hill



Canadian Heritage Funding

\$50,070 in Federal Funding for City of Richmond Hill in support of Canada Day Celebrations: Highlighting the ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and regional diversity that makes Richmond Hill an inclusive city.



Canada Community Revitalization Funding

\$209,560 Federal Funding for City of Richmond Hill's David Dunlap Observatory. On May 23rd, on behalf of Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, Filemona Tassi, I announced a \$209,560 investment for David Dunlap Observatory (RHDDO) under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the City of Richmond Hill. More federal funding is underway for the Observatory.

The David Dunlap Observatory Interim Trail Project, provides free, convenient, and equitable access to a site of national historical importance whilst offering educational programs, allowing RH residents to embrace science, heritage, culture and wellness.

More funding to be announced soon for City of Richmond Hill & David Dunlap Observatory! >STAY< TUNED



Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Funding

Celebrating Richmond Hill's 150th Anniversary

\$26,900 in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill under The Community Historical Anniversaries Programming Funding in support of events & activities that engage Richmond Hill residents in the community through the commemoration of major anniversaries of significant local events such as the celebration of Richmond Hill's 150th Anniversary.



\$60,700 under Tourism Relief Fund, for the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival's 54 Anniversary, a not-for-profit located in Richmond Hill: Delivering festivals during Winter, which will attract visitors and offer winter-themed events.



\$165,374 in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill's Arts presenter organizations to offer a variety of professional artistic experiences to Canadians. (i.e. RH Center for the Performing Arts).



\$22,387 in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill under The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.



\$100,000 in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill under The Enabling Accessibility Fund to construct accessible playgrounds.



\$27,170 in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Services under The Canada Summer Jobs to enhance youth employment within the municipality.



Active Transportation Funding

\$5,300,000 Million in Federal funding for the City of Richmond Hill's David Dunlap Observatory Park. This project will construct a pedestrian/cyclist bridge with a connection to a recreation trail.

The multi-use trail will start in the west at the entry plaza at 63 Observatory Lane across the Observatory Lane Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge to the residential development on the east side of the Richmond Hill David Dunlap Observatory Park.



Habitat Stewardship Program Funding

\$56,000 in funding for The City of Richmond Hill's David Dunlap Observatory Phase 3 Meadow Creation. This three-year project will create a 1.2 hectare meadow that will serve as nectaring and breeding habitat for Monarch within the City of Richmond Hill, Ontario.





Near \$8 Million Secured for Organizations in Richmond Hill

Zero-Emission Vehicles Program (iZEV) and Can Export Fundings

Over **\$979,750** in Federal Funding for tech companies and local companies such a KIA, Hyundai, Toyota, Volkswagen, LEXUS, Chrysler in Richmond Hill as under the iZEV program that provides financing for incentives offered to consumers who buy or lease an eligible ZEVs. Businesses can also develop new export market opportunities.

This results in Increasing **affordability and availability of ZEVs** across Canada to help **low/middle income families**, Long-term **environmental benefits** to Canadians.



Enabling Accessibility Funding

Over **\$607,504** in Federal funding for various local organizations such Lullaboo Nursery, Early Years Education Center, & Child Care Centres under the **EAF program** that supports **boosting accessibility in workplaces**.

New Horizons for Seniors Program Funding

Over **\$411,603** in Federal funding under the **New Horizons for Seniors Program** for various senior-serving organizations in Richmond Hill to help promote **volunteering among seniors**, Support the **social participation, inclusion of seniors** and enhance their quality of life through various **community programs**.

Over **\$380,000 Funding under the Age Well At Home Program** for the Interfaith Council of York Region for their "**Seniors Hand-in-Hand**" Project in York Region and Richmond Hill.



Canadian Digital Adoption Program Funding

Over **\$2,266,878** in Federal funding under the **Digital Adoption Program** for to offer financial support to **small and medium Canadian-owned enterprises (SMEs)** in Richmond Hill to adopt new **technologies**, offset the cost of retaining **Digital Advisors** and hire youth interns.



Industrial Research Assistance Program Funding

Over **\$907,950** in Federal funding under the **IRAP for Innovative local companies in Richmond Hill** to support **research, development, adoption and/or adaptation** of innovative or **technology-driven** new or improved products, services or processes in Canada up to **their commercialization**.

Canada Books & Arts Program Funding

Over **\$2,121,771** in Federal Funding under the **Canada Books Fund & Arts Program** for Richmond Hill local **news outlets, book stores and heritage services** to help with the marketing and promotion of Canadian-authored books and bolstering the infrastructure and efficiency of Canada's book industry.

Tourism Relief Funding - Arts & Culture

Over **\$10,000** in FedDev Funding for **Opera York (York Region's Opera company)** and the **Richmond Hill Theatre for the Performing Arts**. Opera York will partner with **McMichael Art Gallery and Varley Art Gallery** to offer gallery tours, operatic concerts, and socials in Richmond Hill.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Funding

Over **\$428,000** in Funding for **Catholic Community Services of York Region** in Richmond Hill to provide **newcomers with services** required to make informed decisions, skills adequate to their **settlement and integration goals**, and the support they need to **build networks** within new communities.



Environment & Climate Change Canada Funding

Over **\$41,000** in Funding for **SUPERWAKE LTD** in Richmond Hill for the **Development of mapping protocol with Solar Drone technology**. This project will help support Environment and Climate Change Canada's **Ocean Protection Plan** priorities.

2023 Canada Summer Jobs Fairshare for Richmond Hill

Near **\$995,000 Canada Summer Jobs Funding** for over **66 local Organizations in Richmond Hill** towards youth participation/Employment in sectors related to enhancing **Inclusion**, boosting the Quality of Life for **Seniors**, Increasing **Mental Health Services** and Supporting **Youth & Vulnerable community members**.

Investing in a Stronger, Greener, & Diverse Richmond Hill



Over \$6 Million Investment for an Inclusive & Sustainable Richmond Hill

A \$1M Investment for Richmond Hill's 360 Kids's STEP Program

Breaking Down Barriers and Building an Inclusive Richmond Hill

- On behalf of Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, I announced **\$1,000,000** funding under the **Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities**, and **Specialized Training Employment Program (STEP)** for **360 Kids** in Richmond Hill.
- This funding will be allocated for a project under **(STEP)** that will help **improve accessibility and inclusion** in the region by **assisting 120 project participants with disabilities**. This supports persons with disabilities in Richmond Hill prepare for, find, and keep good jobs or become self-employed, thereby increasing their economic participation and independence.



Near \$300,000 Investment for Richmond Hill's Childcare & Social Services

Boosting Accessibility & Inclusion in Richmond Hill Workplaces

- On behalf of Minister Carla Qualtrough, I announced a total of **\$298,735** through the **Enabling Accessibility Fund** for two projects that will help to **improve community accessibility** for persons with disabilities in Richmond Hill.
- The projects by the **Kidz World Childcare Centre**, **Kinder school Adlerian Nursery & Yellow Brick House** will **result in an accessible playground** to ensure **facility**, and the **playground** is **accessible** to those with **mobility issues**. These projects are reducing barriers to employment & participation in community programs.
- The **EAF Fund** supports **new construction projects** in Richmond Hill and it helps offset **costs of renovations & retrofits**.



\$4 Million Dollars Clean-Tech Investment for Visual Defence

Enhancing Sustainability & Innovation in Richmond Hill

- \$4 Million Dollars** in support for **Visual Defence Company** in Richmond Hill under **Sustainable Development Technology Canada**. This support is part of a **\$68.2 million investment in 17 Canadian clean-tech firms** in **17 Canadian clean-tech firms** by our government in 2023.
- Visual Defence** is a **scale-up clean-tech start-up** whose **artificial intelligence enabled technology** helps **cities** monitor **road infrastructure** in real time, increasing operational efficiency.
- This investment is **enabling** the company to advance its **SmartCity software solution**, **reach commercialization faster** & implement **innovative sustainable solutions** for Richmond Hill.



\$750,000 Funding for the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario (RH)

Fuelling Community Revitalization & Enhancing Accessibility in Richmond Hill

- This support under the **Canada Community Revitalization Fund** will allow **Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario** to improve the outside of the **Jewish Russian Speaking facility** located in Richmond Hill.
- The project will increase **accessibility of parking spaces** by paving and installing ramps, improving the drainage capacity by building a catch basin, maintenance holes, storm receptors, and water storage; and constructing a gazebo to create a more welcoming outdoor space.
- The investment will **benefit the community** by **reinventing outdoor spaces** creating **green infrastructure**, **boosting accessibility** and **stimulating Richmond Hill's local economy**.

