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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

More and more Canadians are doing their part and getting vaccinated. It's because of Canadians' hard work – staying home and keeping each other safe – that case counts are going down while vaccinations are going up. As public health restrictions begin to ease, we must remember that the pandemic isn't over and that variants of concern continue to pose a risk. We all need to keep following local public health advice, wearing masks, washing our hands, and practicing physical distancing.

The last several weeks have also been incredibly difficult on several fronts including the violence in Israel-Palestine, the discovery of the remains of 215 indigenous children in Kamloops, BC and the murder of a Muslim family in London, ON due to Islamophobia.

Thank you to everyone who has written to me and called to ask questions, to advocate, to voice concerns, and to offer recommendations.

As always, my office is here to provide you with important, up-to-date information on federal services and programs and to answer any questions you may have.

My best wishes to you and your loved ones,

Sven Spengemann
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Reconciliation

I sit here crying
I don't know why

I didn't know the children
I didn't know the parents

But I knew their spirit
I knew their love

I know their loss
I know their potential

And I am overwhelmed
By the pain and the hurt

The pain of the families and friends
The pain of an entire people

Unable to protect them, to help them
To comfort them, to love them

I did not know them
But the pain is so real, so personal

I feel it in my core, my heart, my spirit
I sit here crying and I am not ashamed

I will cry for them, and the many others like them
I will cry for you, I will cry for me

I'll cry for the what could have been
Then I will calm myself, smudge myself, offer prayers

And know they are no longer in pain
No longer do they hurt, they are at peace

In time I will tell their story, I will educate society
So their memory is not lost to this world

And when I am asked
what does reconciliation mean to me

I will say I want their lives back
I want them to live, to soar

I want to hear their laughter
See their smiles

Give me that
And I'll grant you reconciliation

R Stacey Laforme



Over the past few weeks my team and I have met with many constituents and community organizations like the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) to discuss the recent violence in Gaza and the West Bank and the need to better advocate for Palestinian human rights. I recently asked the Hon. Minister Karina Gould about Canada's latest decision to provide critical humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians and support peace-building efforts. All human beings are born with equal and unalienable rights. We must all work to respect and uphold them.



The horrifying murder of the Afzaal family in London earlier this month, an act of terror driven by Islamophobia, has brought to the forefront the need to do more to eradicate all forms of hate and discrimination in our community. Each one of us has a role to play in building a better world for future generations! To the Muslim community and everyone who is feeling afraid: Canadians stand with you as you mourn and we will fight along side you for a better Canada for everyone!

Chi Miigwetch to Chief Stacey Laforme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing this touching poem following the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the former residential school site in Kamloops, British Columbia.

It is incumbent on every one of us to re-commit ourselves to being allies and to recognize that much work remains ahead in the path towards Truth and Reconciliation.

If you are interested in reading more of Chief Laforme's beautiful poetry, you can find his book, *Living in the Tall Grass: Poems of Reconciliation*, online.

Please consult the website for most up-to-date information:

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PORT CREDIT FARMERS MARKET



Congratulations to the Port Credit BIA staff, Board of Directors and all the amazing volunteers on the successful launch of the Port Credit Farmers Market! With multiple local vendors, delicious and fresh produce, weekly artisans and giveaways, it is the place to be Saturday mornings! They will be open every Saturday until October 9th from 8AM to 1PM at Elmwood Lot (located at 200 Lakeshore Rd E. Mississauga ON).

TRIBUTE TO SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH



David Attenborough has been a household name for decades for so many of us, and he continues to deliver nature's stories into living rooms, schools, hearts and minds around the world. His call for greater urgency in the fight against climate change and in the effort to restore biodiversity is one of the most relevant and important appeals today.

I wished Sir David Attenborough a very Happy Birthday, and thanked him for a lifetime of dedication to the planet in the House of Commons.

MLCYC 5TH ANNUAL TOILETRIES DRIVE



The Mississauga-Lakeshore Constituency Youth Council (MLCYC) is organizing their fifth annual toiletries drive in support of The Compass Food Bank. Items that are in need include: shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products, tissue paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, and shaving razors. To arrange for a pick-up of your donation email the MLCYC at: president.mlcyc@gmail.com

BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP LOAN FUND

The Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund is a partnership between the Government of Canada, Black-led business organizations, and several financial institutions. It will provide loans up to \$250,000 to Black business owners and entrepreneurs across the country. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, interested applicants can visit the Federation of African Canadian Economics (FACE) website at: facecoalition.com/en

MORE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES THROUGH THE CANADA CHILD BENEFIT

MAY 28

UP TO
\$600

JULY 30

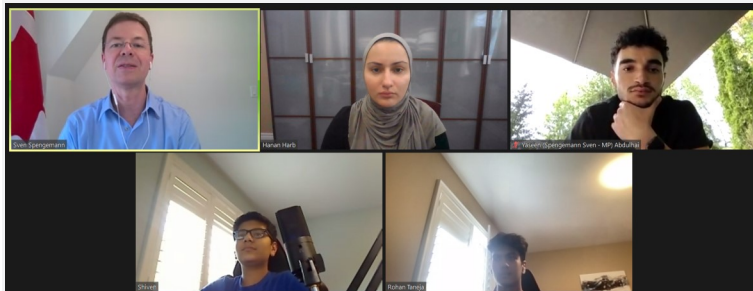
UP TO
\$300

OCTOBER 29

UP TO
\$300

* PER CHILD UNDER 6

YOUTH SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



Shiven Taneja is an 8th grade student at Mentor College who shared his findings from his science experiment this year where he tested the effectiveness of 3-layer fabric masks after multiple wash cycles. Through his research he discovered that washing a 3-layer reusable cotton mask over 40 times renders it ineffective. Thank you, Shiven and keep up the good work!

We've delivered over
11,600,000 vaccines to Ontario
with more on the way.

We're on track to have a vaccine for every Canadian
who wants one by September.

*As of June 7, 2021

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