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- Canada Revenue Agency
- Veterans' Affairs
- Canada Child Benefit
- Canada Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Guaranteed Income Support
- Employment Insurance
- COVID-19 Support Programs
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Dear Neighbours,

During the month of June, we celebrate **Indigenous History Month** to recognize the rich heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples across Canada. I encourage everyone to learn more about Indigenous peoples, their cultures, languages and experiences.

Canada also recognizes this month as **Pride Month**. It is a time to celebrate the diversity of LGBTQ2+ communities and uplift their voices. Let us also acknowledge the trailblazing activists and change-makers.

In addition, June finds us celebrating **Seniors Month** and highlighting the extraordinary contributions of today's older adults, those who have helped build the Canada we all know and love.

June is also **Italian, Filipino** and **Portuguese Heritage Month**. It is the perfect time to recognize and showcase Italian, Filipino, and Portuguese Canadians' rich culture and heritage and their ongoing contributions to building a stronger and vibrant nation.

During June, we celebrate the many contributions of Canadians with disabilities while also promoting efforts to increase accessibility and inclusion in Canada. Imagine a Canada that doesn't just accommodate a disability, but one that is disability-inclusive from the start.

There is much to celebrate in June and throughout the year. As Canadians, we see shared values in each other, lift others' voices, and celebrate together – as a community.

A summer job plays an important role in a young person's life. It allows them to build work experience, connect with people, gain confidence in their communicative abilities, and develop new skills. The meaningful work experience from a summer job can be a valuable steppingstone to a successful career. Summer jobs also strengthen our local economy.

The Canada Summer Jobs Program (CSJ) supports the creation of thousands of jobs for youth. The 2023 hiring season is underway, with new job opportunities for people between 15 and 30. Eligible candidates can apply for jobs by visiting www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth or through the Job Bank mobile app. Visit the website regularly, as new jobs are posted throughout the summer months. If you know a young person looking for a summer job, tell them about the Canada Summer Jobs Bank and encourage them to apply.

Our recent budget builds off our work to help make life more affordable for Canadians, strengthening our universal public health care system, and building a clean economy that will create good jobs. We've introduced a new Grocery Rebate to help 11 million Canadians who need it most, are working towards \$10-a-day childcare, and expanding the Canada Dental Benefit.

I will continue to work hard to advocate for you and help you get the support you need. You can always contact our office at **(519) 578-3777** or email us at Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca.

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Jobs and the Economy

I proudly attended the most significant auto investment in our nation's history. Canada is bringing the first overseas Volkswagen electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant in North America to St. Thomas. This investment signals a strong vote of confidence in Canada and our region's highly skilled workers, strong economy, and business environments.

This major investment will create 3,000 direct and 30,000 indirect jobs and will be the largest manufacturing plant in Canada. The plant will have six production lines and produce batteries for up to one million electric vehicles annually.

Whether it is supporting our local small businesses, entrepreneurs, or those entering the workforce for the first time, we will continue investing in those growing our economy.



Grocery Rebate

Our government remains working hard to make life more affordable for you.

To help offset rising living expenses, the Government of Canada has introduced a one-time **Grocery Rebate** for 11 million low- and modest-income Canadians and families who need it most.

Introduced in Budget 2023, the new one-time Grocery Rebate will deliver targeted inflation relief and will be delivered to eligible Canadians starting July 5, 2023.

Eligible couples with two children could receive up to an extra \$467 for; up to an extra \$234 for single Canadians without children; and an extra \$225 for seniors, on average.

As we move forward together during these challenging times, we'll continue to implement measures to ensure families receive much-needed support.

If you have any questions about the Grocery Rebate or would like more information please contact my office.



Protecting the Environment

We had a fantastic turnout for two tree-planting events in our community on **Earth Day**.

I spent the morning with the organization **Trees for Woolwich** - planting, staking, and sheltering over 100 trees in the Elmira Nature Reserve.

That afternoon, I joined another hardworking group of volunteers led by **Let's Tree Wilmot**. This organization dedicated their time and efforts to extending the forest between Schmidt Woods and Highway 7 & 8 in Baden.

Nature-based solutions play an essential part in protecting our environment. Trees help clean the air we breathe and the water we drink. They shelter and protect biodiversity. Investing in nature is among the most affordable climate actions we can take.

To the amazing volunteers with Trees for Woolwich and Let's Tree Wilmot, thank you for your time and dedication to selflessly planting trees and knowing that you may never sit in their shade in your lifetime. The forests you helped plant may be where future generations celebrate their Earth Day.

I look forward to getting my hands dirty and planting more trees this planting season with these fantastic organizations. The benefits of our planting will last decades: capturing carbon, enhancing biodiversity, and cleaning the air we breathe and the water we drink.

