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Dear Neighbours,

January was very productive. I spent the month conversing with as many of you as possible before heading back to Ottawa. It was fun celebrating the new year at the Kitchener Mayor's New Year's Levee. This month I met with the four mayors in Kitchener-Conestoga, multiple municipal councillors, and our regional chair to discuss how we can work together at all levels of government.

Visiting many of the community groups and organizations here was meaningful. The discussions with groups, including **Community Support Connections**, **Women's Crisis Services**, **Child Witness Centre**, and **Communitech**, provided important feedback for me and showcased the work they do.

I loved visiting cultural groups including the **Canadian Muslim Women**, **Caribbean Canadian Association**, **Tamil Association**, **Rohingya Centre**, **African Revival Family Organization**, and the **Canadian Arab Women Association**. These are some of the great organizations that build inclusion and offer support to our community.

I hosted three roundtable discussions with visiting cabinet ministers. Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino and I met with stakeholders regarding Bill C-21, a bill to address gun violence and strengthen gun laws in Canada. This bill will also support law enforcement, invest in new technology and strengthen Canada's borders to fight gun smuggling while investing in our communities to stop gun violence before it starts. I invited representatives from our rod and gun clubs, Indigenous stakeholders, gun collectors, hunters, sport shooters, and the Waterloo Regional Police to discuss how to protect Canadians from gun violence while respecting the rights and traditions of hunters.

To support our smaller communities, Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings and I met with township mayors, farmers, and rural stakeholders for a roundtable discussion on rural transit, housing, and broadband internet.

To hear from seniors, Minister of Seniors Kamal Khara and I had a coffee talk discussion in New Hamburg to listen and to share our plan to support seniors.

It was meaningful to visit local businesses and schools to share ideas and hear their priorities.

I continue to work with and be inspired by our Youth Council, which is moving forward on projects.

Throughout my time as your Member of Parliament, my goal has always been to keep you safe, supported, and informed. Thank you for trusting me, as I remain dedicated to serving our community. I will continue to work tirelessly to protect the health and safety of Canadians and support jobs and our economy while protecting our environment.

I will continue to listen to your ideas and work to support you. I appreciate every opportunity to connect, so please call 519-578-3777 or email me at Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca

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Bringing Ottawa to Kitchener-Conestoga

I am proud to serve our community and be your voice in Ottawa. Throughout January, I brought Ottawa to you. I hosted five cabinet ministers and a parliamentary secretary, showcasing and meeting with local organizations and stakeholders. I appreciate the meaningful conversations and the sharing of priorities and challenges.



Visited Portraits of Honour with Minister of National Defence Anita Anand



Funding Announcement with Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne



Hosted a roundtable discussion on Bill C-21 with Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino



Visited Community Support Connections with Minister of Seniors Kamal Khara



Rural Issues roundtable discussion with Minister of Rural Economic Development Gudie Hutchings

Affordability: Child Care

WE'RE CUTTING YOUR CHILD CARE FEES IN HALF

MAKING YOUR LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE



Families are feeling the rising cost of living, including the cost of child care. For too long, families have faced high monthly child care fees with few high-quality child care options. Affordable child care also means that parents in Ontario do not have to choose between their career and their family.

Our government is delivering on making child care more affordable, giving children the best possible start and making life more affordable for families across Canada.

Child care fees for families have been reduced by an average of 50%, saving some families up to \$6,000 per child each year. This is a significant milestone toward reaching an average of \$10-a-day early learning and child care fees in the province by March 2026.

We are also working towards creating 86,000 new licensed child care spaces by the end of 2026.

Building an early learning and child care system that works for all families in Kitchener-Conestoga is a key part of our government's plan to make life more affordable for families while creating good jobs and growing the economy. Cutting childcare costs in half will put more money in the pockets of thousands of families right here in Kitchener-Conestoga.

Protecting the Environment

Across the country, Canadian farmers are on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Through investments in clean technology, our government is focused on supporting farmers through the challenges of today – from droughts to extreme weather – while taking climate action to build a healthy future for generations to come.

Supporting farmers to help with the transition to lower-carbon, more fuel efficient ways of farming is one of my top priorities. The Agricultural Clean Technology Program will help drive the changes required to achieve a low-carbon economy and promote sustainable growth in Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector.

The ACT Program offers support under two streams, the Adoption Stream and the Research and Innovation Stream. Under the ACT Program, farmers and agri-businesses will have access to funding to help develop and adopt the latest clean technologies to reduce GHG emissions and enhance their competitiveness.

In Kitchener-Conestoga, Lorrain Farms (Elmira) received over \$1,180,059 in funding from the Agricultural Clean Technology Program to install solar panels at their farm.

For more information on how to apply to this program, please contact my office.

