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## Lest We Forget

In Canada, between November 5 and 11, we honour Veterans Week - a time for us to remember the sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served Canada past and present.

During this time, we have an opportunity to reflect on our veterans and pay tribute to them by wearing a poppy, supporting the Royal Canadian Legion, learning more about their contributions and finding a way to remember them.

While the COVID-19 pandemic will keep us from gathering in large crowds on this Remembrance Day, there are many ways we can still pay our tributes safely. I encourage you to attend virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies, write letters to veterans, and share stories, photos and videos of those who sacrificed their lives for our peace and freedom.

Many of us have a history of family members who have served with the Canadian Armed Forces, with some of our stories dating back generations. It is important to continue sharing these, to keep their memories alive.

As I reflect on Remembrance Day 2020, I will do so with gratitude, respect and love for a nation, and for the brave men and women of Canada's armed forces. And I will think of my parents and siblings, and a life changed by the courage and sacrifice of so many young Canadians.

Let us make this a time to honour and remember those who have served Canada, in times of war, military conflict, and peace. Let us remember our veterans and the current members of our armed forces, and honour the ideals they so courageously defend.

Lest we forget. Nous nous souviendrons.

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## Newmarket—Aurora Youth Council

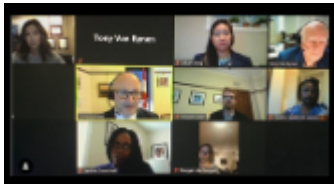
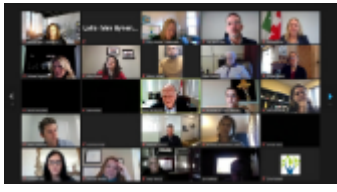
Last week, I had the pleasure to meet the members of the 2020-2021 Newmarket—Aurora Youth Council. We learned a little bit about each other, talked about why it's important for youth to get involved and shared topics that we are all passionate about like social justice, the environment and mental health.

I am proud of how many passionate young adults live in our community and it was great to see their energy, passion and commitment to working together, learning from each other and helping our community.

The youth council is a non-partisan opportunity for youth to become engaged in volunteerism and learn more about Canadian federal politics. You can learn more about it [here](#).

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## Bringing Ottawa to Newmarket—Aurora



### Supporting Small Businesses

The Honourable Mona Fortier, Minister of Middle Class and Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance, and I joined the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and local business owners to talk about our government's plan to strengthen the middle class, generate clean growth and create jobs.

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### Addressing Systemic Racism in Canada

The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, attended a virtual roundtable meeting with community leaders to discuss how we can address systemic racism in Canada's justice system as we work to ensure an inclusive Canada for all.

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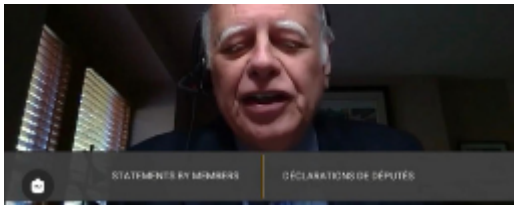
### Discussing Canada's Green Recovery

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, engaged in an important discussion with local residents, students and stakeholders about Canada's sustainable future.

The full video is available can be accessed through the link below.

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## MP Van Bynen in Virtual Parliament



### Recognizing Central York Fire Services as Community Heroes

On Fire Services Week, I was proud to virtually stand in the House of Commons on behalf of our community to acknowledge the men and women who work at Central York Fire Services.

During these challenging times they have stepped up to protect each and every one of us, and their bravery, commitment and compassion for the safety and well-being of all residents of Newmarket—Aurora is deeply appreciated.

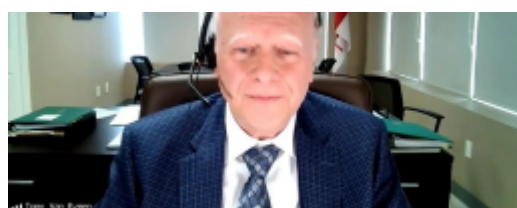
[Full video](#)

### Asking Parl. Secretary Andy about Yonge North Subway Extension

On October 26, I asked Parliamentary Secretary Andy Fillmore about our government's ongoing public transit investment in York Region.

Communities across the region are rapidly growing and the Yonge North Subway Extension is critical to creating jobs and helping people get to and from work every day.

[Full video](#)



### Prioritizing Mental Health in House of Commons Debate

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely changed our lives and the many necessary measures to keep us safe are taking a toll on the mental health of Canadians.

In response to the opposition motion concerning a COVID-19 study that did not mention mental health, I spoke in the House about the importance of prioritizing mental health as a topic of study for the Standing Committee on Health.

[Full video](#)

### Asking Minister Hajdu about the Mental Health of Canadians

On October 20, I asked Minister Patty Hajdu what our government is doing to support the mental health and well-being of Canadians during these difficult times.

On behalf of the residents of Newmarket—Aurora and those across Canada, I will continue to advocate for this important issue.

If you, or a loved one need help, please visit the [Wellness Together Canada](#) portal available to all at no cost.

[Full video](#)

## MP Van Bynen at the Health Committee

The Standing Committee on Health (HESA) resumed its meetings last month and, as a member, I am happy to have an opportunity to bring the local voices and concerns to this important committee.

After hearing concerns from many constituents in Newmarket—Aurora, I introduced a motion proposing the Standing Committee on Health study the impacts of COVID-19 on the mental health and well-being of Canadians. I was disappointed when opposition members dismissed this motion without so much as an opportunity to speak to the importance of this emerging crisis.

As your Member of Parliament, I am committed to representing the interests of Newmarket—Aurora residents' and I will continue to advocate for committee to do a comprehensive study on mental health.

Recently, committee members unanimously voted in favour of conducting a study on the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB) guidelines to hear from interested individuals and stakeholders.

Committee is also expected to commence a study on the 'Emergency Situation Facing Canadians in Light of the Second Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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## Helping our Community

Neighbourhood Network is a local organization with a vision to multiply community giving and create caring and vibrant neighbourhoods through promoting volunteerism.

Throughout the year, they look for volunteers with many different interests that together will help us build a better community for all.

Neighbourhood Network is currently looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Food Drive and to #SpreadJoyNotGerms through a range of different activities, including drawing pictures for and delivering groceries and medicine to seniors.

[Learn more about volunteer opportunities](#)



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