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A Safe Return to School

A safe return to school has been a concern for parents and caregivers since children have been off school in March. To ensure we parents get back to work, we need to ensure we can get children safely back to school.

That is why our government has introduced the Safe Return to Class Fund. This \$2 billion in funding will help ensure our provinces and territories have the necessary resources to keep teachers, staff, students and their families safe.

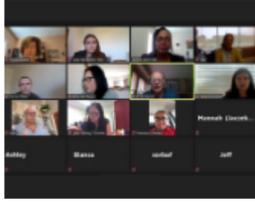
In addition to the funding that was made available earlier this summer through the Safe Restart Agreement, the Safe Return to Class Fund will provide the Province of Ontario \$763.34 million that can be used for adapting learning spaces, better air ventilation in classrooms, or for supplying PPE and cleaning supplies

A COVID-19 guidance for schools Kindergarten to Grade 12 has also been made available to help parents and can be found [here](#).

We are committed to continue working together to ensure the safety of Canadians.

[Learn more](#)

York Region MPs Participate in NACCA's Anti-Black Racism Workshop



Last week, the Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) Chair, Jerisha Hall-Grant, hosted an Anti-Black Racism Workshop for York Region MPs & staff. It was an informative discussion about the historical and present-day overview of anti-Black racism in Canada.

Earlier this year, York Region Liberal MPs sent a [letter](#) to the Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth expressing our commitment to listening, learning and acting to combat and put and end to racism.

This workshop is a step towards our commitment to be better voices for our communities and we look forward to continuing this working together.

[Learn more about NACCA](#)

In the community



Pulp Moulded Products

Our Federal Government invested \$300,000 for Pulp Moulded Products to develop a prototype for low-cost, non-surgical, disposal masks made from 100% Canadian pulp to keep us and our environment safe.

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Gum Products International

The Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade recently visited Gum Products International to see how they pivoted during the pandemic.

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Aurora Rainbow Crosswalk

York Region's first rainbow crosswalk, located in Aurora, is a permanent and visible symbol of inclusion, acceptance and support for our community's LGBTQ+ friends, family, neighbours, colleagues and visitors.

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Aurora Historical Society

Through the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Heritage, Culture and Sport Organizations, the Aurora Historical Society received \$14,498 in temporary relief to help the organization plan for the future.

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Call for Applications



Newmarket-Aurora Youth Council

The Newmarket-Aurora Youth Council is an exciting non-partisan opportunity for youth ages 14-24 to come together and discuss issues facing our community.

Local youth who want to use their voice to make a positive impact in our community are encouraged to apply. The deadline is September 11, 2020.

[Learn more](#)

Call for Nominations

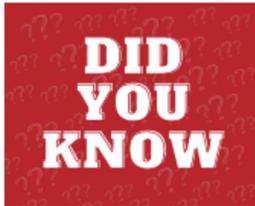


Canada's Volunteer Awards

Through Canada's Volunteer Awards, the Government of Canada recognizes the contributions that volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises and businesses across the country make to our communities.

I invite you to nominate an individual who has made a priceless contribution to our community for the next call for nominations. The deadline is September 30, 2020.

[Learn more](#)



COVID Alert App

Did you know the COVID Alert App is available to all Canadians for free download in the App Store and Google Play?

It is an exposure notification app to help Canadians keep themselves, their loved ones and their communities safer by notifying them or potential exposures to COVID-19.

The app uses strong measures to protect the privacy and confidentiality of any data it collects. It does not track a user's location or collect personally identifiable information.

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