



## Hope and Optimism for the Holiday Season

As we celebrate the holiday, honouring our faiths and holiday traditions I want to express my thanks to the residents of Newmarket-Aurora and to all Canadians. We have been on a difficult journey through 2020, a year of uncertainty, a year of personal loss, and a year of tremendous sacrifice. Collectively we have demonstrated remarkable courage, kindness, and compassion, and have witnessed the strength of our communities coming together to support those in need.

Although Canada has now received the first shipments of the Pfizer vaccine – and signalled the arrival of Moderna doses pending Health Canada’s authorization, we still need to be vigilant in protecting ourselves and others by following local health guidelines.

The pandemic has rightly grabbed most of the headlines, but our plan for economic recovery continues to move forward. This week, our government continued to highlight Canada’s strengthened climate plan, A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy, which will help achieve our economic and environmental goals, and make life more liveable and affordable for Canadians.

We recognize that the cost of doing nothing to fight climate change is higher than solving the problem. That’s why we introduced a price on carbon pollution across Canada in 2019, while returning all of the money paid directly to families through Climate Action Incentive payments. Understanding that not all groups are affected by carbon pricing in the same way, we will also be providing additional relief to residents of rural and small communities.

This week our government launched the Hydrogen Strategy for Canada, an ambitious framework that seeks to position Canada as a global hydrogen leader, cementing this low-carbon and zero-emission fuel technology as a key part of our path to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Our government is moving forward with its plan to plant two billion trees over the next 10 years. There is no path to net-zero emissions that doesn’t involve our forests, and this work will cut pollution, clean the air we breathe, make our communities more resilient, and create 4,300 jobs in the process.

We have a real opportunity to build back better. To make meaningful progress towards a bright future - that respects all Canadians and protects our environment.

I wish you a winter holiday season of love, peace, good health and prosperity.

Season's Greetings

## Things you need to know about the COVID-19 Vaccine



### Procurement

Canada has secured the most diverse portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines, the highest number of doses per capita in the world, and the earliest delivery dates for these vaccines.

Our decision to arrange for purchase from several sources provides us with greater security and added flexibility in rolling out a vaccination campaign that will allow us to vaccinate all Canadians.

Procuring vaccines for COVID-19



### Approval

Canada’s regulatory approvals systems are among the best in the world, with a rigorous scientific review system in place to ensure vaccines are safe and effective.

Health Canada uses all available data before making decisions about vaccine approvals and only authorizes a vaccine if its benefits clearly outweigh its risks.

Vaccine development and approval in Canada



### Distribution

The Canadian Armed Forces is supporting the Public Health Agency of Canada in co-ordinating distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to provincial and territorial authorities, Indigenous communities and importing vaccines from overseas.

COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed in a phased manner, which will be determined by the provinces and territories.

Preliminary guidance for early immunization

## Protecting our Environment



### Announcing Canada's strengthened climate plan

We have shared our strengthened climate plan to help us build a healthier, fairer, and more resilient future where Canadians do not have to choose between clean air and good jobs.

We are focusing on getting people back to work, reducing pollution, and making our air and water cleaner, by:

- ▲ Making the places we live and gather more affordable;
- ▲ Making clean, affordable transportation and power available in every community;
- ▲ Continuing to ensure pollution isn't free and households get more money back;
- ▲ Building Canada's clean industrial advantage; and
- ▲ Embracing the power of nature to support healthier families and more resilient communities.

We are taking the same approach as we did to the COVID-19 pandemic to win the race against climate change: urgency, focus, science based decisions, working together.

A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy



### Planting today to grow our tomorrow

We are investing \$3.16 billion to plant two billion trees in urban and rural settings over the next ten years.

This initiative is projected to create up to 4,300 clean jobs, cover over 1.1 million hectares -, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 12 megatonnes by 2050.

To carry out the full plan, we have begun building long-term relationships with:

- ✓ Indigenous organizations and communities;
- ✓ Provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments;
- ✓ Farmers and agricultural stakeholders;
- ✓ Corporate and philanthropic organizations;
- ✓ Industry; and more.

Our path to net-zero emissions by 2050 involves our forests, cutting pollution, cleaning the air we breathe, making our communities more resilient, and creating thousands of green jobs.

2 Billion Trees

## Opportunities for Newmarket—Aurora



### Safe Restart Agreement supports Town of Aurora and Town of Newmarket

Our federal government recognizes the important role played by municipalities in keeping Canadians healthy and safe. We are working together with all levels of government to provide support through the Safe Restart Agreement.

I am pleased to announce the Town of Aurora will receive \$549,000 and the Town of Newmarket will receive \$769,000 in funding to help alleviate municipal deficits from overages due to COVID-19.

Additionally, the Regional Municipality of York will receive \$9,921,000 to maintain essential services and support critical infrastructure projects vital to our economic recovery.

Safe Restart Agreement



### Canada Summer Jobs application period announced for 2021

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) provides paid opportunities for youth between the ages of 15 and 30 to develop and improve their skills in the not-for-profit, small business and public sectors.

Up to 120,000 job opportunities will be available through CSJ in 2021, a 50 per cent increase from the 80,000 CSJ opportunities approved in 2020.

The employer application period for CSJ 2021 will open on December 21, 2020, until January 29, 2021. Not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and private sector employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees can start preparing their applications now to hire a young Canadian.

More information

## MP Van Bynen in the House



### Vaccinating all Canadians as soon as possible

Health Canada’s approval of the Pfizer vaccine last week was a critical milestone in our fight against COVID-19. On that same day, I was proud to ask Prime Minister Justin Trudeau what our government is doing to ensure all Canadians get vaccinated as soon as possible.

I would like to thank the Health Canada regulators who have been working around the clock to complete thorough and independent reviews of vaccine candidates to ensure their safety and effectiveness.

Watch



### Ensuring investment and promotion of Canadian content and talent

Seventy-eight per cent of Canadians consider made in Canada content to be of importance to them personally because of the value of seeing their stories on screen and hearing Canadian artists on the radio.

I spoke in the House about the importance of Bill C-10, An Act to Amend the Broadcasting Act, to ensure investment in Canadian content by placing online and traditional broadcasters under the same regulatory framework.

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### Answering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's call to action no. 94

Bill C-8, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act, proposes to change Canada’s Oath of Citizenship to recognize and affirm the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples as referenced in the Constitution.

The proposed changes to the Oath will help to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in Canada. It will also demonstrate support for the diversity that people of all origins contribute to Canada and to our country’s history, fabric and identity.

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## Visiting Canada's largest, most complex heritage rehabilitation project



Since 1927, no major renovations have been made to Centre Block. A 2010 report predicted Centre Block would experience “total failure” sometime between 2019 and 2025 due to its outdated electrical and security systems, crumbling mortar, damaged sculputres and stained glass, aging water pipes, and earthquake proofing and security issues.

So, when Centre Block closed for renovations, Canada’s largest, most complex heritage rehabilitation project began. Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has committed to restoring and modernizing the building - a project that is expected to take 10 years.

On my last day in Ottawa, I had the opportunity to take a tour of Centre Block to learn about the rehabilitation project and to see where the House of Commons once stood. It was a pleasure to participate in this tour with my colleague, Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Learn more about the rehabilitation project



### Minister Garneau has cleared Santa for take-off

This week, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transportation, shared the heartwarming news that Santa Claus is clear for take-off as he prepares for this year’s flight to safely deliver presents to children in Canada.

You can keep up with Santa’s journey across Canada with NORAD Tracks Santa.

Watch Minister Garneau’s message



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