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A Message from Tony

Canadians are heartbroken by the discovery of the remains of Children at the Kamloops Residential School. In addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 74-76, the Government is engaging with Indigenous communities across the nation on how best to support them in finding their lost children, including how they can access \$27 million of funding from Budget 2019.

And while apologies have been given, there are apologies that remain to be heard. We must stand together with Indigenous people and work to get those apologies so that the healing can truly begin.

Recently a bill creating a statutory holiday to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada received royal assent. The passage of Bill C-5 means that going forward September 30th will be an annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Earlier today, I was proud to vote in favour of a motion to accelerate the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action, and work towards justice for Indigenous children and survivors of the Residential School System.

Renewing our relationship with Indigenous Peoples is at the heart of advancing reconciliation in this land we call home.

As we head into the second week of June, the promise of recovery and reconnecting with family and friends is starting to become a reality. As of June 7, over 26.2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across the country. Over 61% of eligible Canadians have received at least one dose.

To date, over 10 million vaccines have been administered into the arms of Ontarians. In York Region, 865,128 residents have received at least one dose, and as of this morning residents who received their first dose before April 18 are now [eligible](#) to book their second dose of the vaccine.

Please watch for updates from York Region Public Health to find out when you might be able to receive your second dose of the vaccine. And as we head into the upcoming weekend, lets be safe, lets be responsible and let's enjoy step one of the reopening plan.



As part of National Indigenous History Month, my team and I have committed to broadening our understanding of Indigenous cultures and history through the lens of various Indigenous authors.

For our [#IndigenousReads](#) book club, we've each picked a book and later this month we'll be sharing what we've learned from these stories.



All Indigenous Peoples across Canada can access the [Hope for Wellness Help Line](#) [here](#), or by phoning 1-855-242-3310. Additionally, the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available to provide emotional and crisis referral services to former residential school students. It is available 24 hours a day at 1-866-925-4419.

Supporting Indigenous Peoples

Ending violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ People

In honoring grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends and 2SLGBTQIA+ people who have gone missing or been murdered, as well as the survivors of gender- and race-based violence and the families whose lives have been altered forever, on June 3, 2021, the [2021 National Action Plan: Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ People](#) was released.

This Plan is rooted in unique needs, experiences and cultural contexts of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and will work towards ending all forms of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. Violence and discrimination in any form is unacceptable.

Supporting the Indigenous Guardians Pilot program

For many generations, Indigenous Guardians have played a vital role in protecting our lands and waters, by promoting, sharing and teaching Indigenous knowledge. Our government is committed to supporting Indigenous leadership in conservation efforts, and helping us protect 25 percent of lands and 25 percent of waters by 2025 – and 30 percent by 2030.

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, [announced](#) \$600,000 in funding for the [Indigenous Guardians Pilot](#) program. This funding will enable 10 First Nations across the country to monitor ecological health, maintain cultural sites, and protect sensitive areas and species.

Ensuring an inclusive recovery

Black Entrepreneurship Fund now accepting loan applications

The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export, Promotion and Trade, recently [announced](#) that the Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund is now accepting applications. The loan fund provides financing of up to \$250,000 for Black business owners and entrepreneurs to help them grow their businesses and succeed.

The [Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund](#) has been co-developed in partnership with the Federation of African Canadian Economics (FACE), and seeks to address specific barriers that Black business owners have too often faced when seeking financing.

Women's Employment Readiness Program Call for Proposals announced

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, [announced](#) the launch of the call for proposals for the new Women's Employment Readiness (WER) pilot program.

This program is a \$50 million investment to ensure that our robust and inclusive recovery is supportive of racialized and/or Indigenous women, women with disabilities, women from the LGBTQ2 community, and women who have been out of the labour market for an extended period. Eligible organizations are encouraged to [submit an application](#) by June 30, 2021.

Creating a more accessible Canada

Help guide the Disability Inclusion Action Plan

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, launched a public engagement process to help guide the development of Canada's first [Disability Inclusion Action Plan](#).

The [public engagement](#) will allow Canadians to provide valuable insights and feedback on priority areas, such as: financial security, employment, disability inclusive spaces, and building a modern approach to disability within the Government of Canada.

Canadians, especially persons with disabilities, their caregivers and family members, stakeholders and organizations working with persons with disabilities, are invited to complete the survey. The survey is available online and print, and mailed copies of the accessible PDF versions will be accepted until August 31, 2021.

Enabling Accessibility Fund calls for proposals

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, announced two calls for proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund:

The [Mid-sized projects](#) component provides contributions of up to \$1 million to support larger retrofit, renovation or construction projects in facilities that house programs and services that help increase social participation and labour market opportunities for persons with disabilities in Canada.

The [Youth Innovation](#) component seeks to engage and challenge youth between 15 and 30 years of age, to volunteer and collaborate with local organizations in their communities to secure funding of up to \$10,000 for accessibility projects.

Happy Pride!



During the month of June, we celebrate LGBTQ2 communities while also recognizing and acknowledging the ongoing challenge many continue to face. This month, and all year long, let's make sure to foster a space where everyone can be their most authentic self, and feel welcome for doing so – in Newmarket-Aurora and across Canada.

Let's be inspired by the resiliency of LGBTQ2 individuals and communities. Let's learn about the history of Pride, hear people's stories, and build even stronger community ties. I encourage you to visit the York Pride [website](#) to learn about virtual events happening in our community.



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