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A message from Tony

To get us through this pandemic, all levels of government, and indeed all Canadians stepped up to stay safe, support our communities, and protect one another. I am proud of where this has taken us in fighting this virus, and we are now beginning to ease restrictions across the country.

This weekend, Canada surpassed the United States' percentage of the population that has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Canada is ranked first in the G7 and G20 on the administration of first doses on a per capita basis.

Eight out of every ten dollars to fund the pandemic has been provided by the federal government, and we're continuing to build on these investments to support the provinces and territories through this pandemic and beyond our recovery. Last week, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, announced a payment of \$5 billion to the provinces and territories, distributed equally per capita to help address immediate health system pressures and support vaccine rollout campaigns.

More than 44.8 million vaccine doses have been administered to Canadians. As of Friday, July 16, 79.7% of York Region's eligible residents have received at least one dose, and 62.4% of them have been fully vaccinated.

If you have not yet received your vaccine doses, I encourage you to do so at the earliest opportunity. For vaccine appointments and information in York Region, please visit this [website](#). You may also check out the Vaccine Hunters Canada on [Twitter](#) for regular updates on appointment openings, pop-up clinics, and more.

If you have received your first dose, or both, please continue to follow local public health guidelines to keep yourself, your loved ones, and our community safe. Together, we are getting there!

Supporting Canadian Families

Five Years of Canada Child Benefit



Since 2016, the Canada Child Benefit has helped lift nearly 435,000 children out of poverty by giving more money, tax-free, to 9 out of 10 families. We will continue to support middle-class families through difficult times, and do what it takes to make life more affordable for all.

In March, we announced a supplement of \$1,200 per child under 6 to help families during the pandemic. The first payment went out on May 28th and the next will be issued on July 30th.

For the third time, the Canada Child Benefit is going up on July 20th to give parents more support while they help their children return to normal.

\$10 a Day Child Care



Over the past couple of weeks, the Prime Minister has announced an agreement with [Nova Scotia](#) and [British Columbia](#) to work together to improve access to quality, affordable, flexible, and inclusive early learning and child care programs and services.

In the most recent federal budget, our government laid out a plan to build a Canada-wide, community-based system of quality early learning and child care. It is an investment to help families across Canada, and create jobs for workers, while ensuring every child has a fair chance to succeed. I am looking forward to seeing which province moves to implementing this next.

Investing in Newmarket-Aurora

Fighting Gender Based Violence

In recent months, the pandemic has created additional and unprecedented challenges for survivors of sexual and domestic violence and the organizations that serve them.

This is why I am proud to share that the federal government is investing \$190,522 of funding towards two vital organizations in our community: the Women's Centre of York Region and the Women's Support Network of York Region.

As we start recovering from this crisis, our government will continue to invest in local organizations that are vital to our community, and focus on helping those who need it most. I will continue to advocate for them in Newmarket-Aurora, and ensure those who have been hardest hit by the pandemic are at the centre of our recovery.

Supporting Vital Transit Infrastructure

In May, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, announced \$2.24 billion for the Yonge North Subway Extension Project. This historic investment is an important step forward for smart public transit funding, and it is vital to helping Canadians in York Region commute faster, cut emissions and foster economic growth.

Last week, I joined my York Region colleagues from all levels of government to announce that the Clark Station is becoming a reality - so people can see us moving ahead. These investments are a key part of our plan to kickstart our economy and create job opportunities in our region.

Opportunities for Newmarket-Aurora

Jobs and Growth Fund

The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, launched the Jobs and Growth Fund for businesses and organizations across Canada. Our government is investing \$700 million over 3 years to support the transition to a green economy, foster an inclusive recovery, enhance competitiveness and create jobs.

Eligible recipients include businesses and business support organizations, such as not-for-profits, community economic development partners, and Indigenous-led organizations. Applications are open until March 31, 2024, or until funding is fully committed.

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Tourism Relief Fund

The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, launched \$500 million in funding for the new Tourism Relief Fund. From this fund, \$485 million will be delivered directly to businesses and organizations through regional development agencies; and \$15 million by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to support destination, human resources and skills development.

The Tourism Relief Fund is part of \$1 billion in tourism supports announced in Budget 2021 to help businesses bounce back. Eligible organizations can now submit applications to support the tourism sector in welcoming back visitors.

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Local Food Infrastructure Fund

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau announced a top-up of \$10 million for the Local Food Infrastructure Fund, and it has now been re-opened for applications.

The fund supports community-led projects by emergency hunger relief organizations that have faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. It looks to strengthen food systems and help facilitate access to safe and nutritious food for at-risk populations.

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Have your say: Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Services

When someone is having a mental health crisis, it can be difficult to find or remember a longer phone number, which can prevent someone from seeking, or receiving, the support they urgently need.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) recently launched a consultation on a 3-digit phone number for mental health support. Canadians interested in participating in this consultation are welcome to do so online, by mail or via fax. The deadline to submit your comments is September 1, 2021.

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