

THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

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LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I want to start by thanking everyone for following public health guidelines and keeping our communities safe. I am so proud of the ways that our neighbours have come out to support one another over the past year. On my end, I have been working very hard alongside our federal government to my part to make your lives a little bit easier.

This spring, we unveiled Budget 2021, our road map for finishing the fight against COVID-19 and pushing forward on our economic recovery. We will deliver affordable childcare for only \$10 a day so that parents like Ezra and Rachel can return to work knowing that their children will be safe and looked after. We have marked over \$3 billion to improve living conditions in long-term care facilities and \$90 million to ensure seniors like Wendy can choose to age well at home. We also extended programs like the wage and rent subsidies to keep supporting small business owners like Shakeel throughout our recovery. With further measures to fight climate change, create over 1 million new jobs, support the right to self-governance for the Indigenous peoples, and prepare for future health crises, Budget 2021 has something for everyone, and it is all thanks to our advocacy.

Canada has shown time and again that we are capable of immense compassion and achievement, but we know that our nation is not perfect. Right now, we are having difficult and long-overdue conversations about systemic issues of race, gender, and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of this land. All of this coming as we continue to manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and begin to re-open our economy.

So as I write this letter to you, I want you to know that I've been thinking about how I can continue to support you better as the federal representative for our Mississauga-Erin Mills community. Coming out of this crisis, we have an opportunity build a path forward that can make a difference, one that really addresses the systemic issues of our time.

We have overcome many challenges over the past year by taking care of one another. From grassroots campaigns to neighbours delivering supplies to one another, these gestures, big and small, have made a world of difference. Compassion is what makes us Canadian, so let's continue working together to build a brighter and more inclusive future for everyone.

Thank you for placing your trust in me to represent our riding. It is an honour to serve our Mississauga-Erin Mills community and bring your voice to the table in the federal government. As your Member of Parliament, I will continue to fight for our riding and for our residents.

Sincerely,

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Mississauga-Erin Mills

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?*

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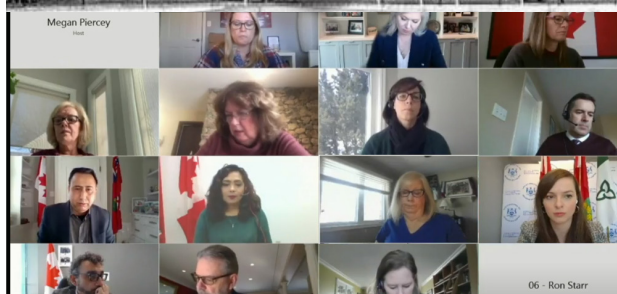
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EVENTS & UPDATES FROM ERIN MILLS



Advocating for the City of Mississauga

On March 5th, I joined Mississauga's representatives from all levels of government to discuss how we can work together to overcome the challenges facing the City of Mississauga. Through initiatives such as the Safe Restart Agreement, our federal government has supplied eight out of every ten dollars spent to support Canadians. We will continue to support municipalities with an additional \$7.2B investment in urgent health care needs.



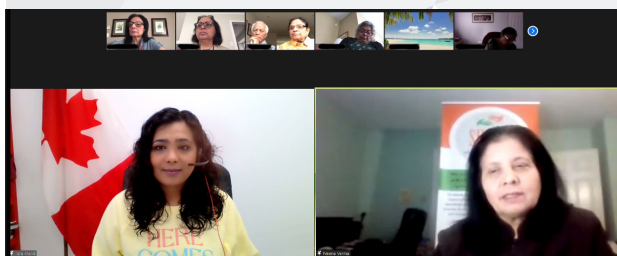
Speaking with Students in Erin Mills

On March 24th, I had the pleasure of meeting students at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School as part of their Career Awareness day. We discussed the role and duties of a Member of Parliament, as well as their own career goals and aspirations. Our federal government has invested **over \$3 billion to enhance health measures** that will **protect our students and faculty in classrooms** like St. Rose of Lima through initiatives such as the Safe Return to Class Fund.



Meeting with Local Nonprofits

These past months I have met with dozens of local non-profits like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to discuss how they have pivoted to continue providing services to our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. FCA is one of **90 local organizations and businesses in Mississauga-Erin Mills** that our federal government is supporting through the **Canada Summer Jobs program** in 2021 and it was great to hear about their exciting plans for the summer.



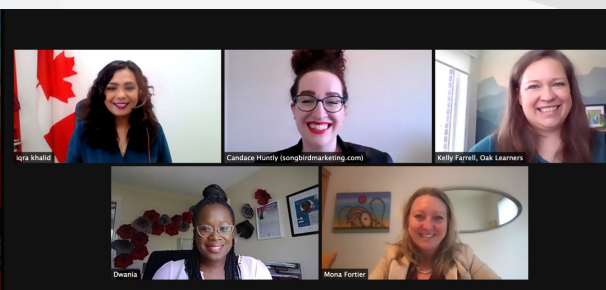
Supporting Seniors' Healthy Living

On May 7th, I joined Shubh Helping Hands to announce that they are one of **3000 organizations receiving funds from the New Horizons for Seniors program!** After a lifetime building this country, Canadian seniors deserve to retire in peace. That's why, Budget 2021 will enhance OAS for residents over 75 and **create the Age Well at Home Initiative** to build a better quality of life for all Canadian seniors, whether they are living in long-term care or aging at home.



Improving Long-term care

Our federal government is stepping up to ensure that seniors in our long-term care facilities are safe and properly cared for. We have delivered **over \$1 billion for the provinces and territories to fix LTC homes**, and we are working on criminal code changes that will penalize those who neglect or abuse seniors under their care. We are also working on **national standards for long-term care** and Budget 2021 will invest \$30 billion to ensure that facilities across Canada are held accountable.



Working with Local Businesses

Canadian Small Business Women is a fantastic local organization helping female entrepreneurs and women-led businesses access the resources they need to succeed. For Budget 2021, we brought Minister Mona Fortier to meet with their team. We discussed how Budget 2021 can best respond to the unique challenges women are facing, particularly in the business community, to ensure Canada has an inclusive recovery that works for everyone.

Helping you save on energy costs and renovate your home

Home retrofits are good for your wallet, good for the economy, and good for the planet. With the new Canada Greener Homes Grant, we are helping 700,000 homeowners lead the way to reduce carbon emissions and save money on home energy costs.

Homeowners will be able to receive grants of up to \$5,600: \$5,000 to make energy efficient retrofits to their primary residences, and up to \$600 to help with the cost of home energy evaluations.



**Lower energy bills.
More jobs.
Less pollution.**

With the Greener Homes Grant

Eligible projects include:

- ✓ Home insulation
- ✓ Windows and doors
- ✓ Solar panels
- ✓ Smart thermostats
- ✓ Heat pumps
- ✓ And more!

And if you're planning larger home renovations, you will soon be able to access interest-free loans up to \$40,000 from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Apply today for the Canada Greener Homes Grant at:

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-grant>

Federal Aid for Mississauga-Erin Mills

\$21M

Delivered to Mississauga from the Safe Restart Agreement to cover costs from lockdowns.

\$200M

Committed to build domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity in Mississauga

\$6.5M

Committed to build the voluntary isolation site for residents in Peel Region.

\$3.8M

Invested in Erin Mills to create **834 student jobs** in summer 2020/21

\$3.7M

Delivered to protect students and staff at local schools from infections.

\$713K

Provided to support local businesses through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund.

\$376K

Provided to support local non-profits through the Emergency Community Support Fund

\$348K

Invested to support local seniors through the New Horizons for Seniors program.

BUDGET 2021

Our Recovery Plan for Canada

#YOURBUDGET2021

NUMBERS

- \$2.2B to rebuild Canada's bio-manufacturing and life sciences sectors
- \$30B over the next five years to develop national affordable early learning and childcare
- \$3B over five years to ensure seniors in long-term care live in safe and dignified conditions
- \$90M to support seniors aging at home
- \$5B over 7 years to promote Canada's Net-Zero transition and fight climate change
- \$2.5B to speed up construction and repair of 35,000 affordable housing units
- \$2B through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund to support small businesses
- \$1.4B over 5 years to maintain essential health care services for First Nations and Inuit peoples
- A \$15 per hour federal minimum wage to boost the income of 26,000 federal workers
- \$595M to create 1 million new jobs with the Canada Recovery Hiring Benefit
- \$460M to support Indigenous communities strengthen and revitalize language and culture
- \$200M in 2021-2022 to develop a Black-Led Philanthropic Endowment Fund
- \$140M top-up to Emergency Food Security Fund to fight hunger and food insecurity
- \$45M over 2 years to reduce veteran homelessness
- \$11M over 2 years to fight racism, particularly against Asian Canadians
- \$400M to help charities and nonprofits adapt to support recovery in our communities
- \$200M to support local festivals, museums, cultural events, and amateur sports

And Much More!

See the plan at budget.gc.ca

Establishing a National Affordable Childcare System

The Government of Canada is making a generational investment of \$30 billion over the next five years and provide permanent ongoing funding to **build a Canada-wide early learning and child care system**. This plan will aim to **reduce fees by 50 per cent** on average, by 2022, for parents with children in regulated child care, with our goal to reach **\$10 per day on average by 2026**. We will be working with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners to support quality, not-for-profit child care, and ensure the needs of early childhood educators are at the heart of the system.

Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19

Our government will always be there to support Canadians, for however long it takes. To ensure that no one is left behind as our economy starts to recover, we will:

- ✓ Maintain access to flexible EI benefits until Fall of 2022,
- ✓ Extend EI sickness to 26 weeks,
- ✓ Extend the Canada Recovery Benefits until September 25th, and
- ✓ Double the weeks available through the Sickness Benefit to a total of 4 weeks.

Rebuilding Domestic Vaccine Capacity

We are **rebuilding Canada's biomanufacturing sector with investments totalling \$3.5 billion** to ensure that we are ready and self-sufficient for any future health crises. So far, this includes:

- ✓ \$200 million investment into Resilience Biotechnologies here in Mississauga
- ✓ \$126 million investment to build a new Biologics Manufacturing centre through Natural Resources Canada
- ✓ Over \$600 million in funds to support Canadian-made vaccines and treatments.

Supporting Canadian Businesses and Workers

Budget 2021 builds on the work we've been doing since 2015 to create jobs and economic growth, and to grow the middle class. To support workers, we are **establishing a \$15/hour federal minimum wage** and expanding the Canada Workers Benefit to **provide income top-ups to about 1 million more Canadians** and lift nearly 100,000 people out of poverty. We will also create nearly 500,000 new training and work experience opportunities for Canadians including 215,000 opportunities for youth, on track for our goal to **create 1 million jobs by the end of the year**. To support businesses, we are:

- ✓ Extending our wage and rent subsidies through the summer,
- ✓ Lowering credit card interchange fees
- ✓ Spurring job growth with the Canada Recovery Hiring program
- ✓ Helping small businesses stay competitive with the Canada Digital Adoption Program.

Rebuilding a Green and Inclusive Economy

Our federal government has continued to take effective climate action as we manage the COVID-19 pandemic. With our plan, post-pandemic job growth for Canadians means green growth for our economy. Over the last year we have continued to make **historic investments in public transit** to make it an effective, affordable option for Canadians, **banned harmful single-use plastics**, introduced legislation that will **mandate 5-year emissions targets** and provide a much needed update to Canada's environmental protection laws. Looking ahead, we will:

- ✓ Continue working towards our goal of achieving Net-Zero emissions by 2050
- ✓ Invest in clean industry to transition away from oil and gas
- ✓ Conserve 25% of Canada's land and oceans by 2025
- ✓ Help more than 700,000 Canadians make their homes more energy efficient.

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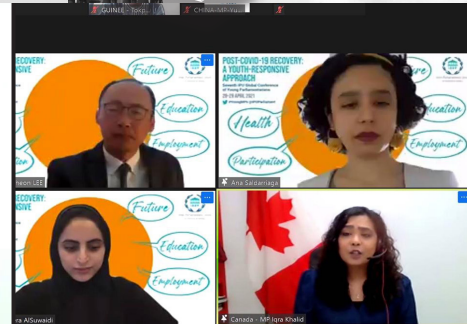
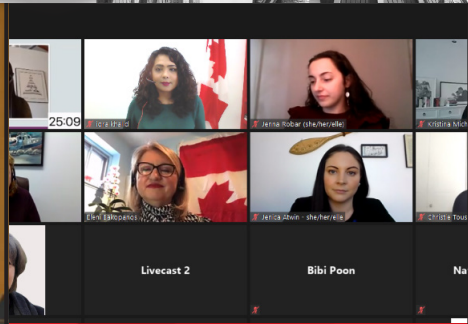
WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?



MP IQRA KHALID

UPDATES FROM

OTTAWA



Protecting Your Privacy

Encouraging Young Women

Addressing Gender-Based Violence

Representing Canada at the Inter-parliamentary Union

Residents in Mississauga-Erin Mills want to see stronger privacy laws, especially now as we see more and more of our communications and commerce take place online. In March, I was honoured to raise these concerns in the House of Commons and speak about Bill C-11, The Digital Charter Implementation Act. If passed, this bill would provide a much-needed update to Canada's privacy regulations to ensure that Canadians have control over their data online, including the right to have it erased, and impose the strongest fines among G7 privacy laws.

For International Women's Day, I met with some fantastic young delegates from Equal Voice Canada's Daughters of the Vote program. We discussed my experience as a woman in parliament, what drove me to enter politics. I'm proud that our federal government supports this program as part of our ongoing efforts for gender equality. Recently, we hit an important milestone as there are now 100 women elected to the House of Commons, and our 2021 Budget made history as the first in federal government to be presented by a woman.

As Chair of Women's Caucus, I called for an emergency debate in the House of Commons on the rise of intimate partner violence in Canada. In Justice Committee, we completed our study of coercive and controlling conduct in intimate relationships and delivered our recommendations. Since 2015, our federal government has made historic investments to combat gender-based violence and, during this pandemic, we have delivered \$100 million to support women's shelters across Canada. We must continue taking action to protect victims and survivors throughout our recovery.

On April 29th, I was honoured to represent Canada at the Inter-Parliamentary Union's 2021 Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians. We discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic has heavily impacted young people around the world, and what actions our governments can take to build more opportunities for youth in our economic recovery. Through Budget 2021, Canada are supporting youth by waiving interest for an additional year, and making loan repayment more flexible, and creating 215,000 new training and work opportunities.

A Phased Reopening for Canada

Delivering Relief for Ontario

Since March 2020, only Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, and very limited essential exemptions can enter Canada. Due to these restrictions, air travel in Canada has dropped by 95% compared to 2019.

As the number of new cases in Ontario continued to escalate in April to unprecedented levels due to variants of concern, our Liberal government extended additional help to the Province to protect the health and safety of Ontarians and support the capacity of our health care system:

Through our collective efforts, Canada is seeing fewer new cases of COVID-19 and reduced hospitalizations. As the situation improves, we are developing a phased approach to loosen quarantine requirements. Step 1 of this approach began on July 6th:

- Fully vaccinated is defined as receiving the full regimen of doses from a Health Canada-approved vaccine, completed at least 14 days prior to departure.
- Verified fully vaccinated travellers will no longer be required to follow the hotel stopover upon arrival while waiting for their post-flight test result.
- Fully vaccinated travellers will still be required to have a negative PCR test result prior to boarding, be tested at arrival, and quarantine at home until they receive the results of their arrival test.

- \$46.3M to municipalities to establish over 1600 rooms for voluntary self-isolation.
- \$46M in direct federal funding to enable Ontario residents to access their mental and physical healthcare providers virtually.
- \$44.8B in direct transfers to support Ontario's healthcare system capacity and social services.
- 11M rapid COVID-19 tests and making 815K available to local businesses for free.
- Deploying Canadian Armed Forces and Red Cross personnel to support long-term care homes and vaccination efforts across the province.
- Rallying supplies and workers from across Canada and transporting them to the front lines in Ontario.



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