

THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY IQRA KHALID, MP MISSISSAUGA — ERIN MILLS 2019 Summer Edition



LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I hope you are enjoying the warm summer months! On my end, I have been busy connecting with residents like you at your doors, at events, and in meetings around the riding.

We all know that no summer is complete without a barbeque! This year, over 4500 residents came out to enjoy our Annual Erin Mills Community BBQ and be a part of our wonderful community. In addition to the food, performances, and activities I decided to start a new tradition and make our annual barbeque a single-use plastic-free event. It was wonderful to see guests embrace this initiative by bringing their reusable water bottles and nearly emptying our water refill stations. Every day I feel motivated knowing that the residents of Mississauga-Erin Mills will join together and take action for our community.

Working together we have been able to bring over \$400 million in federal funding to grow our local organizations and businesses, revitalize our parks and infrastructure, as well as support community projects like the new community centre. Your feedback has made a national impact that started right here in our riding, such as the petition which called for the appointment of a Minister for Seniors.

In this newsletter I have highlighted some major accomplishments over the past four years. You will find a timeline showing our journey. It is a reflection on the collaboration you and I and all of Mississauga-Erin Mills have made to make our riding - and our country - an even better place to live, work, and raise our families. We have accomplished much over the last few years, and there is still so much work to do as we implement our plan to protect the environment and grow the economy, lay the foundation for National Pharmacare, and much more.

It has been an honour to serve the Mississauga-Erin Mills community over the past four years. Thank you for placing your trust in me. I look forward to continuing to bring effective representation for our riding. As always, my team and I welcome you to come by our office, call us, email us, and give us your feedback on what matters most to you. I will see you out and about in our

Kind regards,

Iqra Khalid, MP

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**ARE YOU
ELIGIBLE?***

If you think your organization deserves federal funding, ask me for details at iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca

*This is an information only service reserved for Mississauga-Erin Mills residents and not a commitment to obtain grants for organizations



2015-2019 MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Taking my oath of office as Member of Parliament



2015

2016

First town hall: seniors from St. Thomas A. Beckett Church

Town hall in Erin Mills with the Minister of Immigration



Visiting organizations who hired students through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Over 200 jobs were created in our riding in 2016



My first speech in the House, discussing the challenges faced by the residents of our riding over the last 10 years

Toured IMTEX Membranes, a clean tech firm creating emissions-reducing innovations in our riding

Announced the Canada Child Benefit in Peel Region

Received the Award for Leadership at the Brilliant Minded Women Gala

In 2019 our government awarded IMTEX \$6 Million to support their innovations and create good jobs in our riding

2018 New Year's Levee



After meeting with local seniors' organizations, I sponsored their petition calling on our government to establish a Minister for Seniors

Brought the Minister of Finance to our riding to meet constituents

2018

Vetted Supreme Court Nominee Sheila Martin

A Minister for Seniors was appointed in Summer 2018

Established Canada's first National Housing Strategy

Women's Council Panel Discussion on Women in Politics with Mayor Crombie and Councillor McFadden



A constituent organization, The Mississauga Seniors Club, came to visit the Hill



Launched a blood drive in partnership with Canadian Blood Services

Established the first ever Erin Mills Women's Council

Highlighted as one of Chatelaine's Top 33 Canadian Women of 2017

Brought the newly appointed Minister of Seniors to Erin Mills for a town hall



Elected as Chair of the Liberal Women's Caucus and All-Party Women's Caucus



Throughout December we collected donations in support of the Mississauga Food Bank and the One Bag Challenge

Boosted OAS and GIS payments for Seniors

Boosted the Canada Child Benefit payment for families, with another boost in July 2019



The Minister of Labour visited our riding to help host a Women's Entrepreneurship Seminar



The Minister of Transport came to guest lecture at UTM, and then to our office for a town hall on public transit issues with the residents of Mississauga-Erin Mills



My Youth Council and I hosted a Mental Health Awareness Workshop

FROM MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS AND MP IQRA KHALID

IQRA KHALID, MP

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After meeting with concerned constituents, I rose in the House to urge our government to recognize and take action on the Rohingya Genocide

Introduced a motion asking our government to study systemic racism and religious discrimination in Canada

This study led our government to commit \$23 million to support community-based multiculturalism projects, which we announced in our riding

Our government introduced the Middle Class Tax Cut, saving families up to \$2000/year

2017

The Canada Child Benefit comes into effect for families in Mississauga-Erin Mills



Inaugural meeting of the Erin Mills Youth Council

Along with the Minister of Innovation, we held a Youth Empowerment Seminar at our constituency office



I hosted a holiday toy drive to help support children in need in Mississauga

I joined Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to meet with Mayor Crombie and Mississauga MPs to discuss priorities for our city



Repealed the anti-Canadian Bill C-24



Town hall with the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Discussing democracy and the Rule of Law with students from UTM



As part of the Canada150 grants, we brought \$350K in government funding to help renovate South Common Mall

We brought \$50M to fund the modernization of Mississauga Transit



Roundtable with the Interfaith Council of Peel and the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism



I worked with Peel Police and community groups to study this issue in Committee. Our recommendations were tabled in the House of Commons

Erin Mills Youth Centre hosted a session on Sex Trafficking in Peel Region

Boosted Canada Summer Jobs funding, creating more opportunities for youth in our riding. In 2019 we created over 600 jobs



2019

Following a rash of violence around the world, the Justice Committee began a study to combat Online Hate

The Committee submitted our report: "Taking Action Against Online Hate," with recommendations on how to better protect Canadians



We brought in \$93,000 to help protect a new community centre being built in our riding through the Securities Infrastructure Program



Organized a park clean-up with the Erin Mills Youth Council and other local organizations in Churchill Meadows



Speaking in the House about the amazing accomplishments Mississauga-Erin Mills has made over the last 4 years

In July we marked our Fourth Annual Community BBQ. This year we went single-use plastic-free!

2015-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

FROM MP IQRA KHALID IN OTTAWA



CHAIR OF WOMEN'S CAUCUS

As the Chair of Women's Caucus, my job has been to advocate on behalf of women and girls from all walks of life. This year we hosted International Women's Day, co-hosted a reception for Women on the Hill, attended many roundtable discussions with Canadians from coast to coast to coast and heard their ideas to push the needle towards progress on equality of opportunity.

We worked with the Minister of Status of Women and Minister of International Development to successfully advocate for boosting our Liberal government's funding commitment to women's organizations in Canada and abroad, as well as to support women-owned businesses through the Women's Entrepreneurship Strategy. We are continuing to advocate for a national childcare plan.

JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Our committee was very active this session as we studied and wrote reports on a number of important issues including: Access to Justice, the Court Challenges Program, Youth Justice, the Decriminalization of HIV/AIDS Non-disclosure, Mental Health Support for Jurors, Bestiality and Animal Rights, Online Hate Groups, Genetic Discrimination, and more.

We travelled across Canada to study domestic human trafficking, working with police and community groups to understand the issue and develop strategies to prevent it.

I also participated in the vetting process for Supreme Court judges and reviewed legislation on behalf of the House of Commons such as Bill C-84 (Bestiality and Animal Rights), Bill C-75 (Youth Justice), and Bill C-78 (Divorce).



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE

In Committee, I have had the honour of meeting and collaborating with Human Rights Defenders who work tirelessly to help people in need around the world. Our studies have informed the decisions of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, as well as Canada's foreign policy and response to international crises. Some of our reports have covered:

The Rohingya Genocide, the Global State of the Free Press, Women Human Rights Defenders, Developing a Strategy to Combat Child Labour, International Human Trafficking Issues, the Persecution of Christian Minorities, and the Human Rights Situations in Syria, Cameroon, Sri Lanka, Iraq, the Uyghurs, the Roma people, and more.



RESPONDING TO THE ROHINGYA GENOCIDE

I worked on a study of the Rohingya Crisis with the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Human Rights and, after consulting with affected residents of our riding, I rose in Parliament and asked our government to call the genocide for what it is and take action. We were successful, and Canada became one of the first nations to officially recognize the genocide and begin directly meeting with leaders in Myanmar to end it.



STANDING UP FOR CANADIAN SENIORS

Working with seniors organizations, I have heard and seen the challenges faced by elderly Canadians. That is why, when a local organization approached me about petitioning the government to create a dedicated Minister, I did not hesitate to give them my full support. The success of that petition led to the appointment of a Minister for Seniors, who has helped our government create new initiatives such as the National Dementia Strategy and laying the foundations for National Pharmacare.



COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In our study of human trafficking, the Committee travelled across Canada, including here in Peel Region, to better understand the issue and what resources police need to combat it. These meetings and ride-alongs with police directly informed our report and will help prevent innocent Canadians from falling victim to this tragic issue.



BRINGING OTTAWA TO YOU

As your Member of Parliament I feel it is my duty to not only bring your voice to Ottawa, but to bring the Ministers in Ottawa to Mississauga-Erin Mills to hear from you directly. Over the last four years we have held town halls and visits with Ministers of Transport, Labour, Women, Immigration, Finance, Public Safety, Heritage, Defence, Innovation, and more.

2015-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

FROM OUR GOVERNMENT

IQRA KHALID, MP

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Delivering a Real Plan to Protect our Environment and Grow our Economy

- ✓ Phasing out coal production and investing in clean energy with a goal of 90% clean energy production by 2030
- ✓ Historic investments into clean technology and public transit projects, creating good jobs and making Canada a world leader in clean technology
- ✓ Lifting 86 long-term drinking water advisories since 2015, on track to lift all by 2021
- ✓ Banning single-use plastics by the year 2021
- ✓ Putting a fair price on pollution and investing that money into community projects as well as giving \$307 back into the pockets of Canadian families through the Climate Action Incentive rebate

Supporting Middle Class Families

- ✓ Cutting taxes for the Middle Class, saving families up to \$2000 annually
- ✓ 3.7 Million families across Canada benefitting from tax-free Canada Child Benefit payments (with a second boost in July 2019)
- ✓ Supporting 40,000+ new affordable childcare spaces across Canada
- ✓ More than doubling the funding for the Canada Summer Jobs Program

A Better Quality of Life for Seniors

- ✓ Enhanced the Guaranteed Income Supplement and Canada Pension Plan
- ✓ Restoring the retirement age to 65
- ✓ Implementing a National Dementia Strategy
- ✓ Boosting funding for the New Horizons for Seniors Program
- ✓ Protecting pension benefits even in cases of corporate insolvency

Laying the Foundation for Pharmacare

- ✓ Establishing the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare
- ✓ Creating the Canada Drug Agency to negotiate lower drug prices and save Canadians \$3 Billion in the long-term
- ✓ Creating a National Formulary in partnership with the provinces
- ✓ Making high-cost drugs for rare diseases more affordable for Canadians

Advancing Gender Equality

- ✓ Historic investments in women's organizations in Canada and abroad
- ✓ Appointing a gender-balanced cabinet and creating a full Department for Women and Gender Equality
- ✓ Mandating equal work for equal pay in federally regulated workplaces
- ✓ Celebrating the life of Viola Desmond and commemorating her on the \$10 bill

Opening up New Markets

- ✓ Building new trade deals and partnerships with countries around the world
- ✓ Negotiating a new NAFTA agreement while protecting Canadian industries
- ✓ Attracting \$51 Billion in Foreign Direct Investment to Canadian businesses
- ✓ Standing by Canadian industries and successfully negotiating the removal of US tariffs

Making Housing More Affordable

- ✓ Establishing Canada's first National Housing Strategy
- ✓ Building over 42,500 affordable housing projects across Canada by 2028
- ✓ Implementing the First-Time Homebuyer's Incentive
- ✓ Establishing a new homelessness strategy and committing \$2.2 Billion to support it

Investing in Canada

- ✓ Over 1 Million new jobs created since 2015, giving Canada our lowest unemployment rate in 43 years
- ✓ Approving over 4000 infrastructure projects across Canada
- ✓ Lifting 57,000 seniors and over 300,000 children out of poverty since 2015
- ✓ Cutting taxes for small businesses from 11% to 9%, the lowest of all G7 countries

And Much More!

MP IQRA KHALID IS WORKING HARD FOR YOU



3000+ Meetings with constituents
2500+ Community events attended



52 Town halls and roundtables hosted
12 Minister visits in our riding



4000+ Constituent cases resolved
10,000+ Doors knocked to connect with residents



Over \$400 Million in Federal investments brought into businesses and organizations in Mississauga-Erin Mills
Thousands of opportunities created in our riding through the Canada Summer Jobs Program



88 Interventions in Parliament
845 Interventions in Committee



55 Studies completed
38 Reports co-authored



953 Votes participated in at the House of Commons
28 Speeches highlighting Mississauga-Erin Mills in the House of Commons



270+ Constituent visits to the Hill
21 Interventions as Chair of the Women's Caucus

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY FEDERAL ISSUE

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EVENTS & UPDATES FROM MISSISSAUGA ERIN MILLS



EID MUBARAK!

After fasting for the Holy Month of Ramadan, Muslims in Canada and around the world celebrated Eid-ul Fitr at the beginning of June. I was excited to return to Mississauga-Erin Mills to celebrate with the Muslim-Canadian community. We were joined by Mississauga trustees and city councillors. In Canada, diversity is one of the foundations of our strength and I am glad to be part of this Liberal government which is committed to supporting our diverse communities.



COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

On June 22, I joined MNN for a tree planting event at their new community centre here in Mississauga-Erin Mills. Trees play a huge role in cleaning the air we breath and in maintaining the ecosystems our biodiversity depends on. It is important for all of us to do our part to preserve and grow our green spaces. That is why, after it was cut by the Ontario government, I am thrilled our Liberal government stepped up to rescue the 50 Million Trees planting program.



SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Graduation is a momentous occasion for high school students as they close one chapter of their life and begin the next. Throughout June I was proud to join many schools across Mississauga-Erin Mills for their graduation ceremonies and to congratulate their students on a hard-earned diploma. It is important for our governments to support education for our youth and ensure they are receiving the very best they can.



4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

The Erin Mills Community BBQ is my annual event to bring together the people of Erin Mills to celebrate the summer. We have had over 12,000 guests attend our barbeques over the last four years. We had fantastic performances from local organizations such as JC Dance troupe and Ace Taekwondo, as well as great food and fun activities. **This year I decided to start a new tradition and make our community event completely free of single-use plastics!**

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATES

It has been a busy year so far for the Mississauga-Erin Mills Women's Council as we organized "Show Me the \$\$\$: A Financial Literacy Seminar" and helped with the Annual Erin Mills Community Barbeque.

Our Women's Council was formed by MP Iqra Khalid to give a platform to women in our wonderful riding and advise on the unique challenges we face. We were the first women's council created by a Member of Parliament and in the two years since we have seen more MPs following MP Khalid's lead to create their own. It has been an exciting two years and the council looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Mississauga-Erin Mills.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATES

The Mississauga-Erin Mills Youth Council was formed under the guidance of MP Iqra Khalid as a way to reach out to youth in the vibrant Mississauga-Erin Mills Community. Over the past few years, the talented Youth Council has worked hard to inspire young Canadians to become actively involved in their communities. We have held seminars on mental health, financial literacy, academic transition, and also held regular community park clean-ups!

The Mississauga-Erin Mills Youth Council looks forward to give back to our community and addressing the needs of young people in our riding. To learn more about the Council's latest activities you can follow us on social media!