

THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS

Summer 2022 Edition



LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. On my end, I have been working hard alongside our federal government to support residents in Mississauga-Erin Mills and address the challenges our community is facing. You've told me about your struggles with affordability, housing, inflation, labour shortages, delays with passports and immigration applications, and more. I've been listening, and actively conveying your messages to our government and Parliament.

This spring, our government unveiled Budget 2022 and I am excited to share that we are delivering on the priorities you told me matter most to Mississauga-Erin Mills. We will give everyone a fair shot to own a home by cracking down on predatory practices in the housing market and building thousands more new units. We will also ensure that wealthy corporations that profited during the pandemic pay their fair share and re-invest in social programs like dental care for all and the Canada Disability Benefit. From building more clean energy projects to investing to improve services at federal agencies, we are focussed on building a better quality of life for everyone.

Thank you for placing your trust in me to represent our wonderful riding. Since 2015, we've made a lot of progress together and successfully advocated for childcare, seniors, and more. I've risen in the House to speak about the issues that matter to you and I commit to continue to be a strong advocate for our diverse communities as your Member of Parliament.

Finally, I am delighted to share that my annual community barbeque is back this summer! My team and I are working hard to make this the best one yet so I look forward to seeing you on July 30th at the Erin Meadows Community Centre.

Stay in touch, and I look forward to seeing you out in the neighbourhood this summer!

Sincerely,

Iqra Khalid
Member of Parliament
Mississauga-Erin Mills

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**ARE YOU
ELIGIBLE?***

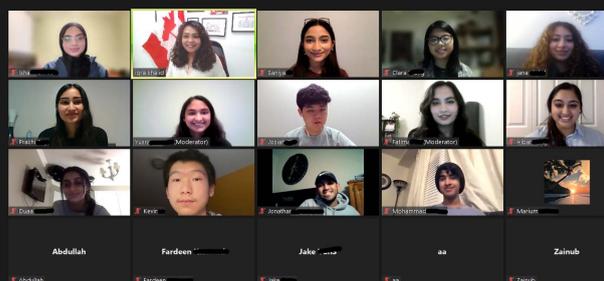
If you want to know what funding is available, ask me for details at iqra.khalid@parl.gc.ca
*This is an information only service reserved for Mississauga-Erin Mills residents and not a commitment to obtain grants for organizations

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EVENTS & UPDATES FROM MISSISSAUGA ERIN MILLS



The Next Big Step for Students

As our students plan for University, the Mississauga-Erin Mills Youth Council partnered with The Next Big Step to provide local youth the opportunity to connect with post-secondary students from across disciplines. A great opportunity to learn more about university life and how to access the many grants and incentives available for students from the Government of Canada.



Coldest Night of the Year 2022

On February 26th, the Erin Mills Women's Council bundled up to participate in the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise awareness and funds for hunger and homelessness in our community. After a difficult two years, I'm glad we could do our part to help them serve our neighbours in need. Thank you to everyone who participated, and to the generous community members who helped us raise funds for Armagh House.



Childcare in Peel Info-session

Our \$10/day childcare plan is finally coming to Ontario! On April 2nd, the Erin Mills Women's Council organized an information session for families to learn more about local childcare services. We brought Hon. Karina Gould, Minister for Families, and representatives from Peel Region and the YMCA to answer your questions. Through Budget 2022, we will build on our plan and invest in new childcare facilities across Canada.



Celebrations across Erin Mills

In April, residents in Erin Mills celebrated Easter, Passover, Eid, and more holidays with friends, family and community. It is an honour to represent our diverse riding, and our government knows that everyone, no matter their faith or background, deserves to feel safe in our neighbourhoods. That's why we are renewing the Anti-Racism Strategy and developing a new Action Plan on Combatting Hate.



Speaking with Seniors at Ivan Franko

On April 19th, we brought the Hon. Mark Holland to visit with seniors living at Ivan Franko Homes in Mississauga-Erin Mills. It was great to see everyone again after a tough two years. I am glad that our federal government is supporting these services across Canada with funding from programs like Canada Summer Jobs and the Safe Longterm Care Fund.



Cleantech Innovations at PetroSep

On April 20th, Minister Bill Blair joined me for a visit to Petro Sep Corp in Mississauga-Erin Mills to learn about their membrane technology that is reducing waste and promoting sustainability around the world. Through Budget 2022, our government is making generational investments to continue building a cleaner, more sustainable future and innovations like these will play a pivotal role.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATES

The Mississauga Erin Mills Women's Council, a group of 15 women from the Erin Mills area, of diverse backgrounds and life stages under the leadership of MP Iqra Khalid.

The Council's vision is to amplify the voices of women for leadership and change by providing them with access to information and encouraging active participation within the community. This year, our mission is to focus on the following areas of concern respectively, mental wellness, and economic growth.

Our first two events this year were "Empowerment: Rise Up for Self Worth" Panel discussion with Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Minister Marci Ien, and MP Adam van Koevorden in February; and a Childcare information session with Minister Karina Gould, YMCA GTA, and Region of Peel in April. We are busy planning our next events this summer so look out for updates!

We would also like to invite the women of Mississauga Erin Mills to contact us via our social media channels with any questions, comments or concerns.

-Suzanne Van Sligtenhorst, Chair



YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATES



The Mississauga-Erin Mills Youth Council strives to tackle some of the most prominent challenges and concerns that youth face within our community. Through our three subcommittees: Breaking Barriers, Education Plus, and Mental Health, we have organized events to help

youth in our riding identify intersectional obstacles they face and develop ways to address them.

This year, our focus has been on inclusive initiatives that respond to the needs of residents today. We believe that youth can not just lead the next generation, they can also support our elders and better our communities!

Looking ahead, our youth council is excited to host more local events and workshops to engage and collaborate with the riding and its residents.

Don't forget to follow us on our socials to stay up-to-date with the latest Mississauga Erin Mills Youth Council initiatives!

-Hibah Siraj, Chair

Diplomatic Mission to South Asia

In April, I was honoured to join Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Melanie Joly, for a diplomatic mission to South Asia.

We travelled to Jakarta, Indonesia and Hanoi, Vietnam to meet with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Foreign Affairs Ministers, and the Prime Minister of Vietnam to continue building a strong relationship between our nations. We also spoke with human rights workers and met with farmers and representatives from numerous industries. It was an productive trip and one that will help us continue to build Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and open up new markets for Canadian products.



Honouring a Local Trailblazer

On International Women's Day, as we celebrated women who broke barriers, I rose in the House of Commons to recognize Marian Coveny. She was a trailblazing hockey player, captain, and teacher at Loyola Catholic School. She was a fierce competitor who led Team Canada to victory in the first-ever Women's World Hockey Tournament in 1987. I rose to speak about her incredible contributions to Canada, her passing, and her enduring legacy in our community.



Housing Affordability

Housing affordability was already an issue when our government was elected in 2015, which is why we brought forward a National Housing Strategy that has already built and repaired over 174,500 housing units. We know that there is still more work to be done, and that is what we successfully advocated for in Budget 2022. In May, I rose in the House to highlight our progress, the next steps in our plan to tackle predatory real estate practices, and to call on the provinces to come to the table and do their part.



Indigenous Reconciliation

One year ago, many Canadians across the country realized how little we truly understood about the harm caused to Indigenous peoples of this land. Our government has made significant progress in fulfilling the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, and there is still much more work to be done. I rose in the House to talk about creating a spaces for all types of Indigenous stories to be told, and the importance of reconciliation for all generations of Canadians.



Committee Updates

This term, I am honoured to serve as Vice-Chair on the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI), where we are studying important issues such as facial recognition technology and the privacy of Canadians. I will also be continuing my role as a member of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP). There is a lot of important work ahead and I look forward to sharing updates as we proceed.



The Erin Mills BBQ is BACK in 2022!

Date: Saturday, July 30th, 2022

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

**NEW Location: Erin Meadows Community Centre,
2800 Erin Centre Blvd**

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