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THE ERIN MILLS QUARTERLY

Summer 2023 Edition



LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I hope you and your loved ones have had a great start to the year. As the weather warms and schools close for the summer, I have spent time meeting with you and taking your feedback to Ottawa.

So far this year, I have attended over 70 events, hosted 2 open houses, and met with hundreds of constituents to hear your concerns. In Ottawa, I have intervened in 20 debates and made 91 statements in the House of Commons and committees.

As I write this letter, we are working hard to pass our budget bill C-47 before the summer. This bill includes much-needed support that I know many residents in Mississauga-Erin Mills are counting on. To help make life more affordable, we are delivering a new grocery rebate, cracking down on excessive baggage fees and other junk fees, and delivering dental care for Canadians with an income of \$90,000 or less by the end of 2023. To continue supporting small business owners, we have reached a deal with credit card companies to lower their transaction fees by 25% without impacting your reward points. We are also putting \$198.6 billion in new healthcare spending on the table to reduce wait times, increase access to family doctors, and provide better working conditions for healthcare workers and personal support workers. This budget is our Made-in-Canada plan to invest in affordability, support Canadians, and build a stronger and cleaner economy for everyone.

Also, I invite you to join me this summer for my sixth annual community barbeque! My team and I are excited to make this the best yet, so mark your calendar for July 15th, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at the Erin Meadows Community Centre.

Thank you, once again, for placing your trust in me to be your voice in parliament. I hope to continue hearing from you as we advocate for the priorities that matter most to Mississauga-Erin Mills.

Sincerely,

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Mississauga-Erin Mills

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EVENTS & FROM MISSISSAUGA UPDATES ERIN MILLS



All-Nations Pow-wow

In April, I attended the first All-Nations Pow-wow hosted by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Indigenous Learning Centre at University of Toronto in Mississauga. It was a beautiful demonstration of some of the traditions and culture of the Indigenous peoples of this land. As Canadians, it is important for us to take these opportunities to educate ourselves as we continue to commit ourselves to the journey of reconciliation.



Investing in Crime Prevention

At the Churchill Meadows Community Centre, the Minister for Public Safety and I announced Canada is investing \$8.1 million for safety projects in our community. Many constituents are concerned about increasing crime, and this announcement is a direct response to your advocacy. These funds will support projects that empower our communities to prevent crime from happening and give at risk youth real opportunities to choose better, more positive lives.



Welcoming new Canadian citizens

It was wonderful to join new Canadians as they took their oath of citizenship this spring. After the challenges of the pandemic, Canada welcomed 217,000 new citizens and reduced the IRCC backlogs by nearly 50% over 2021/22. As your Member of Parliament, I have helped over 200 families resolve IRCC-related cases since the beginning of this year. I will continue advocating for federal investment in a stronger and more effective immigration system.



Meeting with women's shelters

In May, I brought together women Members of Parliament from across Canada for an important round table discussion with women's shelters in the Peel and Halton Area. Through our National Housing strategy, we have committed \$10.44 billion to construct and repair housing for vulnerable women. We must continue listening to these organizations so that our government can respond to their needs and continue supporting our neighbours in need.



Building a more inclusive society

We know that Canada is home to peoples from all across the world, which is why we continue working to build a society where everyone feels safe and included. After years of advocacy, I was proud to join community members this January to announce Canada's first Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia, Amira Elghawaby, who will bring a key voice to federal policymaking.



Investing in Cleantech in Erin Mills

Stomcore Energy in Erin Mills develops battery innovations for zero-emission manufacturing technologies. Canada's Minister for FedDev Ontario and I announced a \$4.8 million investment to help the Stomcore team scale up production and develop new technologies, including an AI-powered energy-efficient charger and a Zero-Emission forklift that will benefit industries across Canada as we transition to a cleaner economy.

EVENTS WITH YOU

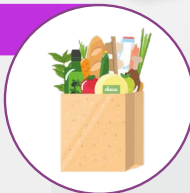


TOP ROW: Armagh House Coldest Night of the Year, Wellbrook place construction site, visiting UTM Medical school, a community meeting with CPA delegates, Standardbred Canada O'Brien Awards, Easter at the Canadian Coptic Centre
MIDDLE ROW Chinese New Year at Fu Guang Shen temple, UETAC Alumni dinner, Eid-ul Fitr celebrations in Mississauga
BOTTOM ROW: Science Meets Parliament reception, Canadian Samaritans for Africa event, Canada Seniors Forum seminar, Carassauga Portuguese Pavillion, Eden Food Bank donation drive, Thai Pongal with the Mississauga Tamil Association

23 BUDGET ITEMS FOR MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS

1. Making life more affordable

- **A new, targeted grocery rebate** of up to \$234 for individuals and \$467 for couples, which will be **delivered as early as July 5th, 2023!**
- **Crack down on hidden 'junk fees,'** such as higher roaming charges, event and concert fees, excessive baggage fees and more.
- **Reduce credit card transaction fees** for small businesses without impacting rewards for consumers.



2. Improving public healthcare services

We are delivering **\$198.6B** in new healthcare funding to improve public services across Canada by:

- **Reducing surgery backlogs and wait times.**
- **Relieving pressures in emergency rooms and children's hospitals.**
- **Increasing access to family doctors, nurse practitioners, and mental health care.**
- **Improving conditions for healthcare workers and personal support workers.**
- **Ensuring that provinces spend these taxpayer dollars on public services.**



3. Enhancing financial assistance for students

We will provide post-secondary students with **up to \$14,400** in enhanced **Canada Student Financial Assistance** for the upcoming school year:

- **Waiving interest on federal student loans** (Started on April 1st, 2023).
- **Increasing Canada Student Grants by 40%** to provide up to \$4200 for full-time students.
- **Raising the interest-free student loan limit** from \$210 to \$300 per week of study.
- **Removing the requirement for mature students to undergo credit screening** to qualify for first-time federal student grants and loans.
- **Increasing Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) withdrawal limits** from \$5000 to \$8000 for full-time students, and from \$2500 to \$4000 for part-time.



4. Accelerating clean tech and energy projects

- **Expanding Canadian offshore wind and other key clean energy projects** (\$3 billion over 13 years).
- **Extending low tax rates** for zero-emission tech manufacturers.
- **Incentivizing growth in Canadian clean manufacturing and energy projects** through new investment tax credits of up to 40%.
- **Investing in clean tech and critical minerals projects** (\$500 million over 10 years).



HIGHLIGHTS

- Covering dental costs for Canadians with an income under \$90,000 starting by the end of 2023
- Countering foreign interference and protecting communities at risk (\$62.3 million)
- Supporting organizations serving Canadians with disabilities (\$10 million)
- Improving veterans' services (\$156.7 million)
- Doubling the tradesperson tool reduction from \$500 to \$1000
- Enhancing food security for rural and Indigenous communities (\$10 million)
- Supporting farmers and reducing reliance on imported fertilizers (\$34.1 million)
- Protecting Canada's whales and other species at-risk across Canada (\$184 million)
- Combatting hate through our National Anti-Racism Strategy (\$25.4 million)
- Funding improved security measures for religious and community centres (\$49.5 million)
- Building a safer and more accountable sports system (\$13.8 million over 3 years)
- Funding local events and projects to support our tourism sector (\$108 million)
- Strengthening Canada's supply chains and trade corridors (\$52.2 million)
- Improving access to justice for wrongful convictions (\$83.9 million)
- Establishing a dedicated agency to protect Canadians from financial crimes (\$2 million)
- Upgrading facilities for Joint Task Force 2, Canada's elite counter-terrorism unit (\$1.4 billion)
- Advancing space science innovations for farming, health, aerospace, and more sectors (\$1.1 billion)
- Enhancing federal disaster response (\$48.1 million)
- Accelerating biometrics for citizenship applications to reduce processing times (\$10 million)

See the full plan at budget.gc.ca/2023

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UPDATES FROM

OTTAWA



Welcoming President Biden

In March, President Joe Biden visited Canada to meet with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Canadian officials. Our two countries have a long-standing relationship tied by families, commerce, culture, and friendship. We reaffirmed our historic alliance, steadfast friendship, and commitment to overcome the daunting challenges of today, from inflation to climate change and a cleaner economy, to realize the full potential of our relationship.



Introducing the Artemis II crew

Humanity is going back to the moon! In April, I joined Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry at NASA headquarters in Houston, Texas to announce Jeremy Hansen will be the first Canadian astronaut to journey to the moon's surface. Since 2015, our investments in this sector have driven innovations in agriculture, robotics, and even how we treat patients with breast cancer. That is why our federal budget will continue to invest \$1.5 billion in space science.



Advocating for small business

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we have a vibrant community of entrepreneurs right here in Mississauga-Erin Mills. That's why I advocated for wage and rent subsidies during the pandemic and continue supporting business-owners during our recovery. In May, I rose in the House to ask Canada's Minister for Tourism and Associate Minister of Finance about our government's commitment through Budget 2023 to cut credit card swipe fees for small businesses.



Representing Canada

This spring, I represented Canada at the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association seminar in the United Kingdom. I joined representatives from around the world to discuss important issues such as building greater public trust in democratic institutions and working towards sustainable development. These meetings were an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and build stronger relationships with Canada's international partners.

MY PARLIAMENTARY ROLES IN 2023

- Vice Chair** - Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics (ETHI)
- Member** - National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP)
- Substitute Member** - Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)

JANUARY - JUNE 2023: BY THE NUMBERS

71	8	21	103
Interventions in Committee	Studies in Committee	Interventions in Parliament	Votes in Parliament

*As of June 1st, 2023

YOU'RE INVITED TO MY SIXTH ANNUAL



Enjoy free food • Ice cream • Live performances
Meet and greet with my team!

SATURDAY JULY 15TH

1:00pm-4:00pm

Erin Meadows Community Centre
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