

HON. **JUDY SGRO**  2024 IOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBRE DES COM<u>MUNES</u> CANADA

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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

#### Dear residents,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. As July quickly nears, the 157th birthday of our blessed country, Canada approaches! This marks 157 years of trials and triumphs for Canadians, both young and old, from various backgrounds. Thus, it is a time of fun, cheer, and celebration for many across our nation. It is important, however, to acknowledge that not all my constituents can comfortably focus on any Canada Day festivities.

Many have voiced their concerns and vulnerabilities over rising safety risks in Humber River-Black Creek. I want to assure you that our office has been actively communicating and meeting with the appropriate departments and authorities.

We have expressed our urgent need for additional support and a coordinated response to address the critical issues. We recognize the efforts of 31 Division, whose commitment and proactive communication have been invaluable in helping our constituents with their concerns.

Our office will continue to advocate on behalf of the community and push for meaningful action to restore safety and stability. We are committed to ongoing communication with city officials and will keep you informed of any developments.

Your concerns and well-being are our top priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any additional issues or suggestions.

Happy Canada Day!



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## TOP CONCERNS IN THE RIDING THIS MONTH

### **Community Safety**

#### A) Auto Theft

- Increased car theft cases being reported in our community.
- Please see next page for further information.

#### **B) Gun Violence**

- Increased gun-related offences in the city.
- Bill C-21 received Royal Assent on December 15th, 2023, and includes some of the strongest gun control laws in a generation.

#### C) Increased Illegal Activities (Drug Use, Solicitation. Vandalism, Indecent **Behaviour**)

- Increasing concerns in relation to the 1677 Wilson shelter which has had a detrimental impact on nearby residents.
- Continuing to advocate on behalf of the community and push for meaningful action to restore safety and stability.

Upcoming Benefit Payments	
GST	July 5th
Ontario Trillium Benefit	July 10th
Advanced Canada Workers Bene-	July 12th
Canada Carbon Rebate	July 15th
Canada Child Benefit	July 19th
Canada Pension Plan	July 29th
Old Age Security	July 29th
Veteran Disability Pension	July 30th

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# CANADA'S PLAN ON COMBATTING AUTO THEFT

Serious and organized crime (e.g. drug trafficking, driving under the influence of drugs, financial crimes, illicit tobacco activities, human trafficking, child sexual exploitation on the internet) pose significant threats to the health and safety of Canadians.

### The National Action Plan on

**Combatting Auto Theft** is a robust

plan to *dismantle, disrupt*, and *prosecute* organized crime groups that are involved. Builds on the government's existing strategy to combat auto theft. Involves



collaboration between municipal, territorial, and provincial

# **FEDERAL UPDATES:**

### Mental Health

The **illegal drug supply** has resulted in the **overdose crisis**, one of the most serious health threats to Canada in recent history. To combat this crisis, there must be consistent and intentional support across prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and enforcement.

#### Statistics (Jan to Sept 2023 in Canada):

**5,975** opioid toxicity deaths. **22** per day. (**8%** higher than same period in 2022)

**21,708** opioid-related poisoning emergency department (ED) visits. **80** ED visits per day. (**14%** higher than same period in 2022)



Thrilled to have joined YAAACE at YorkU to recognize National Day Against Gun Violence! *government leaders, law enforcement,* and *industry leaders*. The government of Canada will work alongside integral partners to stop the *stealing, moving*, and *porting stolen cars*. Committed to the recovery of stolen vehicles.

On **June 16th**, the Honourable Dominic Leblanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions, and Intergovernmental Affairs, announced deploying and installing a mobile *X-ray scanner* in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). This technology will help increase the surveillance of containers in Ontario.

This major initiative is being implemented as part of the **National Action Plan Combatting Auto Theft**.

### Capital Gains—What to Know

- Capital gains = profits made from selling an investment—stocks, business shares, or real estate.
- For individuals with over \$250k in yearly capital gain, the inclusion rate for capital gains is increasing from 50% to 66.7%.
- This increase in inclusion rates is just-nothing new will be taxed.
- This is to improve the fairness of tax system—and fairness is what Budget 2024 is all about.

### Will This Impact Me?

- Have you properly sold your second property for over \$250k? Only the sale of your second property is subject to 66.7% inclusion rate.
- Have you Incorporated? All capital gains are subject to 66.7% inclusion rate.
- Are you an Entrepreneur? Learn about the Canadian Entrepreneurs' Incentive—up to \$2 million in capital gains can be eligible for 33.3% inclusion rate.

#### Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses

- This will urgently return proceeds to 600,000 businesses, with 499 or fewer employees (provinces where federal backstop applies)
- Applies to proceeds from price on pollution between the periods of 2019 to 2024.
- Businesses must have filled their income taxes.
- **2.5 Billion** would be directed to small and medium-sized business.

# Do You Need Support?

FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT: If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 9-1-1.

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about suicide, call or text 9-8-8. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Here24/7: 1 (844) 347-3247 Kids Help Phone: 1(800) 668-6868 Hope for Welness