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Winter Update

FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



Last month, I had my official swearing in as a Member of Parliament in the 44th Parliament. I want to thank you, the people of Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge, for once again putting your trust in me as your MP. It is an honour to once again represent you in Ottawa and bring your concerns to Parliament. I spoke with many of you on your doorsteps over the summer and heard of the issues that are important to you and your families. I have been advocating on your behalf for many issues in the House of Commons since sittings resumed.

This holiday season has been difficult for many as we have been seeing terrible flooding across our province. Many people have been displaced from their homes, have been trapped in their vehicles for days, or have lost everything they own, some even losing their very lives. In the midst of these horrible times, there have been many stories of hope, of neighbors stepping up to help one another; restaurants and universities providing supplies and food to those in need; students making trips for the elderly and those who cannot leave their houses; people across the region simply just being there for each other. This is what Canada is all about. This is what community looks like.

I also want to take a moment to honour our men and women in uniform who have served and continue to serve our country —at home and abroad. Last month, I visited 102-year-old Fred Moritz (and Karen) who flew 50 missions over enemy territory during WW2. In 1943, King George VI awarded Fred a medal of bravery at Buckingham Palace. Fred saved his air crew by shooting down a Nazi fighter after pulling out a wounded gunner. As we reflected in November on Remembrance Day, it's people like Fred who we honour and recognize.



Another story of hope comes to mind as I had met recently with Ghazal and Raham who came to my office to thank me for helping them escape from Afghanistan. They told me that they were **the last people on the last plane back to Canada** before the Taliban took control. The airport was bombed hours later. Ghazel who is Canadian and is 7 months pregnant was overjoyed to be safely back in our country. It's stories like these and so many others that greatly encourage me in my role as MP.

My wish for you and your family this holiday season and for 2022 is good health, joy and peace. Also, watch for your Christmas card! Due to the flooding, it will be arriving a bit later than planned.

-Marc



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OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



I attended a ceremony in honour of Korean War Veterans Day. We remember the sacrifice paid by South Korean, Canadian and other Allied forces as they fought back the Communist Chinese and North Korean invasion not that many years ago.



With Ardeshir & Russ of Meadows Cleaners. COVID was really tough on their business but their relocation to Westridge Mall has been very good for them.



Poppy tagging in front of Save On. Standing next to Wendy whose husband is a Veteran.



I was very pleased to meet in my office with Mimi Sadr, Bita Zolfaghari, Masood Masjoody & Mehdi Deris Zadeh. We talked about the protests in Khuzestan for water and the shooting down of Flight 752 by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. The Ontario Superior Court ruled the shooting as an Intentional act of terror.

Congratulations to Pitt Meadows on establishing an autonomous RCMP detachment!



Visited Kent Maximum Security Prison. Thank you to all the Correction Officers at provincial and federal sites. You do a very Important job under demanding circumstances.



Happy to give TELUS new children's backpacks with the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. Great to support such an important & needed initiative. With Amelia Norrie & Mark Stuart



I attended the Seniors Network premiere: **Emergency Preparedness: What Everyone Needs to Know**, made possible through a federal New Horizon's for Seniors grant. Lots of work and community collaboration! I'm seen here with Dan and Corey Van't Haaff.



Spoke at the first National Truth and Reconciliation event. Hundreds in attendance!



Lending a hand at the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you to all who generously contributed!



Met Peter Short at the Bottle Return Depot. He told me the story of his daughter Kira's hard-fought battle with cancer, and how the community donates their empties in her honour to help raise funds for other families who are fighting cancer.