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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

I hear every day from families here in Pitt Meadows- Maple Ridge about the issues affecting them. I'm glad to be able to work on and address important local, national and international concerns as your Member of Parliament. It could be about inflation and the cost of living, mandates, the frustration around getting passports, crime. It's been good meeting many of you over the summer at events and in the community.

Recently I attended a Seniors Coffee event in Maple Ridge called **'Senior's Coffee & Connect.'** It takes place the first Thursday of the month from 10:30am til 11:30am at the **Home Restaurant**, 21667 Lougheed Highway. These events include coffee or tea and toast at no charge and give seniors in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge a chance to meet new friends, have some informal conversation and receive information on great resources and programs available in the community. More information is available at www.seniors-network.ca or by calling 778-987-8294.



I also attended the founding **Men's Shed** meeting in Maple Ridge. Men's Shed is a great concept and organization for senior men to connect, build community projects, have a breakfast, have fun and be more active. Men are known to be more solitary - and in the retirement years this isolation can lead to depression and mental health challenges. I commend the Seniors Network for moving this valuable initiative forward. And I was glad to announce to them a while back a \$25,000 federal grant to assist.

As always, my office is here to assist you with your federal matters and your concerns. I hope you have an enjoyable remainder of the summer.

-Marc Dalton

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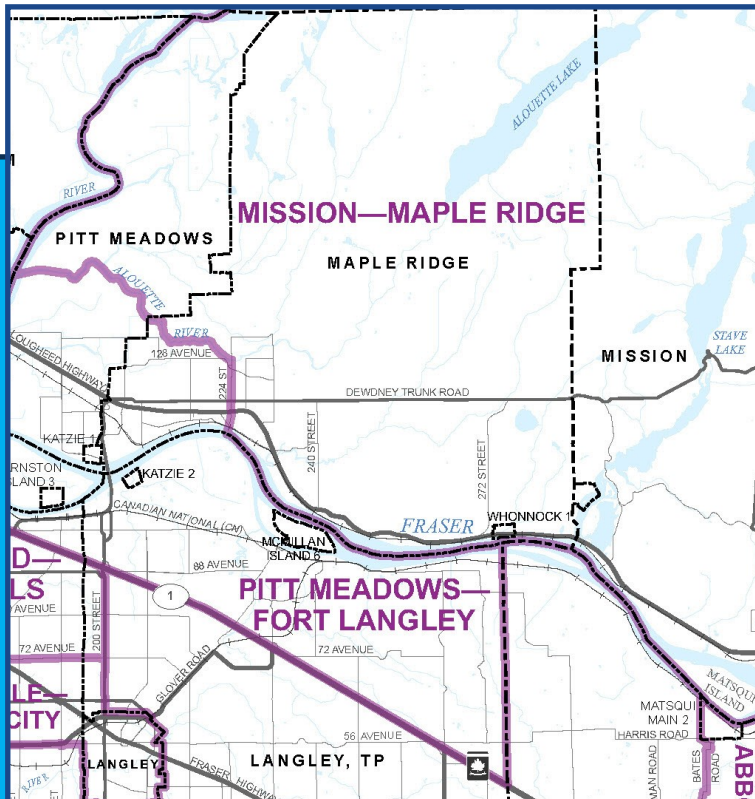
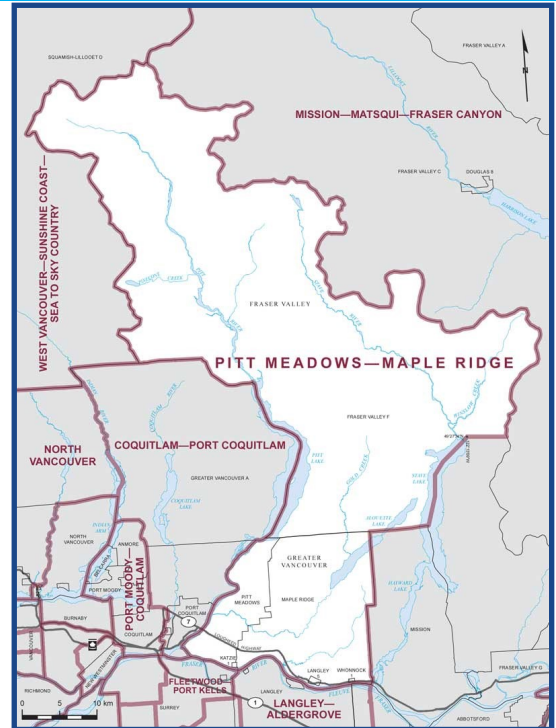
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO RIDING BOUNDARIES

According to our Constitution, every ten years the seats in the House of Commons are to be redistributed to reflect changes in population growth. This is done in conjunction with the Census.

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for B.C. has presented proposals for riding revisions, and as you can see in the maps of our riding included here, they are proposing that the reconfiguration of Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge to incorporate an area south of the Fraser River and to extend into the Coquitlam area. They recommend that this electoral district, newly configured, be named Pitt Meadows—Fort Langley.



From Surrey to the eastern margin of the Fraser Valley, the population has continued to explode. In response, they are proposing considerable changes to existing boundaries. In proposing these changes, they have used the Fraser River, key roads and municipal boundaries to the extent possible to respect the historical patterns and communities of interest. The proposal for this region is detailed and is interlocking, as are the communities affected.

In particular, they are proposing to reconfigure Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon to extend from the Agassiz area to Maple Ridge, bringing it entirely north of the Fraser River, and to rename it Mission—Maple Ridge to reflect its geography. This will give Maple Ridge two electoral districts.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Commission is required to take public opinion into account, so each riding proposal will be discussed at a meeting within travelling distance of the riding it concerns. You are welcome to attend and give your feedback.

The meeting to discuss the changes in our riding is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**, at the **Meadow Gardens Golf Club**, 9675 Meadow Gardens Way in **Pitt Meadows**.

If you would like to offer your perspective at this meeting, **register to attend by filling out a Public Hearing Notice form**. You can find this form at marcdaltonmp.com

If you are unable to attend in person you can email your input to this address:

BC-CB@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

ISSUES WITH THE ARRIVECAN APP

The ArriveCAN App has been a significant hinderance for many people and has frustrated their travel plans. Experts have been clear, it does nothing for public safety. Worse yet, my office has heard from constituents in their 70's and 80's having received large fines because they are not comfortable with the technology.

One couple who reached out to my office told us they were fined \$14,000 at the border last month for not having the ArriveCAN App and disclosing personal medical information. These are seniors on pensions who are being treated like lesser Canadian citizens because of issues with this terrible app.

I want to assure you that I will continue to fight for the removal of ArriveCAN, among other travel restrictions, so that Canadians can get back to living their lives.

Have your travel plans been negatively affected by the ArriveCAN App?
Please send your experience to me at marc.dalton@parl.gc.ca



UKRAINIAN REFUGEES



In July, a flight bringing 230 Ukrainian displaced people, mainly women and children fleeing their war-torn country, landed in Regina.

This flight and other potential flights were being blocked by the Liberal government. I brought this up during Question Period in Parliament. The very next day, we were so happy to hear that permission was granted.

Thanks to the Saskatchewan government and non-profit organizations for stepping up to the plate.

We are hoping to see a flight come to BC bringing refugees here and humanitarian aid back. Federal and provincial help has been sadly quite limited in British Columbia.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Thanks to the Vancouver Police Department & to the Surrey Police for the informative briefings on gangs and crime in the region.

There are some disturbing trends, including gangs recruiting at elementary ages, doing it through Snap-Chat and other social media, Ghost Guns being increasingly made with 3-D printers . . . These are homemade and not licensed. The Liberals new hand gun ban is targeting law-abiding firearms owners and not criminals.

They expressed the need to focus much more on youth in preventative and diversion work. I have heard from many of my constituents and seen how Important safety in our community is to you and your families.

I was happy to join Conservative MP (& Public Safety Shadow Minister) Raquel Dancho, MP Tako Van Popta and MP Kerry-Lynn Findlay in these discussions.



OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



At the Abbotsford Air Show talking with Captain John Jacob from Maple Ridge.
Thank you for your service, Captain!



Thanks John Brassard, MP for Barrie-Innisfil for speaking at our AGM. Attendees were very concerned with the direction the current Liberal government has taken us and are eager for a change.



Lots of fun watching Emerald Pig Theatrical Society's rendition of 'As You Like It' by William Shakespeare. My wife, Marlene, and I attended a showing in Pitt Meadows.



Canada Day in Pitt Meadows & Maple Ridge was a huge success — was happy to be a part of the celebrations in our communities.

Saw many smiling faces!



Was glad to join The Walk For Alzheimer in PMMR. 1/2 million Canadians suffer with dementia. Goal of walk is to promote awareness of dementia and raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society of B.C.



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