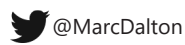




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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Resident,

Parliament is back in full gear and most of my time is now spent in Ottawa representing you. That said, since the end of last year, I've been engaged with in our community and region meeting with groups, individuals, and businesses. It was nice seeing many of you at my office open house in December and those of you who made it to my February 23rd Meet and Greet/Town Hall at the Maple Ridge library.

When I talk with you at events like these or when you return survey cards such as the one in this

mailer, it helps me to have a better pulse of the needs and desires of the community. This helps me in Ottawa when I speak on your behalf. Many of you contacted my office concerning the Liberal ban on hunting rifles. I'm glad to say that the government has, at least temporarily, backed down on this due to public pressure. Again due to push back from Canadians and mental health experts, they have also placed a one year moratorium on extending MAID to those having mental health challenges and to minors.

In your service,

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FRESH GREEN FARMS

I had a fascinating tour of an innovative, high tech agribusiness in Pitt Meadows. **Fresh Green Farms** in partnership with OPPY are about to begin production locally that could meet all of BC's mixed lettuce needs in a one acre multi-million dollar facility. Currently lettuce is imported from Mexico and the US. It uses 99% less fresh water and land. **No pesticides are used.** There is fully automated seeding, harvesting and packaging - meaning no human contact. Plus, shelf life is 5 to 6 weeks in airtight bags! Watch for them in a B.C. grocery store near you. There are plans to expand across the nation. Congratulations to Bahram and Shamran Rashti, owners and innovators, of this amazing agricultural venture.



MORE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE AWARDS



Congratulations to Gay Conn, Parker Kaumi, Don Mitchell, Ahmed Yousef, Nicole McDonald, Ron Antalek, Ena D'Ambumenil, Doug Stranger, Rob Williams, and Mike Morden!



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Gung hay fat choy! saehae bok mani badeuseyo! Happy Lunar New Year! I enjoyed celebrating festivities around the Vancouver area including the parade in Chinatown - first one since the pandemic. Chinese, Korean, and East Asian communities all ring in the lunar new year in great fashion.



KURI MUNDEY DI LOHRI

I attended an awesome Lohri celebration with bonfires and songs to celebrate the winter solstice, the newlyweds and the newborns. Lohri, one of the most popular festivals of north India is just around the corner. Celebrated primarily by Sikhs and Hindus, the festival marks the end of the winter solstice and harvesting of the rabi crops.



STATEMENT CALLING ON THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO RELEASE PROTESTORS FACING EXECUTION



Tens of thousands of Iranians have been arrested by the Islamic Republic of Iran, many whom have been brutally tortured. In December, I was approached by constituents from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and other Iranian Canadians. They requested that I politically sponsor several Iranian prisoners who were sentenced to be executed for their resistance to Iran's repressive regime. I agreed to do so for Saeid Yaghoubi, Ebrahim Riggi, Abolfazl Mehri Hossein Hajiloo, and Soheyla Hejab. I have taken this step to support these political prisoners in that while the Islamic Republic seems not to care what the world thinks, they are nevertheless conscious of how the world reacts to their cruel behaviour. Many Iranian dissidents are youth and women who want to be able to uncover their heads. I call on the Islamic Republic of Iran to allow these four Iranian citizens to receive legal representation, to not subject them to a sham trial, to refrain from torturing them, and to release them from captivity.

FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL CANADIANS



Had a meeting with Pierre Poilievre the Leader of the Official Opposition. We discussed the challenges that many British Columbians are facing under the current Liberal government including skyrocketing inflation, climbing interest rates, increased crime.

BILL C-21: LIBERALS BACKDOWN

For months, the Liberals have denied what we always knew – they want to ban hunting rifles. Despite their denials, they have now back-pedaled and temporarily paused their attack on law-abiding Canadians. But there is no doubt that Trudeau will ban hunting rifles if they can.

RANK THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU

1 being the lowest 5 being the highest

1. Ethics.....	1	2	3	4	5
2. Firearms.....	1	2	3	4	5
3. Cost of Living.....	1	2	3	4	5
4. Health Care.....	1	2	3	4	5
5. Housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
6. Jobs / Economy.....	1	2	3	4	5
7. Personal Freedoms.....	1	2	3	4	5
8. Climate Change.....	1	2	3	4	5
9. Public Safety.....	1	2	3	4	5
10. Opioids Crisis.....	1	2	3	4	5
11. Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

HEAT AND FROST INSULATORS & ALLIED WORKERS TRAINING CENTRE

This January, I joined Pierre Poilievre on a tour of the Heat & Frost Training Center in its new Port Coquitlam location. This trade employs hundreds of jobs in BC and 7000 workers in Canada.



(Pictured with Neil Munro,, Maple Ridge resident & business agent and students).

END OF YEAR OPEN HOUSE



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