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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Dear Neighbour,

With Autumn upon us, students are now back to school. There's usually a buzz of excitement as classes begin. For nearly three decades, I was a teacher in Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge at both the secondary and elementary levels. I applaud all the teachers and staff who work hard to instruct our youth and make education interesting. It is very rewarding work, but it can also be very demanding.

Did you know that the average bill for back-to-school shopping in Canada is \$700 per student?

Numbers released by Deloitte indicate the cost of school supplies has increased 24% in the last 2 years.

StatsCan expects the biggest price shock to parents will be the increased cost of lunch box staples. Bread, rolls, and buns are up 8.1%. Apples are up 7.8% this year. Cookies and crackers are up 12.4%.

This extra stress placed on the family budget means families are cutting back on extracurriculars and vacations. According to Capital One, 45% of Canadian households making less than \$60,000 a year are foregoing essential items and 14% of Canadians anticipate they will have to go into debt just to pay for school supplies.

Costly Liberal/NDP government policies have made back-to-school more expensive for Canadian families. As a result of their inflationary policies & taxes, Canadians are worse off, and life is less and less affordable.

My Conservative MP colleagues and I are calling on the government to axe their inflationary tax on everything and ensure Canadians bring home powerful pay cheques that are not eroded by inflation and taxes.

Kind Regards,

Marc Dalton



BC Caucus

One important role Marc has is the Chair of the BC Conservative MP Caucus. This group is made up of all BC Conservative MPs & Senator Yonah Martin (from Pitt Meadows). They meet regularly to discuss issues of importance for the Province at the National level.



19 Wing Comox visit with the Men and Women who serve Canada



Campbell River visit to Ocean Pacific Boat yard



Meeting with 888 Wing of Komox Legion meeting with veterans



Visiting MOWI, a fish processing plant in Port Hardy



Met with the CEO of Kawanis, a First Nations company



Met with developers building purpose built rental units in Powell River



At Nanaimo's Helijet terminal meeting with the CEO



In Nanaimo learning about the Port expansion vision

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Pathfinder Youth Society held the Charity Summer Games at Telosky Stadium



Toured the new Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce office



Providing Post Secondary since 1903–120th year anniversary !



Summer Games 2024 Kick Off Flag Raising



With Sprott Shaw students enrolled in the ECE Program



With students from the Summer Canada Jobs working at Friends in Need Foodbank



Visiting **Turbolyft Areospace**, a local business at the Pitt Meadows Airport. This business has been in operation for three short years and has experienced tremendous growth refitting Airbus helicopters.

Results from our last Survey & New Question

Its not too late to give your feedback

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RESULTS

Are you concerned Bill C-18 (The Online News Act) will impact your ability to access information and be informed?



NEW SURVEY QUESTION

Have you had to change your lifestyle as a result of the rising cost of living ?

YES

NO

SOMEWHAT

How are the rising costs of food, housing, gas impacting you?

TELL US

Stressful time for mortgage holders

Interest rate increases are hammering British Columbians. Are you one of them?

I've been talking to residents in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge who are seeing their mortgage payments skyrocket. One lady told me that she needs to look for another job on top of the one she has to meet the doubling of her housing costs. Another young couple told me they can no longer travel like they used to.

Those on VARIABLE rates felt the interest rate increases immediately. For everyone else with a mortgage, the extra cost will be felt at renewal.

How have we come to this?

The government has lost control of its spending and doubled Canada's national debt. They claimed taking on this debt was cheap because interest rates were low.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre warned that this would lead to **INFLATION**. He was mocked by the Liberals and NDP but it's now obvious he was right. The government panicked and raised interest rates by 1000%!

I am very concerned that so many people are under great financial stress and finding it hard to make ends meet. Many may be forced to sell their homes and move.

