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## Over 10,000 Families Helped in 10 Years!

First elected in 2004 & with one of the busiest community offices in the country, Peter Julian and his staff have assisted over 10,000 families with federal issues relating to Canada Revenue Agency, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Employment Insurance, Consumer Protection, Canada Student Loans and Citizenship & Immigration over the past ten years.

"We take our job very seriously", says Peter. "If we can help, we will".

The Burnaby-New Westminster community is one of the most diverse in Canada. Peter is proud of the fact that his constituents know they can expect the utmost attention and care when they visit his office. Every case is different and all people are treated equally. Each of the 10,000 families that have been helped have a compelling story.

One particularly poignant case involved a family in the community who owned a restaurant in the riding. Nancy visited the community office in May 2012 desperate for help because of a brutal, life-changing event. Nancy's 36 year old husband was randomly murdered by a stranger in his Burnaby restaurant on May 27th. Nancy suddenly found herself widowed with two children aged two and five years old. Her husband was the sole wage earner in the family. Nancy's mother was her only living relative and she did not live in Canada.



Peter contacted Citizenship and Immigration Canada urging them to process a Temporary Resident Permit (TRP) for Nancy's mother as soon as possible. Her mother was issued a five month TRP quickly and came to Canada to help her only daughter and her two grandchildren, who were too young to understand why their father was no longer there.

Having her mother's support meant Nancy could start rebuilding her life. Over the last couple of years, Nancy has returned to school to upgrade her degree and she regularly volunteers in the community.

In 2013, Peter assisted the family with a Permanent Residence Application on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. The application recently received initial approval from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Many more stories could be told, and though not every case has seen a victory, the vast majority of the over 10,000 families served have seen successful results■

## NDP: Onside with small business

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As a longtime member of the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce, a proud member of the Burnaby Board of Trade, a former Financial Administrator & a recipient of consecutive Canadian Consumers' Choice Awards for Excellence in Business (2003-2004) in his role as Executive Director for the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Peter feels strongly that small & medium sized businesses (SMEs) be supported in our community.

Small & medium sized businesses are the backbone of Canada's economy. They create good jobs and provide quality goods & services. They help support the junior sports teams and local charities that enrich our neighbourhoods.

But for many SMEs, sheer survival is a constant challenge. Squeezed by soaring costs and tight margins, too many will have to shut their doors if they don't get the support they need in tough times. Unfortunately, small businesses just haven't been a priority for the Conservatives—or the Liberals before them.



Successive liberal and conservative governments handed billions to large corporations, leaving smaller companies to fend for themselves.

With 1.3 million Canadians out of work, this approach simply doesn't make any sense. And it has been condemned strongly by New Democrats and many in the business community.

Working alongside his NDP MP colleagues and leader Tom Mulcair, Peter is focused on a plan to help small businesses thrive: by supporting SMEs with targeted hiring incentives and making it more affordable to operate by cracking down on unfair fees. It's a practical step to reward job creators and grow local economies■





**Q-What does the House Leader of the Official Opposition do?**

My work as House Leader is primarily focused on handling legislation in Parliament from the perspective of the Official Opposition. It consists of organizing and monitoring our reaction to the legislative agenda of the Conservative government, as well as helping shape and put forward the legislative agenda that the NDP caucus initiates.

**Q-What are the aspects of your job that you like most?**

The best aspect of my job is when I am involved in moving forward a Bill or legislative initiative that will have a lasting impact on the lives of Canadians. For instance, MP Charlie Angus, (Timmins-James Bay) led the push for a national strategy on improving access to palliative and hospice care. After many vigorous debates with MPs from other parties, even though the Conservatives committed to act on this issue a decade ago, Mr. Angus’ Parliamentary Motion was adopted by the House in the spring of 2014. I am honoured to be part of a team that is steadfast in its belief of improving the ability of Canadians to have quality, community and family-based care at this very difficult time.

**Q-And what are the aspects of your job that you like least?**

The worst aspect of my job is seeing the government ram through legislation that has made Canada unrecognizable. The irresponsible changes to Employment Insurance and Pensions and the high nation-wide unemployment rate of 1.3 million have had a devastating effect on households across Canada. Our MPs hear countless stories from constituents who have been forced to choose between paying the rent or putting food on the table. This is unacceptable. It’s also difficult when our proposed bills and amendments, which would have made a real difference in people’s lives, are turned down by the government. Canadians deserve a government that creates jobs & a good quality of life from coast to coast.

**Q-As House Leader you are putting in long hours, while regularly commuting back to your riding 3500 km away. What keeps you going?**

Going back to my riding is the best part of my work as a Member of Parliament. I thrive on the support from the constituents in the communities of New Westminster and Burnaby. They are well informed about the issues and I enjoy listening to them as it helps me represent them to the best of my ability. As well, my home and my family are in New Westminster and I cherish the time I get to spend with them.

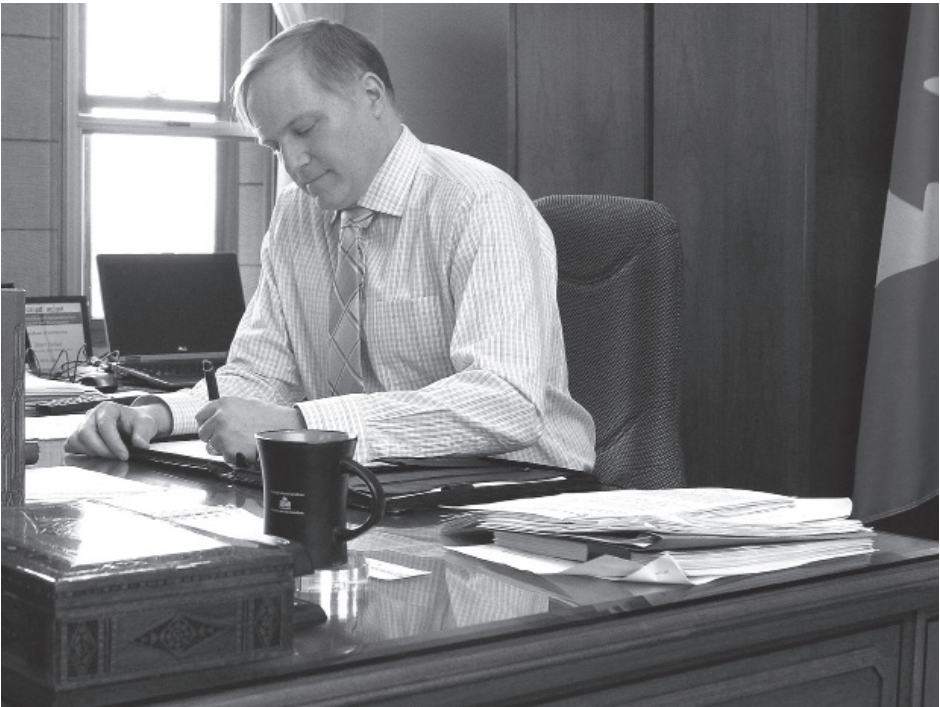
**Q-What are the current legislative priorities of the NDP? How does being the Official Opposition House Leader help you maintain your priorities as the MP for Burnaby-New Westminster?**

It’s staying focused on the essential, important needs of people. It’s making sure we build a sustainable, prosperous nation committed to creating jobs in Canada rather than shipping money and jobs offshore.

The Conservative government is proud of the fact that they have slashed corporate tax rates while ignoring the fact that Canadian factories have been forced to close their doors and lay off their workers, who now struggle to put food on the table.

Our aim is to make sure healthcare, housing and social services become priorities. We believe in investing in small business to help grow the local economy.

It’s putting in place clean energy and clean technology initiatives that would elevate Canada to the forefront of sustainable development and create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the provinces and territories. We already know this is possible and we are seeing this happen in other countries.



For instance, Germany has been successfully converting its electrical supply to renewable energy sources. All of that gives us hope. So, we continue to fight the good fight in the House of Commons, and beyond. I shall keep on, with the support and direction of my one hundred thousand constituents and bosses in Burnaby-New Westminster, who consistently offer good practical advice. I rely on them to make sure we have our priorities straight■

A Roof, A Right

The first step in eradicating poverty is ensuring that everyone has a roof over their head. Funding for social housing in Canada is disappearing.

Over the past few years, the federal government has cut several million dollars a year from social housing through the non-renewal of several long-term operating agreements established between social housing providers and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) during the period from 1970 to 1994.

By 2030, \$1.7 billion in federal funding for social housing will have been lost; this amounts to nearly 85% of the federal housing budget. Yet the Conservative government is refusing to renew its investments in social housing.

That’s why NDP Housing Critic Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet introduced a Motion in the House of Commons to address this situation, directing the Conservatives to finally renew Canada’s national housing program—the one the Liberals cut in the 1990s.

Let’s support social housing in Canada.

The Motion is calling on Parliament to re-establish a housing program that makes smart investments to deliver more affordable units.

We know that all levels of government must work together to move forward. And our practical approach is already winning support from local leaders:

“FCM supports the NDP’s continued focus on fixing Canada’s Housing Crunch...The Motion moved today looks to ease the burden by immediately renewing long-term social housing funding and reinvesting in the development of affordable housing units.”

—Claude Dauphin, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

By working together, we can make sure every Canadian can afford safe and decent housing■





## In our community

**1** Peter joined local officials for Canada Day at Queen's Park in New Westminster; **2** Peter with constituents at the Burnaby Village Museum on ILA (Burnaby-Deer Lake), Kennedy Stewart, MP (monds), Harman Pandher (Burnaby School Trust-(City of Burnaby Councillor), Baljinder K. Narang (ation) & James Wang (Burnaby School Trustee) at role from the Korean community at the Small Busi-  
**14;** **5** Supporting teachers in Burnaby and in New il Battery Salute on May 19, 2014 at Queens Park, egiment Association, local City Councillors, Judy ack Festival Ass. at Queen's Park; **7** Attending the ociation's Government & You event on June 23rd ces. — with Anne Kang (Burnaby City Councillor), by Public Library- Tommy Douglas Branch.



## I want to hear from you

### What are your most important issues?

☐ Health care

☐ Child care

- Electoral reform

☐ Pollution and climate change

☐ Post-secondary education

☐ Affordable housing

☐ Other☐ Please send me regular e-updates

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## Your comments

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Standing up for our public broadcaster

The Conservatives are attacking our public broadcaster...again.

Act now for a strong CBC.

For some, it's the comfort of listening to The Vinyl Café with family on Sunday morning.

For others, it's gathering with friends each Saturday to watch Hockey Night in Canada.

For 78 years, the CBC has connected Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

Millions value the importance of our public broadcaster to everyday life in Canada.

Stephen Harper doesn't seem to agree. Since 2012, he's cut a whopping \$115 million from the CBC's funding—forcing them to lay off more than 650 employees this year. And on June 26, the CBC announced that it could be forced to cut as many as 1500 more jobs over the next five years, putting its very survival at stake.



But it doesn't have to be this way—if we act now. Tom Mulcair & the NDP Caucus are fighting to turn this around.

We've launched a campaign to stand up for the CBC with a plan to ensure stable, multi-year funding. By working together, we can help our public broadcaster compete in a modernized media marketplace and keep delivering the kind of outstanding programming that helps connect this incredibly diverse country of ours■

New Democrats lead the fight to put Canadian jobs first

Last year, it was a big bank training foreign workers in Canada—only to ship the jobs back overseas. More recently, two waitresses in Saskatchewan lost their long-held jobs to guest workers from abroad.

These tragic stories are becoming more common thanks to a reckless expansion of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP).

The TFWP was created in 1973 to help companies fill temporary shortages in skilled professions where Canadian workers couldn't be found. In 2002, the Liberals opened up the TFWP to lower-skilled occupations, such as the service industry. Under

the Conservatives, the program has doubled in size.

The predictable results are a lack of jobs for Canadian workers, many foreign workers exploited, and wages depressed for everyone.

Canadians deserve better, and New Democrats are getting results. In April, NDP pressure forced the Conservatives to impose a moratorium on temporary foreign workers in fast food jobs. Then in June, the government finally started scaling back the program in a wider range of occupations.

Now we're pushing for an independent review by Canada's Auditor General. And we won't stop until all the abuses are ended—once and for all■

Here to serve you

My team can help you with inquiries relating to federal programs and services such as Immigration, Employment Insurance, Taxation, Canada Student Loans, and Federal Pensions (CPP and OAS/GIS).

We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries. And we'll do our best to support initiatives that enrich our community.

I am here to ensure that you have a strong voice in Parliament. Please don't hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community.

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