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Peter Julian

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT // BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER

YOU'RE INVITED!

The 9th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars

Join Peter on April 16th in Burnaby and on April 17th in New Westminister and find out how hundreds of your neighbours have benefited from these seminars.

In our community, thousands of people with disabilities may be eligible for an important tax credit that often includes a significant tax refund from the Canadian Revenue Agency. Many Burnaby-New Westminister residents could be eligible for a tax refund under the Income Tax Act.

Some of you may already know that the Income Tax Act provides a non-refundable Disability Tax Credit to all eligible individuals. My office wants to make sure that every eligible Burnaby-New Westminister resident knows how to access this legitimate entitlement under the Income Tax Act. To that end, we are offering workshops to assist people to avail themselves of the Disability Tax Credit, which can amount to up to \$1200 per year, and can be claimed retroactively for up to 10 years. While the Income Tax Act stipulates that this is a non-refundable tax credit, it is transferable to spouses and other family members if the income of the relative, with a disability or infirmity, is too low.

If you'd like to learn more about the Disability Tax Credit, please contact my office at 604-775-5707.

Sincerely,

You or someone you know may be eligible for a DISABILITY TAX CREDIT retroactive for up to ten years.

Please join Peter for his 9th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars at the following wheelchair accessible locations:

Sign Language interpreters will be in attendance

**Wednesday, April 16th, 2014 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
at Edmonds Community Centre, Arts Room (7433 Edmonds Street)
Burnaby**

**Thursday, April 17th, 2014 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
at New Westminister Secondary School, Library (835 Eighth Street)
New Westminister**



Photo - Peter seen here at last year's community information session on Disability Tax Credits.

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Stop the cuts to our postal service - NDP

Canada Post super-mailboxes coming to a community near you!

Like many Burnaby-New Westminister constituents, I am deeply concerned by the consequences of services losses brought about by the new plan for Canadians' long treasured postal services.

You can't save a business by cutting service and raising prices. But that's exactly what Stephen Harper's Conservatives have planned for Canada Post. That's right: Canada Post wants to eliminate home delivery for millions of customers, slash rural postal hours and put thousands of employees out of work. And they want you to pay a lot more —\$1 for every stamp. These job-killing and service-cutting measures will isolate seniors,

the poor and the disabled living in urban areas.

Canada Post connects Canadians from coast to coast to coast.



New Democrats know what that means to your everyday life. And we're fighting to protect it from Conservative cuts. New Democrats believe it's time to modernize Canada

Post to better serve Canadians and strengthen the bottom line. But getting there requires innovation, not decimation.

Together, let's send Stephen Harper a message he can't ignore. Sign the petition: ndp.ca/canadapost

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me and I will continue to give voice to the community on this issue. Thanks to all those who attended my community town hall meetings on these devastating cuts to our postal service.



The NDP is vigorously opposing Bill C-23, the Conservative Government’s Unfair Elections Act, and has been taking numerous actions to oppose the Conservatives’ attempt to ram it through the House of Commons without adequate debate and study. Opposition to this unfair bill continues to grow across our country. This bill is nothing short of a serious attack on our democracy.

This bill could prevent hundreds of thousands of Canadians from exercising their right to vote. It would substantially curtail the Chief Electoral Officer’s powers and prevent him from educating and engaging young people about the importance of voting.

The bill even bars Elections Canada from conducting electronic-voting pilot projects that might be attractive to younger voters—unless it gets permission from not only the House of Commons but also, wait for it, the unelected Senate – an additional barrier that was not necessary prior to this bill. Under Bill C-23, Voter ID cards, issued by Elections Canada, will no longer be accepted. This will make it much harder for students, seniors, aboriginal people, and low-income Canadians to prove their right to vote, and will prevent many thousands of Canadians from voting. That’s on top of the 120,000 Canadians who had a neighbour vouch for them and who will be turned away next election.

Conservative refusal to allow citizens outside of Ottawa to have their voices heard is a slap in the face to Canadians and the democratic process.

As the Chief Electoral Officer Marc Mayrand pointed out, “there are no other jurisdictions in the world where the electoral body cannot talk about democracy”.

For three weeks the NDP has been fighting hard to force the government to hold Canada-wide public meetings on electoral reform. We devoted an Opposition Day to it. We launched a petition and started an outreach campaign to inform the public.

Conservatives want to ram through a bill that will give them an advantage and are doing everything they can to keep Canadians in the dark. That’s why the NDP is doing everything it can to bring public and media attention to this important issue and will soon launch public consultations across Canada.

We believe citizens have the right to voice their concerns and it’s our responsibility as elected officials to make sure they are heard.

Join us by signing and sharing the NDP petition here: <http://petition.ndp.ca/stand-up-for-canadian-democracy>. We also encourage you to participate in the “New Democracy” online ideas platform in order to be part of crowd-sourcing the spotting of problems in C-23 and to suggest possible amendments■

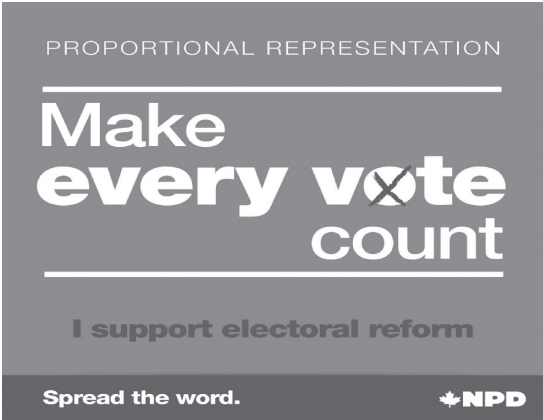
NDP FIGHTING TO MAKE SURE EVERY VOTE COUNTS

It’s time for a new electoral system – one that actually represents us.

As part of his efforts to ensure Parliament reflects Canadians’ political choices, my colleague, NDP Democratic and Parliamentary Reform critic Craig Scott (Toronto–Danforth) has launched a petition campaign in favour of proportional representation. Along with a cross-country tour, the NDP is taking a leadership role pushing for proportional representation, along with key civil society actors like Fair Vote Canada. Under our current system, too many Canadians are being shut out.

It’s time to make sure every vote counts. Far too many Canadians are currently represented in Parliament by people they voted against.

2 Peter Julian, MP



Over 60% of Canadians did not vote for Stephen Harper’s Conservatives, yet the Conservatives enjoy a majority of seats in the House of Commons – a false majority.

Canada needs a proportional-representation voting system to better reflect the political preferences of Canadians: a party receiving 40% of the vote

should receive 40% of the seats. Under the mixed member proportional (MMP) system favoured by the NDP – which combines proportional representation of parties in Parliament with the direct election of an MP in each constituency – your vote will truly count.

The NDP is committed to strengthening Canada’s democracy and has consistently called for changes to the first-past-the-post electoral system. Canadians deserve local MPs who are directly accountable to them—and a House of Commons that reflects the support each party actually receives from voters.

The petition can be found here: <http://petition.ndp.ca/demand-that-your-vote-count> ■

In the House



41st Parliament, 2nd Session ~ on the crisis in infrastructure development

Mr. Peter Julian (Burnaby—New Westminster, NDP): Mr. Speaker, the member talked about infrastructure and there is no doubt we are in crisis after six or seven years of Conservative government. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities evaluates that crisis in infrastructure development at about \$170 billion. There is no doubt there is huge economic fall-out from that.

It means a lower quality of life for Canadians. It also means bridges with cracks that cannot be used anymore like the Champlain Bridge. There is a whole range of places across the country like the city of New Westminster, for example, where the railway bridge which needs to be replaced and has needed to be replaced for years, is not being replaced. So \$170 billion deficit and we have a government that very cynically put forward a budget and, wait for this, the sum total of the infrastructure funding provided for this upcoming fiscal year is \$200 million. That means when we look at the overall scope of needs, the government is spending money on its pet projects rather than spending money where it counts, developing infrastructure and contributing to economic well-being.

My question is simple. When we see the tragedy of the Champlain Bridge and the impact on the greater Montreal area, when we see the railway bridge in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia is not being replaced, and we see Conservatives wanting to withhold all that infrastructure funding to make some announcements during the election campaign but only providing \$200 million in the next fiscal year, how can the member support that cynical approach to budgeting which leaves Canadians far short?

In the House



41st Parliament, 2nd Session ~ on British Columbians’ opposition to the Northern Gateway pipeline project

Mr. Peter Julian (Burnaby—New Westminster, NDP): Mr. Speaker, a new poll has confirmed what previous polls have said and what those of us who have listened to British Columbians already know, that being that people in British Columbia do not want the Northern Gateway pipeline. The risk that it poses to our rivers, our lakes, our coast and our economy is simply too high and it threatens good jobs that depend on a clean environment.

Therefore, I have to ask this question. What is it about “no” that the government does not understand? Why does the minister want to ram through a project that British Columbians clearly oppose?



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In our community

1 Peter with constituents at the Horse Chinatown Parade celebrating Lunar New Year; 2 Peter joined by the leader of Canada's New Democrats Thomas Mulcair at the Year of the Horse Chinatown Parade. 3 Congratulations to the Bonsor Rec Centre on the installation of a solar-powered water heating system for the pool and hot water system. Exciting stuff. Thanks for contributing to a more sustainable Burnaby! 4 Go Canada Go! So excited to cheer on our Canadian Olympic athletes! 5 New West postal worker Anju Parmar presented me, MP Fin Donnelly & MLA Judy Darcy with a 1,200 signature petition to save Canada Post — at Unifor 6004; 6 Town Hall on Canada Post Delivery Changes with Special Guests: Louise Sloan, CUPW Vancouver, Organizing Director & Art Kube, President COSCO (Council of Senior Citizens' Organization of BC). Thank you for attending the event and sharing your concerns! — at Unifor 6004; 7 Railway Noise Townhall @ Inn at the Quay - with MLA Judy Darcy, Mayor Wayne Wright, City Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, New Westminster Fire Chief Tim Armstrong and Brian Allen from Quayside Community Board. Thank you for attending the event and sharing your concerns! — at Unifor 6004..



I want to hear from you

What are your most important issues?

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Your comments

Conservative failure on pipeline process leaves British Columbians hanging

New loopholes allow companies to ram projects through without consultation

The Conservative government’s changes to the National Energy Board (NEB) pipeline approval process are again resulting in weaker public consultation, says the NDP.

In January, the NEB issued a call for those directly affected by the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion route through Burnaby to participate in the approval process. However, the application focused on a map of a single route, not the alternatives Kinder Morgan is exploring and has told residents it now prefers – weeks after the window for residents to participate has closed.

“It’s only fair that residents living along the alternative routes be given the same chance to participate,” said NDP Energy and Natural Resources critic Peter Julian (Burnaby-New Westminster). “To simply steamroll ahead at this point would set a dangerous precedent, allowing companies to circumvent meaningful consultation.”

The NEB now calls for public consultation before a company’s application is deemed complete, resulting in people being left out, like in Burnaby. NDP MP Kennedy Stewart (Burnaby-Douglas) raised concerns in the House of Commons yesterday on behalf of his constituents, calling on the government to support the reopening of the pipeline hearing process.



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“Conservatives opened the door to problems when they changed the NEB approval process,” said Stewart. “My constituents are just now finding out that a pipeline may go through their backyards, after the call for consultation has already closed. This is unacceptable.”

The project cannot be approved in the absence of a thorough credible, complete environmental assessment ■

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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