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YOU'RE INVITED!

The 10th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars

Join Peter on April 14 in Burnaby and on April 15 in New Westminister and find out how hundreds of your neighbours have benefited from these seminars with retroactive tax rebates.

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,



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

Please join Peter for his 10th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars at the following wheelchair accessible locations:
Sign Language interpreters will be in attendance

in Burnaby

Tuesday April 14, 2015 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
Edmonds Community Centre, Multipurpose Room 1
Main floor, 7433 Edmonds Street between Humphries & Fulton.

in New Westminister

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
Qayqayt Elementary School, Library
Main floor 85 Merivale Street near Royal Ave.



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

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New Democrats standing up for Canada's seniors

We owe so much to the women & men who built, and continue to build, this country and we are working to put forward policies that will ensure seniors are treated with dignity and respect.

Currently, more than a quarter-million seniors are living below the poverty line. I have been on my feet in Parliament sharing stories from seniors in our community who are living on fixed pensions and cannot compete with the rapid increases in the cost of living.

A key priority for New Democrats is ensuring that all seniors can retire in dignity and security. We want to see all partners working together on this - the federal government, provinces, municipalities, care providers, seniors' organizations and most importantly seniors themselves.

The following are just a few proposals the NDP has put forward, developed in consultation with Canadians:

ON RETIREMENT SECURITY

- To meet the financial needs of seniors, New Democrats continue to advocate for restoring the OAS and the GIS eligibility age to 65.

- New Democrats have put forward Motion M-471 calling on the government to work with the provinces to strengthen the Canada Pension Plan so that every Canadian can retire with dignity.

- Increase the GIS to ensure that no senior faces poverty in retirement.

ON HEALTH CARE

- The NDP is calling on the federal government to work with the provinces to ensure better access to home-care services and high-quality, affordable long-term care. Currently wait times to get into long-term care range from 6 to 8 months. This leaves patients in limbo, either at the hospital or at home with family members struggling to provide the care they need.

- The NDP has put forward Bill C-356 which calls on the government to create a National Dementia Strategy, supporting the Alzheimer Society's call for a national approach to support more people with the disease and their caregivers across Canada.

ON IMPROVING PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE

- In a rare, near-unanimous vote, the NDP secured all-party support for our pan-Canadian palliative care strategy. As Canada's ageing population puts unique stress on our medical system, it is increasingly important that we have a coherent strategy for palliative and end-of-life care across Canada.

ON HOUSING

- New Democrats have heard from seniors across the country that remaining in their own homes and communities is a priority. We continue to call on the government to work with the provinces to implement a national housing strategy, which includes investing in affordable housing tailored for seniors, and making it more affordable to retrofit housing to meet seniors' needs ■

“New Democrats are proud to be the only federal party to have proposed a national strategy to meet the needs of Canada's seniors.”



New Democrats are committed to building a cleaner and healthier environment. Unlike the Conservatives, we know that a failure to address climate change and sustainably develop our natural resources will be disastrous not only for the environment, but also for Canadians’ health and economic prosperity. Below, I am pleased to share with you a selection of some NDP environmental initiatives currently before the House of Commons.

NDP CLIMATE CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

My NDP colleague Matthew Kellway (Beaches - East York) has re-introduced the Climate Change Accountability Act, which Jack Layton first tabled in 2006 and which has twice been blocked by the undemocratic Senate. It would require the government to establish a plan to avoid catastrophic climate change and meet the science-based targets to reduce greenhouse gases to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

This legislation will be coming up for debate in the House of Commons in the upcoming Parliamentary session. As always, I will be counting on constituents in Burnaby-New Westminster to join New Democrats to send a strong signal to the Conservative government that Canadians are united in our demand for real action to stop climate change.

NDP TABLES BILL TO PROTECT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

My NDP colleague Nathan Cullen (Skeena-Bulkley Valley) has tabled Bill C-628, An Act to Defend the Pacific Northwest, that would legislate a ban on supertankers on the BC North Coast, putting into law for the first time a moratorium that will fully

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protect the region. The bill also seeks to give communities a stronger voice in pipeline reviews and better consider the impacts of projects on value-added jobs.

This legislation was inspired, in part, by the experience of Northwest BC in the fight against the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline. One result will be to fully and finally stop the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline in its tracks. It also seeks to improve the poor process that led the Conservative government to approve the pipeline, including by complementing the significant Supreme Court decisions that have strengthened rights and title for Aboriginal peoples.

NDP TABLES LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

My NDP colleague Linda Duncan (Edmonton Strathcona) tabled a bill to establish an environmental Bill of Rights, C-634. This Bill would enshrine Canadians’ right to a healthy and ecologically balanced environment by imposing duties on the government to take action to protect the environment including by legislating and enforcing environmental protection rules. This bill also extends legal rights to Canadians to access environmental information, to participate in decisions impacting

their environment, and to seek judicial intervention where those rights and duties are not upheld.

Finally, and very importantly, the bill also extends protections to whistleblowers who expose government failure to protect the environment. As the government continues to undermine and erode federal environmental laws this legislation is even more important.

NDP PUTS FORWARD MOTION TO ENSURE CONSULTATION WITH FIRST NATIONS


My NDP colleague Jonathan Genest Jourdain (Manicougan) put forward Motion 533 that calls for the Conservatives to finally support a genuine process for the engagement of Canadian communities, including First Nation and Métis communities, in decision-making on major energy projects. This includes the potential impact on human health, the ecosystem, employment, and economic development.

This call has been echoed by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Firstly, in his fall report, he made clear that the federal government has been clearly ignoring its duties to ensure that First Nations and Métis are properly engaged in environmental assessment and monitoring in major energy projects. Secondly, the government has failed to collect and consider important traditional ecological knowledge. Thirdly, it has ignored its duty to consult. Fourthly, it has made it harder for Aboriginals participation in decision-making on major energy projects impacting First Nation and Métis lands, water, and people■

41st Parliament, 2nd Session
Context : Member’s Statement

Mr. Peter Julian (Burnaby—New Westminster, NDP): “Mr. Speaker, climate change continues to be a threat to our future and costs our economy billions of dollars, but the Conservatives continue to evade any action on the climate crisis.

The Prime Minister promised to introduce regulations on oil and gas emissions. For years, that was his stock answer: just wait for the regulations. Then one day, the Prime Minister decided his own plan was “crazy”. Despite promising a cap and trade system in the 2008 campaign, Conservatives now say they are opposed to dealing with the climate crisis.



What about the Liberals? Just a few days ago, the leader of the Liberal Party announced that he does not believe in any federal role in dealing with climate change. It is a shame how this is the voice of a corporate party that challenges the Keystone pipeline and says that carbon pricing is for others.

Only the NDP can be counted on to take action on climate change. Later this year, with a new NDP government, we will take action because Canadians deserve better from their government”.

Peter submits 2nd Info Request on Kinder Morgan’s proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

The Federal NDP has been bringing forward the concerns of British Columbians to the National Energy Board (NEB). Peter is the intervenor on behalf of the Federal NDP caucus in the ongoing NEB hearings on Kinder Morgan’s proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion. The NDP strongly believes that proper community consultation, respecting the duty to consult First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and strong environmental assessments are the bedrock of sustainable development.

In Peter’s submissions to the NEB he raises many important issues of critical importance to our community - like the increased environmental risks of an expanded pipeline, the impact of dramatically increasing tanker traffic in Vancouver harbour, and the impacts on wildlife. In addition this project is being reviewed by the NEB under new environmental rules forced in with the 2012 Conservative budget bill, which gutted proper environmental screening and has excluded many people who will be impacted by the project. Without a robust, thorough, inclusive environmental assessment process it will be impossible to assess the cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed expansion or properly evaluate its impact on environmen-



Photo - Peter seen here at the town hall re. Trans Mountain in January 2015 at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster.

tally significant areas. New Democrats are focused on pushing the government to adopt a responsible, sustainable environmental review process that puts communities and Canadians’ interests first. Peter will continue to bring forward these concerns as an intervenor at the NEB hearings. Every project needs to be evaluated on its merits, like safety, environmental soundness and economic impact, with full community consultation and strong environmental protections. There are growing concerns about this project & increasing opposition. This project does not have a thorough, credible, complete assessment process because the Conservatives have dismantled it.

- It’s also high-time for the federal government to play a constructive role in developing a national energy strategy to foster better energy security in Canada and also spark a transition to a clean energy economy. That is why the NDP will continue to put forward practical proposals with achievable targets. The NDP’s commitments include:
- a plan to become a world leader in clean technology and renewable energy
 - Bill C-619, the Climate Change Accountability Act, to put hard limits on carbon emissions – an Act passed by the House of Commons but killed by the Conservative majority in the Senate!
 - a national public transit strategy
 - legislation to ban tanker traffic on the ecologically fragile northern BC coast
 - an end to unnecessary subsidies to the fossil fuel industry

The NDP’s commitment to Canadians is that every development project be sustainable, benefit Canadians, have broad based support, and that the approval process be inclusive, fair, open, and transparent■



In our community

1 With constituents volunteering for the Food Bank at the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre; **2** Happy Lunar New Year! Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped at the Crystal Mall celebration — with Burnaby Edmonds MLA Raj Chouhan, Burnaby-Lougheed MLA Jane Shin, Burnaby Deer Lake Kathy Corrigan, MLA, Burnaby City Councillors Anne Kang and Paul McDonell at Crystal Mall in Burnaby; **3** Wishing everyone a wonderful Year of the Ram! at the Lunar New Year celebration at the Royal City Centre in New Westminster with Burnaby-Edmonds MLA Raj Chouhan, New Westminster MLA Judy Darcy & Burnaby City Councillor James Wang; **4** Supporting local families in need at the Sukh Sagar Sikh temple in Queensborough; **5** Peter with Anton Diaconeasa Head acting Consul general of Romania, celebrating the National Day of Romania; **6** Peter with The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) President Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan, Middle East peacebuilder & Hélène Laverdière, MP (Laurier-Sainte-Marie), Peter's colleague & Official Opposition Critic on International Development; **7** With Jenelle & Alec of the Canadian Federation of Students. The four keys to squashing the squeeze: Reduce tuition fees...so you pay less for the education you need; Bring back grants...because education shouldn't be a debt sentence; Increase funding...so you get the classes you need and the quality you deserve; Eliminate interest...and stop making money off struggling students ■

Important phone numbers

(Cut along the dotted lines and hang on fridge as a reminder)

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE..... 9-1-1	BURNABY BRANCH OF THE BC SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (BC SPCA).....604.291.7201	CITIZENSHIP INQUIRIES.....1.888.242.2100
BC NURSELINE 24HR/DAY..... 8-1-1 8-1-1 provides translation services on request in more than 130 languages.	AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY.....604.879.7343	PASSPORT OFFICE.....1.800.567.6868
DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED..... 7-1-1		LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD.....604.660.1300
POISON CONTROL 24HR/DAY.....604.682.5050	KIDS HELP PHONE.....1.800.668.6868	CO-OP HOUSING FEDERATION OF BC.....604.879.5111
TOLL FREE.....1.800.567.8911	YOUTH IN BC DISTRESS LINE 24 HR/DAY.....604.872.3311	TOLL-FREE IN BC.....1.866.879.5111
RAPE CRISIS CENTRE 24HR/DAY LOWER MAINLAND.....604.255.6344	BURNABY YOUTH CLINIC.....604.293.1764	CANADA CHILD TAX BENEFIT.....1.800.387.1193
TOLL-FREE.....1.877.392.7583	HOURS FOR DROP-IN SERVICE ARE: MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY 1:00 TO 5:00 PM	REVENUE CANADA - TAX INFORMATION.....1.800.959.8281
RAPE RELIEF & WOMEN'S SHELTER604.872.8212	NEW WESTMINSTER YOUTH CLINIC604.329.1875	CANADIAN RED CROSS.....1.888.307.7997
LINE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME.....1.800.563.0808	HOURS: TUESDAY 2:30 - 6:00 PM, THURSDAY 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.	KATHY CORRIGAN, MLA FOR BURNABY-DEER LAKE.....604.775.2414
CRISIS INTERVENTION & SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTRE OF BC (24HR).....1.800.784.2433	LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM.....604.822.5791	RAJ CHOUHAN, MLA FOR BURNABY-EDMONDS.....604.660.7301
DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED...1.866.872.0113	LEGAL AID.....604.601.6300	JUDY DARCY, MLA FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.....604.775.2101
MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY SERVICES.....604.874.7307	LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES.....604.687.3221	JANE SHIN, MLA FOR BURNABY-LOUGHEED604.660.5058
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NDP  **NPD**

New Democrats are working for you in Ottawa!

Action for seniors

- The NDP secured all party support for a **pan-Canadian palliative care strategy**.
- We called for Ottawa to adopt a gradual plan for **major increases in CPP benefits** and committed to restoring the age of eligibility for **OAS and GIS** benefits to age 65.

Standing up for Canadian democracy

- Working with civil society partners, the NDP mounted a fierce opposition to the (Un)Fair Elections Act, the Conservative government’s attack on our democracy.
- We launched a nation-wide campaign to highlight the NDP’s proposals to bring **proportional representation** to reform our unfair electoral system.

Challenging misguided cuts and de-regulation

- The NDP improved **rail safety** by pressuring the Conservatives to phase out dangerous DOT-111 tanker cars.
- New Democrats continue to fight hard against cuts at **Canada Post** that will stop mail from coming to your door, eliminate 8000 good quality jobs, and open the door to privatization.
- We challenged the government’s closure of nine specialized **Veterans’ Affairs** offices and its incompetence in failing to provide adequate mental-health support for veterans and their families.

The NDP on proportional representation

The NDP’ has been leading the effort to make sure 2015 is the last unfair election in Canadian history. Following the lead of almost all other mature democracies, Canada must inject proportional representation into our electoral system.

The NDP is the federal party with the longest standing commitment to proportional representation. The Green Party joins us with its own unequivocal commitment made at its August 2014 Convention. From former NDP Leader Ed Broadbent’s early advocacy of proporational representation to present times, we believe that, in a democratic society, every vote has to count.

ONE BALLOT, TWO VOTES

The NDP is fighting to adapt a system like those in Germany, New Zealand and Scotland, which I call for



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My office is here to help.

My team can help constituents experiencing difficulties and with inquiries with federal government departments and agencies, including:

- Citizenship and Immigration Applications
- Federal Pensions, Canada Pension (CPP) & Old Age Security (OAS/GIS).
- Problems and delays obtaining a Canadian passport or a Visitor Visa
- Employment Insurance
- Taxes
- Canada Student Loans

We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries; provide referrals to other services offered in Burnaby and New Westminster; 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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- The NDP is calling for restoration of the **federal minimum wage** set at no less than \$15 per hour.
- We campaigned for **good quality and affordable child care** spaces and are committed to a universal child care program.
- New Democrats introduced the idea of a “**no-frills**” **credit card** with a fair interest rate of prime plus 5%. We have also pushed to end **unfair bank and credit card transaction charges** for both consumers and small businesses.

Building a new relationship with Aboriginal Peoples

- NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has committed to launching a **full public inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women**, after consulting with women and First Nations about its parameters. The NDP and Tom Mulcair have repeatedly called for the establishment of a **Nation-to-Nation relationship with Aboriginal communities**, in which treaty rights, inherent rights, and international obligations are respected.

Promoting fairness for live-in caregivers

- The NDP spoke out against offensive rhetoric used by the Conservatives about the **Live-in Caregiver Program** and the lack of consultations with stakeholders on possible changes. The NDP renewed our position that caregivers should be able to start the application process for permanent residence immediately■

NO MORE ‘FALSE MAJORITIES’

New Democrats believe that no party should be able to get a ‘false majority’ - that means, with less than 50% of the votes, getting more than 50% of the seats and thereby 100% of the power in the House of Commons. That is exactly what has been happening under our current electoral system.

Official Opposition Leader, Tom Mulcair, pointed out that under our current first-past-the-post voting system, too many Canadians feel as though their vote does not matter. He emphasized the urgency of implementating a proportional-representation voting system “to reinvigorate our democracy” and to “better reflect the true political preferences of Canadians.” Going forward, let’s continue to work together to make every vote count■