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## YOU'RE INVITED!

Dear neighbours,

Thank you to each and every member of our community for sharing your concerns, for the great questions and for your informed correspondence and useful feedback about local, national and international issues.

As your Member of Parliament for New Westminster-Burnaby, I am working hard for policies and programs that will build a better Canada and foster a society that is diverse, vibrant and inclusive for Canadian families. A Canada where children have clean air, clean water and quality education, where seniors have better care and dignity, where new Canadians have the policies and programs that will allow them to realize their potential. A Canada where we protect our planet, secure our homes and our communities, respect workers' rights and commit to civil liberties and equality.

Canada needs to accord more respect to First Nations, Inuit & Métis peoples' rights, knowledge systems and wisdom. Canada is just one country in a long list of countries struggling to come to grips with the legacy of colonialism, residential schools, child welfare apprehensions and other government policies in its history.

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While there has been a good amount of progress that's been made, there's still a long way to go from truth to reconciliation. We need to build a fair and equal relationship between Indigenous peoples and settlers as promised in the early Peace and Friendship treaties.

I am honoured to represent the community of New Westminster-Burnaby in Canada's Parliament and I will keep on doing everything that I can to ensure that your voice is heard in Ottawa.

On July 1, 2018, join us to celebrate Canada Day in New Westminster & in Burnaby.

See you this Canada Day!

## CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS JULY 1, 2018



### Celebrate Canada Day in New Westminster!

Please join us for a day of fabulous fun and celebrations for the entire family in beautiful Queen's Park, hosted by City of New Westminster. Entertainment, community booths and BBQ.

**11:30AM - 3:00PM at Queen's Park Bandshell - Free Admission**

### Celebrate Canada Day in Burnaby!

Join us in the festivities, outdoors at the Edmonds Plaza and Park. It's a fun day of family activities, face painting, music, arts and crafts, the ever popular bingo, cake, and amazing multi-cultural entertainment. Returning to perform for you are Burnaby's own Stephen Scaccia and Rainshadow!

**11:00PM - 2:30PM at Edmonds Park (located behind the Edmonds Community Centre in southeast Burnaby)  
Free admission**

It's a party at the Burnaby Village Museum! With the backdrop of 1920s village streets, the festivities include: multi-cultural family entertainment, musicians, displays, activities, demonstrations, a parade, and, of course, cupcakes. Come early, stay late. The headline entertainer is the award-winning Ginalina. A wide variety of entertainment is scheduled all day.

**11:00AM-4:30PM Admission is free. (Carousel rides are \$2.65)**

Burnaby's Canada Day Concert at Swangard Stadium.

This family-friendly concert includes activities and exhibitors for the whole family, and spectacular fireworks for the grand finale. Artists to be announced in the coming weeks.

**Doors: 5:00PM Show: 6:30PM. Admission is free.**



# Peter in the House



## NDP PROPOSED BUDGET MEASURES TO TARGET INEQUALITY

We've been hearing from Canadians who are being told the economy is working but are not feeling the benefits. Instead they see a set of rules stacked against them, designed to further enrich the few at the top. Budget 2018 was an opportunity to put the needs of everyday Canadians ahead of the wealthy and well-connected.

What could have been in this budget implementation act and should have been in the 2018 budget? NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and I wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau to give them direction as to what should have been included in this budget, like targeting the growing inequality between the wealthiest and everyone else, closing tax loopholes for the super-rich, and investing the recovered revenue to lower the cost of prescriptions medicine for all Canadians.



One of the most important items was tackling what is a profoundly unfair tax system. We identified \$3.5 billion that can be recovered by eliminating the CEO stock option loophole and ending the capital gains exemption used by the mega rich. The federal government would have at least \$10 billion more if it cracks down on the use of international tax havens.

Jagmeet Singh and I called on the government to invest the revenue from closing the loophole into a universal pharmacare program to battle the increasing cost of pharmaceuticals in Canada as well as speed up spending on affordable housing and provide relief to First Nation communities.

Additionally, we called for amendments to bankruptcy laws to protect workers and pensioners like the thousands affected by Sears Canada's closure. Seniors are cutting their pills in half because they can't afford their prescriptions, workers are having their pensions gutted due to corporate greed and there are still more than a hundred First Nations under boil water advisories.

That was the context of the 2018 federal budget, the context that the Trudeau government should have paid close attention to.



**Peter at a press conference with members of the Health Committee speak on their report which repudiated Finance Minister Bill Morneau's refusal of single-payer universal pharmacare program. It's time to act! Canadians would save \$4billion+ a yr. Makes sense given this quiet crisis in Canada where 1 in 5 Canadians aren't able to get their prescription medication!**

**In New Westminster–Burnaby,  
1 out of every 3 people struggles to  
afford a place to call home.  
That's too many.**

Nowhere in the 2018 liberal budget does the government address housing, equality, or climate change in B.C.. Instead, the Liberals tabled the largest and most fundamentally anti-democratic omnibus piece of legislation in Canadian history, 100 pages beyond anything Mr. Harper did.

Budgets are about choices and unfortunately the Liberals have chosen tax breaks for wealthy CEOs and giveaways to large corporations over helping our seniors, our families and Indigenous children. It is profoundly cynical as a budget because it goes far below where the budget was, which was already very timid, so we are looking at an extremely timid budget implementation act in terms of what it seeks to achieve. At the same time, it is fundamentally anti-democratic in the size of what has been dumped into this omnibus legislation.

Instead of closing down on loopholes for the super-rich and making real investments in affordable housing and in the environment, the Liberals chose to further delay implementing those measures. Canadians everywhere are worried about the high cost of housing. While the federal government recognizes that there is a housing crisis, it is choosing to wait two years before addressing it.

There is no time to wait, it's time to act. Housing prices, rent, and the number of homeless are at levels beyond belief. Twenty eight per cent of British Columbians pay far too much for housing, which eats away at their budget for food, medication, clothing and transportation.



Over 40 years ago, and again in 2016, the Liberals promised pay equity; no such legislation has been tabled in Parliament. Budget 2018 was an opportunity for the Trudeau government to finally take action to tackle inequality instead of just talking about feminism & women's equality without action. There is no funding for universal, accessible childcare or improved employment

insurance requirements that do not discriminate against women. Recognizing that many of these challenges are faced even more prominently by racialized and Indigenous women, it is clear that Budget 2018 fails to address some of the most systemic issues that contribute to gender inequality, as well as other inequalities in Canada. I helped write a letter to the finance minister with NDP Critic for Women's Equality, Sheila Malcolmson, MP for Nanaimo - Ladysmith, (above with NDP Deputy Critic for Women's Equality, Anne Minh-Thu Quach, MP (Salaberry - Suroît) where we pressed the need for action on gender equality.

In addition to these realities Finance Minister Morneau will stand in the House and talk about how things are rosy, but the jobs being created are temporary and precarious. They do not allow for the family-sustaining type of employment that the NDP has always promoted and that we believe very strongly in achieving. However, that takes investments, forethought and planning, which we have not seen from the government.

New Democrats will continue to work hard for a better budget for all Canadians, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples ■





**1** In March, I hosted my 11th Annual Disability Tax Credit Seminars in Burnaby and in New Westminster. What terrific turnouts!

If you didn't have a chance to attend, please contact my riding office for more information about the Disability Tax Credit at 604-775-5707 ■



**2** Thank you Glenbrook Middle School for inviting me to speak in February about my role as the MP in New Westminster - Burnaby. The students were interested to know how parliament works and how I was elected as their MP. If your school is interested in having me speak, please feel free to contact my office ■



**3** The City of New Westminster organized a fantastic Newcomers Festival and Information Fair at Century House. I met with many new immigrant and refugee families from all over the world. Thank you for sharing your stories with me! New Westminster truly is a strong knitted community where people care and support each other ■



**5** Thank you to those who came out to rally for Canada and a clean energy future and against the Kinder Morgan TransMountain Expansion Project!

The Trudeau government needs to listen to the voices of the thousands of protectors & allies from coast to coast to coast calling for Indigenous rights to be respected, for our environment to be protected and for real action from Canada on climate change ■



**4** Burnaby Edmonds truly is one of the most ethnically diverse communities in Canada with over 150 different languages spoken. Thank you to MOSAIC for organizing the Multicultural Settlement Fair for Newcomers at Edmonds Community School! There is no better place than Canada where we celebrate each other's cultures and traditions!



# AUGUST 4, 2018



Please join  
Peter & local  
MLA Raj  
Chouhan at our  
Annual Summer  
Community  
BBQ!

Free food &  
refreshments! Balloons! Face-painting for kids!  
*Please bring a lawn chair, if possible. Thank you!*  
Hope to see you there!



**Photos** - Peter with neighbours at last summer's community BBQ.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! This event would not have been the success it was without you!

## My office is here to help.

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

- Citizenship, immigration & visa applications
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS) & Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Revenue Agency & tax benefits
- Canada Student Loans
- Veterans Affairs

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 do not hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community.



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