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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 all 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. While there has been a good amount of progress that's been made,

there's still a long way to achieve 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, 2019, join us to celebrate Canada Day in New Westminster & in Burnaby.

See you this Canada Day!

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CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS JULY 1, 2019



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, BBQ and family-friendly crafts.

11:30AM - 2:30PM at Queen's Park Bandshell - Free Admission

Celebrate Canada Day in Burnaby!

Join us in the festivities, outdoors at the Edmonds Plaza and Park for a fun day of family activities, music, arts & crafts, cake and amazing multicultural entertainment. Plus enjoy live performances by Burnaby's own Stephen Scaccia, Rainshadow, the Halifax Wharf Rats and more!

**11:00AM - 2:30PM at Edmonds Plaza & Park (located behind the Edmonds Community Centre in southeast Burnaby)
Admission is free**

It's a party at the Burnaby Village Museum! With the backdrop of 1920s village streets, the festivities include: multicultural family entertainment, face painting, musicians, a parade, displays & demonstrations, children's games & activities, cupcakes, a wide variety of entertainment and much more! The headline entertainer is the award-winning Ginalina.

**11:00AM-4:30PM at the Burnaby Village Museum (6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby) Admission is free.
Carousel rides are \$2.65.**

Burnaby's Canada Day Concert at Swangard Stadium. This family-friendly concert caps off Burnaby's Canada Day celebrations and 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.

NEW WESTMINSTER-BURNABY



Peter in the House

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South) tabled a motion in the House of Commons calling on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to declare a climate emergency, to end fossil-fuel subsidies and to commit to more ambitious cuts to greenhouse gas emissions.



The Liberal government voted against the motion and it's clear that what we're lacking in our fight against climate change is leadership and the courage to act with urgency. With different choices, we can chart a new & sustainable course for Canada.

May 15, 2019
Peter Julian (New Westminster—Burnaby, NDP) "If anyone thought that somehow that should not be a priority, they should talk to the many flood victims that we have seen in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, just over the course of the last few weeks.

From personal experience, I can say that anyone who comes out to the west coast can see the impacts of the climate change emergency that we are living through the course of the devastating forest fires that have already started. My colleague from Courtenay—Alberni, who spoke in the House during question period, raised the fact that for the first time ever in the month of May, more than a dozen out of control forest fires are burning our forests in British Columbia.

Over the last three years in the Lower Mainland, the month of August has meant unbreathable air. It meant the sun literally disappeared under the heavy weight of clouds as the forests all around us burn. We do not need to look at the international examples to understand how vividly climate change is transforming our planet.

However, if we make the investments, the Building Trades Unions have said that we could create up to four million jobs over the next 30 years in this country. Imagine a young generation of workers who could go to work in the building trades building renewable energy, regional and municipal heat plants and all the infrastructure needed to address this climate crisis."

IN THE NEWS

NDP MP's bill would give foreign victims of Canadian companies their day in court

May 1, 2019, Karl Nerenberg, rabble news

The SNC-Lavalin bribery case has educated Canadians about a certain kind of misbehaviour by Canadian companies abroad: the corruption of foreign officials. But some Canadian corporations have committed, or been complicit in, far more serious offences in foreign countries.

Those crimes include forced labour, sexual violence and murder. All too often, the companies involved have escaped even the most minimal measure of accountability.

There is currently no effective way for foreign victims of Canadian corporate malfeasance to pursue meaningful redress in Canadian courts. Vancouver-area NDP MP Peter Julian wants to change that.

For more than a decade, Julian has been pushing legislation that would give people and groups in foreign countries who have suffered from the actions of Canadian corporations a fighting chance in Canada's Federal Court.

That legislation, private member's Bill C-331, or the International Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Act (IPPHRA), is now before the House of Commons. Allowing foreigners to sue Canadian mining companies C-331 is a civil, not criminal, measure. It would, as Julian puts it, "allow non-citizens to sue anyone for gross violations of basic human, environmental or labour rights when they are committed outside the country."

The bill would apply to all industries, but, in fact, is focused on mining and other forms of resource extraction. Canada is a global hub for the mining and resource extraction industries. Almost all of the many mining and resource corporations headquartered here have active operations worldwide, most especially in the poorer countries of the global South.

There are credible and persistent reports of serious human rights violations associated with Canadian corporate activities in such far-flung places as Papua New Guinea, the Horn of Africa, and South and Central America. Abusive practices include not only violence against individuals, but also violations of environmental rights through wanton destruction of soil, plants, air and water, and transboundary pollution.

Peter Julian is quick to recognize that the majority of Canadian corporations operating abroad are not necessarily bad actors. "When it comes to mining operations in particular," he told the Commons on Monday, April 29, "many Canadian companies operate in a very effective and thoughtful manner, respecting human rights." But he is concerned about the "bad apples."

It's time Canada holds those violating human rights around the world accountable.



Julian cites such examples as Nexsen Resources, based in Vancouver, which is accused of having been complicit in the use of virtual slave labour at its mining operation in Eritrea. He also points to Toronto-based Barrick Gold, which tolerated security guards burning 18 homes in the village of Porgera in Papua New Guinea, among other violent acts.

In Guatemala, Julian told the Commons, security guards for the local subsidiary of Canada's Hudbay Minerals shot and killed

schoolteacher and anti-mining activist Adolfo Ich Chamán. In El Salvador "an environmental activist who had spoken out against Canadian mining operations was found killed at the bottom of a well; his fingernails had been pulled out."

Setting an example for the world, Bill C-331 would allow broad latitude for communities that have suffered such gross violations of human rights to pursue the Canadian corporate perpetrators in our Federal Court. But it would not be a panacea.

Mounting a court case in a foreign country is an expensive and daunting task. People from the South who might seek access to Canada's Federal Court will probably need well-resourced Canadian allies.... The Liberals also argue their government has done enough in the area of corporations and human rights abroad by creating the new post of ombudsperson for responsible enterprise -- a position labour and human rights groups have characterized as virtually toothless.

Julian hopes to convince enough MPs to come around, especially those on the government benches, where they like to talk the talk of global responsibility for the environment and human rights, even if they do not always walk the walk.

The NDP MP's closing pitch to his fellow parliamentarians is that his proposed new measure would "really create a framework for the best example of human rights policy in the world." He caps that off with an appeal to his colleagues' sense of national pride. "Canada can be a leader," Peter Julian says. "It can be the first country in the world to implement something that other nations will look to."

Karl Nerenberg has been a journalist and filmmaker for more than 25 years. He is rabble's politics reporter.

Peter in the Community



1 The Old Interurban Forest Preservation Society organized Jane's Walk 2019 in Cariboo Heights, located south of the TransCanada Highway. This area is truly a hidden gem in Burnaby. Glad to meet local residents who are passionate about interurban forest conservation. Keep up the good work!



4 MOSAIC's Annual Multicultural Settlement Fair was held at Stride Avenue Community School in Burnaby. Thank you for making newcomers feel welcome and appreciated!

Canada is still failing on its commitment to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children.

Indigenous families are living in housing that's unsafe and unhealthy. They are experiencing catastrophic suicide rates, sky-high rates of food insecurity and poor health care.

The Trudeau government talks a lot about reconciliation, but the Liberal government is still leaving Indigenous kids & youth behind. Over the past two years, the government spent more time fighting Indigenous children in court than it did taking action to help them. In fact, the money they assigned for Jordan's Principle in their latest budget barely covers the critical health services Indigenous children need.

Half-measures aren't good enough. All Indigenous peoples deserve to have a safe home, access to clean water, good schools and access to the health care services they need, just like everyone else.

Do you agree? Yes ☐ No ☐

2 While attending the Canadian Federation of the Blind (CFB) Convention, I realized how easy it was for me to take for granted small tasks I did everyday. As a society, we must do better to ensure programs and infrastructures are in place for the blind community ■



3 Normanna Care Home's dining room was beautifully and elegantly decorated to celebrate residents from Normanna, New Vista & Harmony Court who had celebrated their centurion birthdays.

5 St. Peter's Catholic Church in New Westminster organized a great walkathon to raise funds for migrants around the world who are displaced due to armed conflicts, climate change, development of mega-projects & persecution. Great Job!



Isn't it time for true reconciliation?



Have your say.

Comments:

AUGUST 3, 2019

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

Over 1,500 neighbours came last year!

Free food & refreshments, fire trucks, live music, 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!

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