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COMMUNITY UPDATE

A Year in Review and the Year Ahead

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In December, we launched the Canadian Dental Care Plan. We estimate that nine million Canadians with a family income of less than \$90,000 will benefit from the program. To apply in the first phase, all you need to do is make sure your taxes are filed and up to date. More specific details are included below or at Canada.ca/dental.

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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Happy 2024! As the new Minister of Citizens' Services, I've been focused on setting up the new Ministry and building a team to deliver our mandate, which includes Service Canada and the Canadian Digital Service. In December, we launched the first phase of the Canadian Dental Care Plan while transforming passport and benefit delivery. The OAS, GIS, EI, and CPP are currently part of Canada's largest digital transformation project. I am also working on providing more digital services so that you can access the government 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and improving our customer service standards by reducing lines and wait times. You can read the mandate letter at pm.gc.ca/en/mandate-letters.

My responsibility with the new program is to onboard eligible Canadians to get their membership card and access dental care services. An estimated nine million people will qualify, making this the largest single benefit rollout in Canadian history. If we spread the onboarding process perfectly over a year, it would still mean onboarding about 25,000 people daily. This is why we're launching the program in phases, starting with seniors.

Between now and March 2024, letters will be sent to qualified seniors aged 70 and over. They will receive a letter in the mail with instructions and a unique access code. You will require that access code and your Social Insurance Number to apply. Starting in May, individuals aged 65 and over can apply online, and children and adults with a Disability Tax Credit Certificate can apply in June.

Everyone else will be able to apply starting in 2025. Qualified individuals with a family income below \$90,000 will receive a card from Sun Life and can access most health-related services. Oral health care is important for maintaining overall physical health. These investments will not only make a more fair and equitable society but also make individuals more productive and save money by preventing more serious and expensive procedures later on. Get more information at Canada.ca/Dental.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Your Voice Matters

What priorities do you want us to focus on in 2024?

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Would you like to receive an email follow up?

YES NO

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BIRTHDAY* YES! I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.**

*Fill this out if you or your child would like to receive a birthday card from Terry.
**Check this box to be contacted by our team about volunteer opportunities.

No postage is required, only your mailing information. **Please fold this survey and tape it shut for mailing.**

ECONOMY AND AFFORDABILITY

- 2.3 million Canadians lifted out of poverty since 2015, 435,000 of those are children.
- 11 million Canadians received the grocery rebate.
- Revised competition laws and cut credit card fees for small businesses.
- Inflation continues to lower from 8.1% to 3.8%. With food prices also lowering from 11.4% to 5.8%

HEALTHCARE

- \$27.47 billion was invested in BC healthcare, with \$273 million already transferred to address urgent needs, especially in pediatric hospitals and emergency rooms, and to address long wait times for surgeries.
- \$1.2 billion invested over the next three years to an innovative model of care to improve access to family health services, reduce surgical backlogs, improve access to health information, and enhance access to mental health and substance use services.
- Launched the 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Help Line.
- All Provinces and Territories signed the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence to help advance ending gender-based violence in Canada.

CLIMATE ACTION AND THE CLEAN ECONOMY

- Funded 45,000+ public charging stations, surpassing half of the 2026 target, and achieved the 2025 target of 4,500 fast chargers two years early.
- Announced a historic \$1 billion Nature Agreement with the BC government and First Nations to protect 30% of lands by 2030, prioritizing ecologically valuable areas and species at risk.
- Became the first G20 country to end fossil fuel subsidies and outlined a cap on emissions from the oil and gas sector to have a clean economic transition.

IMPROVING THE SYSTEMS OF HOUSING

- Supporting innovation in construction through the Housing Supply Challenge, a \$300 million fund that enhances productivity via new designs, digital tools, and modular construction.
- Investing over \$759 million in the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to promote innovative financing models and designs, facilitating the creation of more than 28,000 homes, with 18,000 being affordable housing units.
- Developing housing design catalogues as a way to boost construction sector capacity and streamline processes to remove red tape.
- Municipalities and the province are working to improve their housing systems, including allowing for multi-unit complexes in appropriate areas, approving laneway housing and promoting mini homes. To learn more, visit Gov.bc.ca or Burnaby.



The City of Burnaby received \$43,409,600 through the Housing Accelerator Fund to transform local projects. This funding is expected to construct over 1,290 new housing units over the next three years and 11,340 homes over the next decade.



The District of North Vancouver received \$40 million through the Rental Construction Financing Initiative (RCFi) to increase the supply of purpose-built rental homes across North Vancouver.



If you want to get involved in the community, we encourage you to volunteer with the many wonderful organizations in Burnaby and North Vancouver, like Mount Seymour United Thrift Shop.



In December, our team hosted a town hall at Atrium Co-op, a 55+ complex that is an innovative model for affordable communal housing for seniors. Please email us if you want us to host a town hall with your Co-op or Strata.

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