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Protecting Canadians and Investing in Our Future

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Our government recognizes quantum technology as a major area of growth for research, development, and industry. Innovative companies like Photonic Inc. are leading the way, transforming industries and helping position Canada as a global leader in this cutting-edge field. Speaking of Canadian technology, you can look forward to a feature on the Artemis 2 Lunar mission in next month's mailer.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Over the past year, under Prime Minister Mark Carney's leadership, Canada has taken important steps to strengthen its role on the world stage during a time of global uncertainty. Following his address at the World Economic Forum, he moved quickly to turn words into action, engaging with countries around the world and reinforcing Canada's position as a trusted partner.

These efforts are already delivering results. Canada has secured new trade opportunities, renewed key diplomatic relationships, and improved access for Canadians abroad through expanded market opportunities and reduced visa barriers. Foreign direct investment reached \$96.8 billion last year, the highest level since 2007, reflecting growing global confidence in Canada's economy. This investment helps Canadian businesses grow, create jobs, and expand opportunities for workers here at home. Canada was also ranked first overall for the fifth consecutive year by The Global Pension Transparency Benchmark. Canada's major public-sector pension funds earned top scores for governance, performance, and responsible investing disclosure practices. The country's overall score was eight points higher than Australia and the Netherlands, which tied for second place.

Canada is uniquely positioned as a strong and diverse middle power. As we deepen relationships internationally, we are also drawing on the strength of our communities here at home. Our diversity is one of our greatest assets, and it helps shape the partnerships we build around the world, ensuring that our growth reflects the people who call Canada home.

At the same time, we recognize that many families are facing real challenges. Rising costs, economic shifts, and global instability are affecting daily life. The systems that have supported growth for decades are changing, and Canada must continue to adapt. In moments like this, our focus must remain on the fundamentals: making life more affordable, building more homes, strengthening our economy, and keeping Canadians safe. Our government is taking practical, long-term action in each of these areas, focused on delivering real results, not short-term fixes.

This month's mailer highlights some of that work, including progress on affordability, housing, economic growth, infrastructure, and opportunities for young people. These priorities are shaped by the conversations we have with you every day, at your door, on the phone, over email, and throughout our communities in Burnaby and North Vancouver.

While there is always more to do, we remain focused on delivering meaningful progress and maintaining a clear path forward. Our goal is to build a stronger, more stable future for today and for the next generation.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or need support with federal services, our office is here to help.

In your service,

Terry Beech, Your Member of Parliament for Burnaby North-Seymour



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Your Voice Matters

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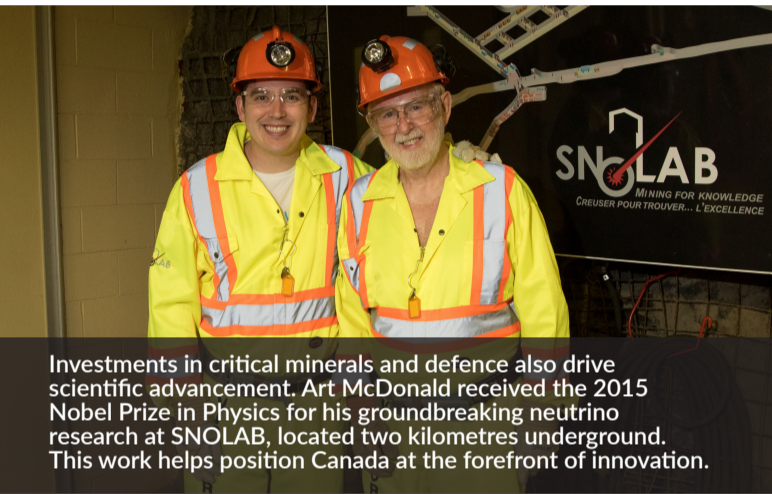
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Passing Bill C-4

- 1. Middle Class Tax Cuts:** Lowering the first personal income tax rate from 15% to 14%, gives nearly 22 million Canadians up to \$420 each, with dual-income families saving up to \$840. Canadians without payroll deductions will claim this relief when filing their 2025 taxes this spring.
- 2. Personal Support Workers Tax Credit:** Eligible personal support workers can now claim 5% of their income, up to \$1,100 per year. This puts more money directly into the pockets of the Canadians providing essential care to seniors, people with disabilities, and families.
- 3. Top-ups for tax credits:** Non-refundable tax credits, such as for tuition or medical expenses, are being adjusted so that Canadians continue to fully benefit from them even as tax rates change, helping make everyday life more affordable.



Investments in critical minerals and defence also drive scientific advancement. Art McDonald received the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics for his groundbreaking neutrino research at SNOLAB, located two kilometres underground. This work helps position Canada at the forefront of innovation.

Hitting our NATO 2% Goals

Keeping our country safe in an increasingly uncertain world is a top priority. I am proud to share that our government has reached NATO's 2% defence spending target ahead of schedule.

We achieved this through a historic \$63 billion investment. This is the largest year-over-year boost in generations, reversing a long decline that saw defence spending drop to just 1% of GDP in 2014.

We ask a lot of our military, so we must ensure they are supported. We are accelerating over \$3 billion in new funding for bases, housing, training facilities, and upgraded naval and air capabilities.

These efforts will expand our defence capacity, support our personnel, grow our economy, and position Canada to meet NATO's 2035 targets. Rebuilding our military readiness is a major step toward a stronger, more secure, and sovereign Canada.

Getting Things Built at Home

The Canada Infrastructure Bank is delivering real results for Burnaby, North Vancouver, and communities across British Columbia by investing in the infrastructure that powers a cleaner, stronger economy and supports the goals of the Build Communities Strong Fund.

In 2024, more than \$337 million was invested in hydrogen production and refuelling infrastructure, creating good jobs, advancing low-carbon technology, and positioning the North Shore as a leader in Canada's growing hydrogen economy. This builds on \$10 million invested in Simon Fraser University's Hydrogen Hub to support research and innovation.

At the same time, a \$139.5 million investment in BC Hydro is advancing early work on the North Coast Transmission Line, strengthening the electricity grid and supporting long term clean growth.

Public transit is also seeing important upgrades, with \$75 million invested to modernize four hybrid battery ferries, improving service reliability while reducing emissions.

Together, these investments are building modern, resilient infrastructure that supports economic growth, reduces emissions, and strengthens communities across Burnaby North-Seymour and beyond.

Supporting New Housing and Home Ownership

Housing affordability remains one of the most pressing challenges facing Canadians and increasing supply is a key part of addressing it. In addition to broader housing investments, our government has taken targeted steps to improve affordability for homebuyers and support new construction.

Removing the Goods and Services Tax on new homes priced up to 1 million and reducing it on homes up to 1.5 million lowers the cost of purchasing a new home and improves the financial viability of new housing projects. This is particularly important in high-demand markets where construction costs can be a barrier to building.

This measure works alongside other federal programs, including those that provide financing for rental housing and support municipalities in increasing housing supply. Together, these efforts are focused on building more homes and improving access to housing.

Youth Employment Support

Supporting young people as they enter the workforce is important for both individual opportunity and long term economic growth in Canada. Through the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, our government is funding programs like Canada Summer Jobs, which create employment opportunities in communities across the country. These programs help young Canadians gain work experience, develop skills, and transition into the workforce. To learn more and see current opportunities, visit jobbank.gc.ca/youth.



Meeting with students from the BCIT Aerospace Program to discuss what they want to see in Canada's future.

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