

## MP's REPORT: Your Monthly Update

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It has been a busy, but exciting month full of town halls, events in our community, and focussed parliamentary work in Ottawa. Here are some of the highlights of the past month in case you missed them:

### Highlights in Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill

#### Federal Funding for the Alzheimer Society of York Region's Artwell Project

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) provides funding for projects that help seniors stay active, share their knowledge, and continue to enhance their learning skills. Since 2016, this program has helped a number of organizations in our community including CHATS, Mon Sheong Foundation, Shabad Aurora, and Pilgrim Feast Tabernacles Ministry. I was proud to announce \$25,000 in NHSP funding to support the Alzheimer Society's Artwell Project. This project allows local seniors living with Alzheimer's and dementia to express themselves through art. If you know a seniors organization that would benefit from NHSP Federal funding, please encourage them to apply before June 15th! Visit:

[www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html)

### Visiting Schools in Our Community

One of my key priorities as your Member of Parliament is to focus on supporting the youth in our community and across our country. This past month I visited students at Richmond Green Secondary School and Cardinal Carter Catholic High School to discuss the role of a Member of Parliament, and the responsibility and opportunity youth have in shaping our country for the future.

### Cannabis Regulations Town Hall with MP Bill Blair

Thank you to everyone who joined me for our Cannabis Regulations Town Hall. We had an informative and fact-based discussion on the laws the federal government is implementing to ensure cannabis is kept out of the hands of Canadian youth, and that deny profits from criminals and organized crime, and to clarify the responsibilities of each level of government in the implementation process.

### Highlights in Ottawa

### NATO Secretary General Visit to Ottawa

As Chair of the NATO Parliamentary Association (NATO PA), I had the honour of welcoming the NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, to Parliament Hill for the launch of the #WeAreNATO campaign, and to celebrate the 69th anniversary of NATO. This visit emphasized Canada's importance to the alliance, and that as a founding member of NATO in 1949, we must continue to strengthen our ties across the North Atlantic.

### Citizenship and Immigration Committee

In March, I became a new member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. We have been studying the Immigration and Refugee Board's training, complaints and appeals processes, and are finalizing a public report of our findings. We have also begun a study on global migration. I am particularly interested to understand the effects of migration on international security and stability, particularly as it relates to our National Defence Committee's current study on peacekeeping and explore what Canada's contribution should be on this important issue.

### National Defence Committee

The Defence Committee is finalizing our study on NATO where we sought to define why NATO is important to Canada, why Canada is important to NATO and what contribution Canada should make in this alliance in the future. As we finalize our recommendations, it is clear that Canada's membership in the alliance is central to our defence and security and that our allies rely on us for our continued contribution. However, very few Canadians are aware of NATO, or of the importance to Canada of this critical political, economic and military alliance and that's why Canada is one of the lead nations for the education campaign #WEARENATO. I encourage you to learn more at [www.nato.int/wearenato](http://www.nato.int/wearenato)

## LOOK AHEAD

### SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrating Canada through Community!

I would like to invite you, your family, friends, and neighbours to our summer event ?Celebrating Canada Through Community.? Drop by 12820 Yonge St (right outside my office) to enjoy live outdoor entertainment, great food, and informative booths from the government and local organizations on Sunday, July 8 from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

As always, please feel free to contact me by e-mail: [Leona.Alleslev@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Leona.Alleslev@parl.gc.ca), phone: (905) 773-8358, or drop by my office at 12820 Yonge St., suite 202 in Richmond Hill.

My team and I are always here to help.