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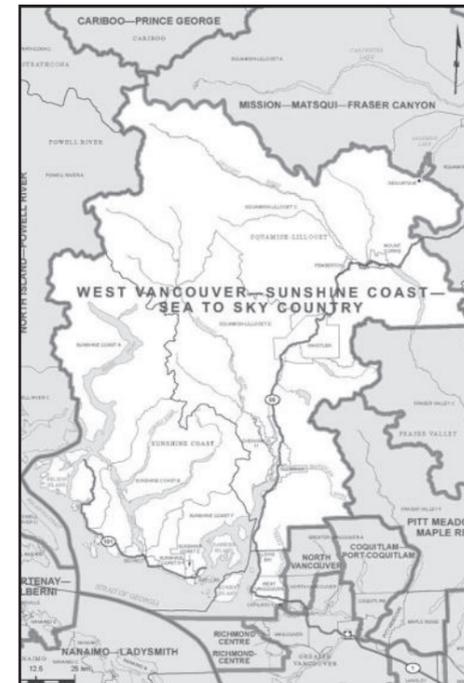
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Welcome

Dear friends and neighbours,

Every day our team in Ottawa (Alexandre, Morgan and Shahnaz) and our team at home (Marjan, Lucie and Deanna) strive to represent the best interests of our community and of Canada. Sometimes what we work on are matters that are unique to our riding, or to individuals and their interaction with federal agencies. Sometimes our community's interests and beliefs are part of a national debate and directly impact new legislation. All of this takes place every day, and we rely on you to help inform us. The amount of homework and advocacy undertaken by our community is inspiring and essential.

Bill C-22: An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians

During the first half of 2017, several public policy questions raised at home are taking shape in the House of Commons. For example, Bill C-51 introduced by the previous government raised the dire need for independent oversight of any government of the day, with regard to prudence and balance in measures taken in the name of national security.

Bill C-22 is an act to establish the independent national security and intelligence committee of parliamentarians. This is important and a direct outcome of the concern here, and across the country, with regard to the overreaching authority of Bill C-51. I spoke to Bill C-22 in the House of Commons. Here is an excerpt:

Bill C-22 is about rebuilding trust with Canadians. It is about providing assurance that our national security and intelligence communities' activities are being conducted responsibly. Parliamentarians can and should play a major role in reviewing these activities. To that effect, our government made a commitment to an approach that protects our rights and freedoms and provides for the security of Canadians.

Democracy and freedom should never be taken for granted. Upholding democracy and freedom requires constant vigilance. Bill C-22 is a significant step forward. It stands against excessive powers of the state, something that I, and many in the House, believe in strongly.

You can view the contents of the bill at <http://bit.ly/2oOVXu0>.

It is our hope that this newsletter provides an overview of the personal, community, national and international ways in which we strive to serve you every day. Thank you for continuing to express your views.

Sincerely,



Trade Parliamentary Secretary Goldsmith-Jones and Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains



Working on high speed, high quality internet service with Graham Turner, President of Pemberton and District Chamber of Commerce

OCEAN HEALTH

IN OUR
COMMUNITY

HEALTH AND
SAFETY

INTERNATIONAL
TRADE

INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENTS

Ocean health



Announcing the Oceans Protections Plan with MP Terry Beech

The Salish Sea and Howe Sound

Our constituency is vast, and most of it runs along the shores of the Salish Sea and Howe Sound. We live in relation to the ocean, and our voices in Ottawa matter when it comes to ocean health, the protection of the southern orca pod and wild salmon. Below is a brief outline of work we are doing, in partnership with local agencies and levels of government.

The Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and Canadian

Coast Guard, Dominic LeBlanc, came to Vancouver in February, where he joined the Coastal Oceans Research Institute (CORI) at its launch of Ocean Watch: Howe Sound Edition. This is an invaluable resource, representing an incredible body of work by volunteers, scientists, naturalists and First Nations throughout Howe Sound. It offers a report card on the health of Howe Sound across multiple species. You can view the report online: <http://oceanwatch.ca/>.

Thank you to Andrew Day who heads up CORI

(and is also a West Vancouver resident), for his leadership. The Howe Sound Edition puts the biodiversity of Howe Sound at our fingertips, and is an important tool to ensure that our actions serve to protect and enhance this rich ecosystem for generations to come.

A review of Canada's wild salmon policy is underway. Concern that this policy will restore lost protections, be properly resourced, recognize the role of First Nations in protecting wild salmon, ensure that habitat protection and conservation measures take precedence, are key. MP Terry Beech and I attended an SFU seminar *Speaking for the Salmon*, where this was expressed, as well as the desire to address open net salmon aquaculture on the west coast.

In Caulfeild, I am pleased to announce that DFO will be investing in the Centre for Aquaculture and Environmental Research (CAER), also known as the West Vancouver Laboratory. For years, the fate of this world leading research centre has been uncertain. I have been asked by the Minister to lead a community and science partners process to create the vision for what will be a science enterprise centre (working title). I look forward to working with all interested partners on this. Join us at a community open house on Saturday, June 10 in celebration of Oceans Day and the future of scientific research for fisheries and oceans on the west coast of Canada. Event details will be listed on our website closer to June 10.

In our community

Meeting Pam in coffee shops

Wherever we go in the riding, we schedule time in local coffee shops for drop in conversations. This is a great way to support local businesses and meet one another. These conversations provide valuable input which feed directly into discussions in Ottawa and throughout the community.

In January, we squeezed into the corner seat in the Snug Café on Bowen Island. There was a particular focus on Bowen's proposed health centre, ocean health and the new addition to the library. Later in January, we were at the Mad Park Bistro in Madeira Park. It was standing room only with lots of challenging questions about climate change, electoral reform and derelict vessels. There will be a comprehensive policy very soon on derelict vessels. At the same time as this coffee shop conversation, I received a message that the Prime Minister wanted to call me – and learned the hard way that there is not very good cell reception at the Mad Park Bistro! I missed his call, but we caught up later and he asked me to become Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade.

In February, we dropped by Gone Village Eatery



Focusing on the health of our oceans at the Snug Café, Bowen Island



Learning about Canadian government and politics at Chartwell Elementary School, West Vancouver

in Whistler for an hour before Whistler Council's budget meeting at the Maury Young Arts Centre. After the budget presentation, wild salmon policy discussion continued at the Brew House – very engaging! At Mile One Restaurant in Pemberton our conversation focused entirely on internet connectivity in the area. Since then, Telus has put together a proposal which I will work on with the community.

In addition to these visits, we are often at the Ledge Community Coffee House in Squamish and at Caffè Al Mercato in West Vancouver. Let us know what café corners of the community we haven't visited yet and we will plan to see you there.

Visiting schools

It is always inspiring to visit schools in the region. Students of all ages have great questions and are so engaged! Chartwell Elementary School (West Vancouver), Howe Sound Secondary School (Squamish), Spring Creek Community School (Whistler), Pemberton Secondary School (Pemberton) and Quest University (Squamish) are recent visits. Give us a call and we will make sure to drop by. We've met hundreds of students from grades three to university. Thank you to all the teachers who have hosted us, and to all the young people who ask us thoughtful and challenging questions.

Health and safety



Ministers of Public Safety, Justice and Health and Bill Blair, MP

Legalizing cannabis

On April 13, 2017 the government introduced the proposed *Cannabis Act*, an important step in fulfilling our commitment to protect public health and safety by legalizing, strictly regulating and

restricting access to cannabis.

The Bill creates a national framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada, and seeks to:

- Restrict youth access to cannabis
- Deter and reduce criminal activity by imposing serious criminal penalties
- Protect public health through strict product safety and quality requirements
- Reduce the burden on the criminal justice system
- Provide for the legal production of cannabis
- Allow adults to possess and access regulated, quality-controlled, legal cannabis
- Enhance public awareness of the health risks

The full report is available online: <http://bit.ly/2pTi542>. Details regarding possession, packaging, retail framework, ticketable and criminal offenses and more can be found at <http://bit.ly/2oJEhgM>.

Subject to Parliamentary approval and Royal Assent, the government intends to provide regulated and restricted access to cannabis no later than July 2018.

Thank you to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, Bill Blair, for his expertise and effort on this important public health and safety policy. I have invited him to our constituency this summer to meet with you and answer your questions.

International trade

In January, I was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne. It has been an honour to serve Minister Dion in Foreign Affairs. Our goals in international trade are to attract job creation investments in Canada and expand trade opportunities with large markets, such as the European Union and the fast growing markets in the Asia Pacific region.

In February, I introduced the third reading of CETA: the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement. CETA offers unprecedented access for Canadian companies to the EU marketplace of 500 million people. The EU is the world's largest foreign investor and trader, accounting for approximately 16% of global trade. CETA opens up new opportunities for Canadian business in the EU's estimated \$3.3 trillion government procurement market. Legislation is now being debated in the Senate and we expect approval in late spring.

Our government believes in a strong, open economy but we recognize that trade and globalization are blamed for job losses and for economic changes. The world is now seeing the strongest growth in anti-trade and anti-globalization sentiments since WWII. As a result, CETA is an agreement which reflects strong labour and environmental standards and clear provisions to ensure that governments can regulate in the public interest in areas such as



EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and former Minister of International Trade Michael H. Wilson

health, safety and cultural diversity.

The foundation of international relations between Canada and the EU has resulted in this historic progressive free trade agreement and is a clear example of working together toward greater prosperity for Canada and our trading partners.

In March, I joined EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström at the Greater Toronto Board of Trade to present the benefits of CETA. Beginning in May, I'll spend time travelling across Canada to connect small and medium sized businesses in

particular to the CETA opportunity.

Increasing trade in the Asia Pacific region is also a key priority, with a particular focus on the ASEAN countries (10 southeast Asian countries and Canada's sixth largest trading partner), beginning with a trip to Vietnam and Singapore at the end of April. We are particularly focused on strengthening and expanding markets for Canada's softwood lumber exports. I will also use this opportunity to talk about progressive trade and focus on opportunities for women in business.

We would like to hear from **you**.

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What policy issues matter most to you?

Would you like to receive email updates from us? If yes, please write your email address below.

Thank you for your feedback.

Infrastructure investments

Clean water and wastewater fund

The federal Clean Water and Wastewater Fund addresses local governments' most pressing water infrastructure requirements. Thank you to local and regional governments for prioritizing and planning the projects which are now fully funded through collaboration by all three levels of government.

- Bowen Island Cove Bay – \$1.9M
- Lions Bay Water Storage – \$1.35M
- Squamish Water System – \$688,100
- SLRD Pinecrest Estates – \$998,205
- Whistler Emerald Water System – \$1.25M
- Gibsons Water Infrastructure – \$618,420
- Gibsons ISMP – \$150,000
- Sechelt Sanitary Sewer – \$1.75M
- Pender Harbour Water Systems – \$1.65M
- Pender Harbour Canoe Road – \$37,500
- Madeira Park Merrill Crescent – \$32,500

The federal, provincial and Metro Vancouver governments also announced joint funding of up to \$700 million for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant serving North and West Vancouver. This is a significant milestone, representing over a decade of work and the largest single capital investment in the history of Metro Vancouver. Thank you to all our partners, and congratulations to local governments on the North Shore.



Announcing funding for the Lions Gate Secondary Wastewater Treatment Plant with MPs Jonathan Wilkinson and Terry Beech



Announcing funding in Lions Bay for the Sea to Sky corridor



Announcing funding for Bowen Island

Our team

Summer internship

We are glad to have Clio Hofler join us as our summer intern. Clio is from Roberts Creek, and is a student at the Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria.

Clio will spend May and most of June in Ottawa, until the House rises for the summer. She'll learn about parliamentary procedure, answer your correspondence and the phones and join me at special events.

Clio will be back on the coast for July and August to support our team in the constituency. Thank you for helping our latest team member learn about public service. We'll do our best to make this a wonderful learning experience for her.



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