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Team update

Our constituency office is pleased to welcome two new staff members and a summer intern to our team. Please meet Natasha Lepur, Ravneet Minhas and Claire Yu:

Natasha grew up in West Vancouver and is in our Horseshoe Bay office. She is our Casework Assistant and is here to answer your questions about Service Canada, Canada Pension Plan and more. She can be reached at pam.goldsmith-jones.c1@parl.gc.ca.

Ravneet is a recent graduate from Quest University and a resident of Squamish. She is working as our Constituency Assistant in the Sea to Sky Corridor and can be contacted at pam.goldsmith-jones.c1c@parl.gc.ca.

Claire is a West Vancouver resident and our summer intern. We'd like to congratulate her on her recent acceptance to the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

We encourage you to reach out to our office any time at 604-913-2660.



New team members Ravneet, Claire and Natasha.

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Working for our community



Democracy Talks: Canada's Environment and Economy, presented by our Youth Council, featuring Transport Minister Marc Garneau.



Young people in the Squamish Sikh Parade are a big hit.



At the G7 Foreign Economic Ministerial Meeting in Whistler with Finance Minister Bill Morneau and International Monetary Fund Chair Christine Lagarde.



Calgary Stampede with Calgary Mayor Nenshi, then Trade Minister Champagne, and Alberta Trade Minister Bilous promoting international trade.



Celebrating federal support for the new Bowen Island Gallery Centre for the Arts.



Great to meet veteran and Squamish resident Frank Manuel who is thrilled with the support he receives from Veterans Affairs.



Celebrating Canada Day 2018 in Sechelt with MLA Nicholas Simons, Chief Warren Paull, Mayor Bruce Milne and Councillor Darren Inkster.



Opening the GLOBE Forum with then International Trade Minister Champagne and Invest in Canada CEO Ian McKay.

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Welcome

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

This edition of our newsletter provides a snapshot of the issues and engagement our staff team and I undertake on your behalf. This year in the House of Commons I have debated Bill C-68, to amend the Fisheries Act and restore lost protection, Bill C-50, the Canada Elections Act, to improve access for voters, Bill C-69, the Impact Assessment Act and Canadian Regulator Act, Bill C-65 the Canada Labour Code, Bill C-67 the Elections Modernization Act, and Bill C-64, the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act.

In my role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, I facilitate the work of the International Trade Committee and I support the Minister. Recently, the committee has been focused on NAFTA, steel and aluminum. In July I spent three days in Washington, DC to meet with fellow legislators, and the following week in Mexico to meet with the trade ministers of Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Peru as we continue to diversify the markets we trade with. This year, we passed legislation for the Canada – EU trade agreement and the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership, providing preferential market access to combined markets of one billion people.

In the fall I will dedicate this space to our government's vision for Canada's energy future, including the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. In the meantime, the recent report entitled Generation Energy Council Report provides a good overview: <http://bit.ly/2LgEHXs>.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP
West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country



Announcing funding for the removal and assessment of abandoned boats in British Columbia with Bowen Island Councillor Sue Ellen Fast, Bonny Brokenshire and Councillor Alison Morse.



Announcing \$1.5 million in funding for habitat restoration in the Squamish River Estuary with the Squamish River Watershed Society.



Meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau between Question Period and voting.

Ocean health



With Squamish Nation Councillor Chris Lewis at the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre open house.

Pacific Science Enterprise Centre

The work of the volunteer Community Leadership Team and the Science Partners Team continues as we fulfill the Minister of Fisheries' vision for the Pacific Science Enterprise Centre (PSEC), located on the Caulfeild waterfront at the DFO lab in West Vancouver. The site is unique in North America due to its location with an abundance of fresh water and salt water, in Canada's largest port, and near to world leading universities and scientists. PSEC offers a generational opportunity to deliver science knowledge in support of protecting ocean health. It is of great significance to the First Nations of the Salish Sea, who are PSEC partners. The site supported a successful cannery from 1900 to 1960, owned by the Millerd family. The Millerd family vision and DFO created this science research legacy, which will be strengthened through PSEC for the future.

Strong partnerships are already in place between the Coastal Oceans Research Institute and DFO studying oceans plastics, and SD45 which will have its first graduating class next year to earn an Environmental Studies diploma.

We will be hosting an open house in the fall of 2018. See you there!

Transitioning to closed containment

In June, the Vancouver Sun published an op-ed article I wrote about the need to transition open net pen fish farms to closed containments. This is a summary of the article:

"As British Columbians there is nothing more perfect or more respected than wild salmon, and this is why I believe the time has come to transition British Columbia's open net salmon aquaculture industry to closed containment. Momentum is gathering globally – and close to home – for very good reasons.

From a business perspective, the global industry is operating in an increasingly unpredictable environment. Public support for the status quo is attenuating. Globally capital is being invested in closed containment facilities, and British Columbia and Canada should not miss this important shift.

From an environmental perspective, there is mounting evidence that sea lice and virus transfer threaten wild salmon stocks. Last summer's complete net pen collapse in Washington State resulted in an outright ban within two months of the disaster. All Washington State licenses will have expired by 2025.

From a science perspective, the Strategic Salmon Health Initiative study led by Dr. Kristi Miller in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Genome BC and the Pacific Salmon Foundation, found that the PRV virus known to cause disease in farmed Atlantic salmon causes disease in Chinook salmon in British Columbia. The non-partisan Pacific Salmon Foundation has stated that open net salmon farming poses biological risks to the abundance and diversity of already depleted wild Pacific salmon and is calling for a transition to closed containment.

From an Indigenous perspective, most – not all – Indigenous communities are opposed to open net farms in their territories. Innovation presents the potential for industry and First Nations to be enterprise partners.

From a trade perspective, Canada is a trusted global leader in high-value, safe, secure sustainable food. The potential to develop our agri-food sector, particularly in light of recent trade agreements, is exceptional.

Now is the time to take a regional approach to aquaculture in Canada and to explain how we plan to transition to closed containment on the west coast of British Columbia."

Community investments



With Pemberton Mayor Mike Richmond, cutting cake and announcing \$5.3 million in infrastructure funding for downtown Pemberton.

We are working hard to succeed in funding the projects that matter to you. Thank you to local governments and community groups for such strong collaboration.

Sea to Sky Corridor

In March 2018 we announced an investment of \$5.3 million from the Federal Gas Tax Fund for the Village of Pemberton, toward revitalizing the downtown. That month we also visited the Ts'zil Learning Centre in Mount Currie, which is the recipient of an \$8 million dollar investment by our government and an innovative partnership with locally based Murphy Construction. The grand opening was held in July. I recommend everyone visit this magnificent place of learning and healing. Through the New Horizons for Seniors Program, local organizations are supported throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor, including the Squamish Men's Shed Society. In December 2017, Whistler received a new fleet of 25 green Compressed Natural Gas buses with \$1.6 million from the federal government, \$1.1 million from the province and \$500,000 from the Resort Municipality of Whistler. All levels of government are coming together to find innovative solutions in the transition to a low carbon future.

Sunshine Coast and Bowen Island

We have been very focused on addressing derelict vessels this year on the coast. We announced investments of \$85,000 for the District of Sechelt and the Pender Harbour Advisory Council to begin the process of removing 16 derelict and hazardous vessels. Similarly, Bowen Island has been proactive in its conservation effort in Mannion Bay. It is a pleasure to work with local government and community groups to protect our local waters. This summer it is worth

a visit to the brand new Bowen Island Arts Centre. Once again, all levels of government pulled together to support the vision of the community on Bowen, to create a beautifully integrated library and art gallery.

West Vancouver

Through a \$3 million investment in the West Vancouver (Marine at the Beach) Lift Station, the District of West Vancouver was able to upgrade five aging sewage lift stations on the foreshore of West Bay. New backup power systems and remote station monitoring will allow West Vancouver to protect the environment from sewage outflow resulting from power or operational failures. It was a pleasure to announce over \$7 million in funding for the First Nations Technology Council that will provide training in the IT sector for 546 Indigenous people throughout British Columbia. Through Heritage Canada, our government proudly supports arts programming like the Dunderave Festival of the Lights, which received \$22,900 in federal funding in 2017. These events encourage community engagement and promote, celebrate and preserve local heritage.

Infrastructure investments

This spring, then Infrastructure and Communities Minister Sohi and provincial Ministers Robinson and Trevena signed the bilateral Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan between Canada and BC, to provide \$180 billion in infrastructure spending over 12 years for British Columbia. These investments will create long-term economic growth, build sustainable communities and support a low carbon economy.



Learning about the Ts'zil Learning Centre, a new facility for the Lil'wat Nation that represents decades of successful learning outcomes.



Announcing that the District of Sechelt and the Pender Harbour Advisory Council received the funding to address abandoned boats in Porpoise Bay and Pender Harbour.



Touring the West Vancouver (Marine at the Beach) Lift Station with West Vancouver Councillors Bill Soprovich and Nora Gambioli.

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