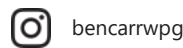
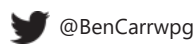




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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

During the recent by-election, I committed to using my voice to advocate for the issues that you told me mattered most. In particular, the need to focus on the environment, mental health and addiction, truth and reconciliation, and education. In the past few months, I was pleased to have successfully advocated for funding towards addiction and mental health supports, totaling more than \$2.5 million in Winnipeg alone. I rose in the House of Commons to speak in favour of banning the live exportation of horses for slaughter, creating a national nutrition program for schools, and taking action to address the climate crisis. In addition, I have been working with Indigenous communities in both Winnipeg and across Canada, to support teacher recruitment in the North and embrace economic reconciliation.

I will continue to listen to the feedback you provide, and centre my priorities around it. I encourage you to visit my social media pages where you can find regular updates regarding my work in Ottawa and in Winnipeg, including highlights from weeks gone by.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Ben

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Announcing the \$12.4 million Federal Government investment in the construction of Buffalo Crossing Centre.

FORT WHYTE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

FortWhyte Alive is a remarkable space that plays a vital role in protecting the environment and educating generations of Manitobans about environmental stewardship. In early October, I was happy to announce that the **Federal Government is investing \$12.4 million dollars through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program to support the construction of Buffalo Crossing**, a multi-purpose

community building that will be a gateway to FortWhyte Alive. This 18,000 square foot facility will demonstrate climate change resilience and sustainable construction. Visitors will be surrounded by the natural landscape outdoors, and once inside, there will be a buzz of activity where school groups, families, and visitors of all ages can learn and connect with nature. By creating partnerships with all levels of government,

Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit organizations, we can build the future we want which includes fighting climate change, strengthening the economy, and supporting grassroots communities. The Buffalo Crossing project is an excellent example of partners working collaboratively to support meaningful investments that benefit everyone.



Mayor Scott Gillingham, MP Ben Carr, Chief Gordon Bluesky and Premier Wab Kinew at the Naawi-Oodena ground breaking ceremony.

NAAWI-ODENA: RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

It was an honour to attend the historic ground breaking ceremony and land blessing at the Naawi-Oodena Urban Economic Development Zone (formerly Kapyong Barracks). It has been a long journey to get here, but the land has finally been returned into the hands of its rightful caretakers. The development will serve an important role in our community, economically, socially, and as an instigator of meaningful dialogue

that is at the heart of reconciliation. The project will transform the 109 acre site into Canada's largest urban reserve and economic zone. It is emblematic of economic reconciliation in action and serves as another important step in bringing First Nations-led projects to the forefront of our urban development.



Ministers Nello Altomare and Renee Cable, Gustavo Zentner, Deborah Lyons, Premier Wab Kinew, MP Ben Carr, MP Marty Morantz, Jeff Lieberman, Paula Parks and Adam Levy



Dr. Munir Ahmed, Ben, Imam Labeed Ahmed and members of the Ahmad-iyya Muslim Centre Mosque.

RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE AS A BRIDGE

We have all been devastated by the loss of innocent life as a result of the Middle East conflict. I remain committed to dialogue and building connections with faith-based leaders, educators, and community members alike, as we work through an immensely challenging period. I recently participated in discussions with local and national leaders about mandatory Holocaust education and the rise of anti-Jewish hate.

I have also had conversations with local Muslim and Palestinian leaders, as well as Amira Elghawaby, Canada's Special Envoy for Combatting Islamophobia. We're working together to address the unacceptable rise in hate. More than ever, we must lean on the Canadian values we have always embraced during hard times; respect, compassion, and love, while choosing to see the best in one another.

INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS SERVICES

November 19-25 was National Addictions Awareness Week. I was glad for the opportunity to visit Lighthouse Mission and announce the **Federal Government's investment of more than \$2.3 million to support the expansion of services to people in need in Winnipeg.** This funding will enable the retrofitting of two buildings which will provide a safe detox space to those in need of support in our city. This project addresses the

shortage of crisis detox beds in Winnipeg. **The Federal Government also committed over \$500,000 to Sunshine House to operate their Mobile Overdose Prevention Site (MOPS)** which allows people to use drugs in a safe space where they are supervised by staff who are trained in overdose response. Sunshine House also received funding to develop harm reduction materials related to the prevention of HIV, Hepatitis C

and other STBBI. In addition, the recent Fall Economic Statement commits to making counselling and psychotherapy exempt from the GST and HST. I remain committed to supporting the needs around mental health and addiction services.



Speaking at the funding announcement at Lighthouse Mission.

BILL C-355: AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE EXPORT BY AIR OF HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER

As I went door-to-door during the recent by-election, the issue of horse welfare emerged repeatedly. I witnessed peoples' compassion for animal rights and their support for Bill C-355. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak to Bill C-355 in the House of Commons and lend my unwavering support to its passing. Bill C-355 is an Act that seeks to prohibit the export by air of live horses for slaughter or fattened for slaughter. The live

export of horses for human consumption is an outdated and cruel practice, with mounting evidence highlighting the immense suffering and injuries inflicted on these animals. The manner in which live horses are transported by air, often subjected to cramped conditions during extended flights with no food or water, raises profound concerns about their well-being and the necessity for stricter regulations. The lack of

transparency regarding the treatment of these horses once they reach their destination is a deep concern that cannot be denied. I am happy to support this Bill and advocate for the humane treatment of horses.



Crated horses await air transportation.

Source: Winnipeg Humane Society website



Rick White, President and CEO, Cody Nagy, Board Director, Roger Chevraux, Chair, Ben and Delaney Ross, Executive Director Canadian Canola Growers Association.

CANOLA: A RESOURCE FOR CLEAN, RENEWABLE FUELS

Last month, Lawrence MacAuley, our Minister of Agriculture, visited the Bruce Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre in Glenlea, Manitoba to announce **\$11.3 in Federal Government funding for sustainable growth of the canola sector.** This will fund a Canola AgriScience Cluster which will support research into improving yields, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing carbon sequestration, improving soil

and water quality and creating new uses for canola. The goal of this initiative is to increase Canada's canola productivity, help the canola sector meet global demands, and improve the industry's competitiveness globally.

I enjoyed meeting with the Canadian Canola Growers' Association recently where we discussed the use of canola in biofuel production around the

world. It's a low-carbon, sustainable and renewable resource. Canola has a strong history of using innovation in ways that are positive for the environment and the economy. It has been the number one source of farm crop revenue over the past 20 years and generates \$29.9 billion worth of economic activity for Canada each year.

Source: Canola Council Of Canada

CANADA-UKRAINE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Bill C-57, the modernized Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement recently came up for its first vote. Bill C-57 aims to implement into law the reworked deal that Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine asked Canada for during his September visit to Ottawa. This agreement demonstrates Canada's solidarity with Ukraine and its commitment helping Ukraine fight for its sovereignty. The Liberals, backed by the NDP, the Bloc and the

Green Party all voted to pass this legislation. Disappointingly, Conservative Members of Parliament were united in voting against this Bill. This is a concerning break from what has been to date, all-party support for Ukraine in the House of Commons since Russia's invasion in 2022.

I attended Holiday Craft Markets at Lord Roberts and Riverview Community Centres recently and

was reminded of the significant ties to Ukraine in this riding. It is an honour to strengthen the bond between our two countries by voting for this agreement that helps our allies during this time of great need.



Ukrainian ornament from the Lord Roberts Holiday Craft Market.

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR A SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM ACT

One of the many lessons I took away from my career as an educator was the important role that access to healthy food plays in the life of a child. It was an honour to rise in the House of Commons and speak in favour of Bill C-322, an Act to Establish a National Framework for a School Food Program. One of the tragic consequences that poverty brings to communities - disproportionately to Indigenous communities - is low graduation

rates. In recent years, the graduation rate for First Nations students in Manitoba has been as low as 50%. This is comparable to the roughly 95% graduation rate for non-Indigenous students in the public school system in Manitoba.

Access to nutrition is key to bridging the education gap. It is also an important step of reconciliation. It's imperative

that we do our part to deal with the tragic consequences that poverty brings to communities. I hope that we can find bipartisan support for this piece of legislation. We may have differences, but surely we can all agree that it is important that a nutrition program exists in our schools.



Source: Canada Food Guide

TEACH FOR CANADA: SOLUTIONS TO FINDING EDUCATORS FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Canadian public schools are among the best in the world. However, there is deep inequality in our education system. Only 48% of First Nations youth living on reserve graduate from high school. In the North, that number is even lower. That's because teachers often arrive in Northern communities without the preparation and support they need to succeed. This results in systemic inequities that produce an education gap between First

Nations and non-First Nations communities. Teach For Canada-Gakinaamaage is a non-profit organization here in Winnipeg that works with northern First Nations to recruit and support teachers working in Northern communities. This includes working with teachers in Winnipeg South Centre. They provide teachers with community-focused preparation and ongoing support during their tenure. Inspired by the Truth and

Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action on Education, Teach For Canada emphasizes a spirit of reciprocal learning in the classroom and community. As a former teacher and principal, I am deeply invested in issues related to education. Since becoming an MP, I have met with this organization several times and am happy to continue advocating on their behalf.

Source: Teach For Canada website



Ben and Ken Sanderson, Executive Director of Teach for Canada -Gakinaamaage

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GUIDE RECRUITMENT SUMMER 2024 PARLIAMENT OF CANADA: APPLICATION DEADLINE

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