### **CARING FOR COMMUNITY**

No community has been left untouched by the toxic drug and overdose crisis. Breaking down the stigma around addiction and mental health is essential to ensuring that people receive the help they need. I was honoured to speak again this year at Recovery Day Winnipeg to recognize the love, compassion, and care that so many in our community provide to those in need of support. As a teacher and principal, I saw first hand the impacts that poor mental health and addiction can have on families. We need a coordinated and collaborative approach to solving these challenges. I remain committed to ongoing support and advocacy for this cause.



Recovery Day 2024

### SCIENCE MATTERS

Climate change is real and requires our urgent attention. Relying on the expertise of scientists and their work is a critical component of how we will mitigate the increasingly devastating impacts that we face. Massive investments in green technologies and the energy transition, coupled with a price on pollution and aggressive net-zero emission reduction policies, means that Canada is doing its part, while building the foundations for a strong economy in a changing world.

Using my voice in Ottawa, I have advocated strongly for local investments that will benefit our city and province. We have successfully invested millions in Lake Winnipeg, the Experimental Lakes Area, and established the Canada Water Agency here in Winnipeg.

Forest revitalization projects, like the one I toured in Manchester Park this summer, are a core component of the Federal Government's climate adaptation policy. While helping to plant trees in Wildwood this summer, I could clearly see the importance of these investments.





Ben walking with Hugh Penwarden, who leads a committee that has planted over 2000 natives trees and shrubs over the last 15-20 years.

## LEGISLATIVE LOOK AHEAD

Here are some key pieces of legislation we will be considering this session:

- Bill C-61, The Clean Water Act: recognizes First Nations' inherent rights to manage and control water systems on their territories and ensures First Nations have the resources and funding they need to maintain and operate their water systems.
- A Safe Long-term Care Act: we are working to table legislation by the end of 2024 to ensure that all people in Canada may have access to high quality and safe care.
- Bill C-355, An Act to Prohibit the Export by Air of Horses for Slaughter: I was extremely proud to have fought for this Bill at the Agriculture Committee. It is currently being considered in the Senate. I will continue to fight for its passage.
- Bill C-64, An Act Respecting Pharmacare: the purpose of this Act is to improve the accessibility and affordability of prescription drugs.

If you are interested in learning more about legislation before Parliament, please be in touch!

## KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL

To mark His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation, a Canadian commemorative medal has been created. I invite you to send me your nominations of individuals whose contributions deserve recognition.

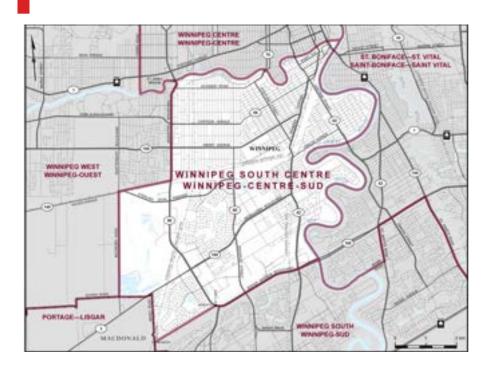
To be eligible for this honour, a person must:

- Live within the electoral district of Winnipeg South Centre
- Have made a significant contribution to Canada, to a particular province, territory, region of, or community in, Canada, or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that bring credit to Canada
- Have been alive on May 6, 2023, the date of The King's Coronation

Nomination forms are available online at: bencarrlibparl.ca

Please email your completed nomination form to: ben.carr@parl.gc.ca before November 1, 2024.

## ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION



The boundaries of Winnipeg South Centre will change in the next Federal election. Tuxedo will no longer be part of the riding, as it is set to become part of the newly created Winnipeg West. Our riding will welcome residents from Linden Ridge and Whyte Ridge in the redraw.











Fall 2024

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

It was an energizing summer in Winnipeg South Centre. Meetings and conversations with constituents, along with the events and celebrations I attended around the community, have informed and shaped the priorities you have asked me to advocate for as I return to Ottawa.

The House of Commons recessed for the summer just in time for me to return home and attend high school convocations, as well as elementary and middle school farewells. It was a pleasure to attend BBQs at the Corydon, Lord Roberts and Wildwood Park Community Centres, and to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Earl Grey Community Centre. Community Centres are the heart and soul of our neighbourhoods. I am committed to my continued support of them through investments and volunteering.

This summer, I made it a priority to visit 55 plus residences in our riding and was amazed by the level of engagement and the contributions of older adults in Winnipeg South Centre. After touring Riverbend Plaza, I was happy to return with the Minister of Labour and Seniors, Steven MacKinnon, to host a roundtable discussion with residents, stakeholders, and members of my Older Adults' Council on topics relating to standards of care and ageing. I also enjoyed visiting the Thorvaldson Care Center to congratulate them on 65 years of service to our community. There were also visits to the Parkway, Villa Cabrini, Fred Tipping, Riverbend, and Riverwood.

Volunteering at the Neighbour by Neighbour Music Festival at the Lord Roberts Community Centre was definitely a highlight, as were visits to the Farmers' Markets in our riding. All of this contributed to making my first full summer as your MP meaningful and informative.

Along with MP Terry Duguid, I was thrilled to announce the Government of Canada's \$2.3 million investment in projects to improve the freshwater quality and ecosystem health in the Lake Winnipeg Basin.

In between all of this, I enjoyed gelato on Corydon, walks with my partner and dogs, time with friends and family, and a few small getaways. By the time that you receive this, the new session will be underway and my commute between Winnipeg and Ottawa will resume as I undertake my advocacy for you as your representative in the House of Commons.



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# **BEN CARR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** IN MUSIC

In 2024, there were 36 Ben Carr Awards for Excellence in Music given out to students in Winnipeg South Centre:

- 13 awards were presented to early years students
- 11 awards were presented to students in middle school

The high school recipients were from: Churchill High School, Grant Park High School, Gray Academy, Kelvin High School, Linden Christian School, Shaftesbury High, St. Mary's Academy, St. Paul's High School, St. John's-Ravenscourt, St. Maurice High School and **Vincent Massey** Collegiate.

Congratulations!!

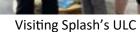
Presenting an award at the

### A HEALTHIER START TO SCHOOL

\$10	A DAY DAYCARE
4.7%	INCREASE IN THE CANADA CHILD BENEFIT FROM 2023
8226	NEW CHILDCARE SPACES CREATED IN MANITOBA
\$2,610	AVERAGE SAVINGS PER CHILD UP TO \$2,610 IN MANITOBA

The back-to-school season is often greeted with mixed feelings, but it should not feel unaffordable. During the decade I spent working in schools as a teacher, coach, and principal, I gained first-hand knowledge of the supports families need in order for their children to succeed. Having a tummy full of healthy, nutritious food, is a critical part of that success.

Our recent investment in a new, National School Food Program is a game-changer. It is an investment in people – giving kids healthy and nutritious food while giving families the financial boost they need. We are actively working with the Province of Manitoba to ensure that the maximum number of dollars can be invested to make life healthier and more affordable for families.



### **AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE**

I recently had the pleasure of returning to Splash Early Learning Centre to tour their new Urban Learning Centre (ULC). Splash is an mportant partner in delivering childcare in our community. The expansion allows them to offer more \$10 a day spaces for school aged children at their Osborne Village location.

Affordable and accessible childcare is critical to the well-being of families. I am proud of our investments in childcare and early childcare education, which have resulted in the highest participation rate of women in the workforce ever, and saves families thousands of dollars every year.

### **BEN IN THE COMMUNITY**



Hosting a roundtable with Senior's Minister Steven MacKinnon and older adults at Riverbend Plaza



Speaking at the Simkin Stroll

Visiting the Caboto Centre to learn about how federal investments are hard at work



Handing out freezies at the Corydon Community Centre BBQ



Helping set up the Community Tipi at the Lord Roberts Neighbour by Neighbour Music Festival

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Celebrating 50 years of Dante Day Nursery



Celebrating Father Sam Argenziano's retirement at Villa Cabrini

## **CELEBRATING WINNIPEG SOUTH CENTRE'S DIVERSITY**



Meeting with leaders of the Jewish community



With volunteers at the Punjab Pavilion



Alongside colleague MP Duguid and volunteers at the Chinese Pavilion



With Ukrainian dance performers during Folklorama



With members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community during Meena Bazaar at the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre in Winnipeg South Centre

### CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

Winnipeg South Centre is a diverse and dynamic community. Our fabric is interwoven with people and cultures from around the world. Our ability to celebrate and learn about one another has always been one of the greatest sources of pride for me as your Member of Parliament and as a lifelong resident of this riding. This summer, filled with Folklorama pavilions, community events, and local concerts, was a fantastic reminder of what makes this such a special place to live.

### **BUILDING BRIDGES**

As the conflict in the Middle East continues to create anxiety, fear, and tension within our community, I remain steadfast in my commitment to building bridges. This summer, I continued meeting with members of our Israeli, Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim populations. We are all desperate for the war to end, peace to come to the region, and a sense of normalcy to return here at home. My meetings with members of the Arab-Jewish Dialogue, students, and community leaders, have allowed for an expansion of my own understanding of the issues - for that, I am grateful. My hope is that compassion towards one another serves as our guiding principle.



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