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Happy New Year!

During the holiday season, a time when we reflect and give thanks, I was reminded of all the reasons that I am honoured to represent this community in the House of Commons.

We have much to be proud of here in Winnipeg South Centre. From welcoming community centres serving as the backbone of our neighbourhoods, star athletes representing us proudly on the world stage, artists who bring joy and inspiration through their work, to dedicated volunteers, compassionate public servants, and everything in between, this little corner of our country represents the best of us.

This past year, I have had hundreds of conversations and visits with constituents. I greatly value these interactions because they help me to learn, grow, and understand issues from varying perspectives beyond my own lived experiences. I am committed to constructive conversations regardless of how difficult the topics may be. My aim, always, is to be a reasonable and balanced voice reflecting the progressive values of Winnipeg South Centre.

For us to maintain a healthy dialogue as we work through challenging times, we must lean on the Canadian values we have always embraced; respect, compassion, and kindness, while choosing to see the best in one another.

I understand that this has been a challenging year for many. At every opportunity, I will continue to build bridges in a spirit of non-partisanship, as we work together to bring about the changes that will allow our community to grow and prosper.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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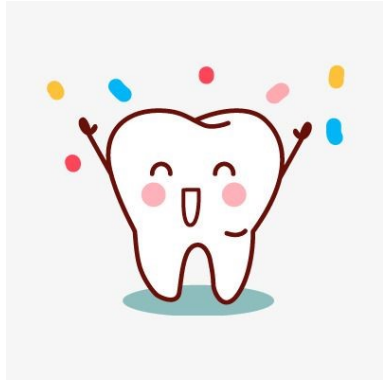


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Visiting with residents at Sterling House

THE CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN



If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please call my office at 204-983-1355.

For many without insurance, visiting the dentist is unaffordable. In May 2024, the Federal Government launched the Canadian Dental Care Plan. This is a transformative investment in Canadians. The plan became available in phases: starting with seniors in May, then expanding to Canadians with disabilities, and children in June. Under this plan, uninsured Canadians who qualify can get affordable dental care like fillings, x-rays and cleanings. I am proud of this initiative – it’s a game changer for thousands in our riding.

To qualify for the CDCP, you must:

- Be currently uninsured (without employer/pension-sponsored or private dental insurance)
- Be a Canadian resident
- Have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000
- Have filed your tax return in the previous year

Applications are currently open for:

- Children under the age of 18
- Seniors 65+
- Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate

Remaining eligible Canadian residents will be able to apply starting in 2025.

4100+

individuals
in **Winnipeg South Centre**
have received care
through the **Canadian
Dental Care Plan.**

COMMUNITY CENTRES IN OUR RIDING



Meeting with Community Centre Presidents and Managers

Recently, I met with the Presidents and Managers of the Community Centres in our riding. They are ambassadors for their neighbourhoods. Engaging with them helps me to better understand the needs of the grassroots of our riding and how the Federal Government can be an ally. I was proud to support our Community Centres by funding 23 summer positions through the 2024 Canada Summer Jobs Program. This made it possible for local organizations to meet their capacity, while giving youth unforgettable and valuable work experiences.



Serving dinner at the Riverview Community Centre Fall Supper



Meeting with Community Leaders at the Winnipeg South Sikh Centre during Diwali



At the Linden Woods Community Centre Craft Sale



Meeting with Board Members of ACOMI (African Communities of Manitoba INC)



With Manitoba Chamber Orchestra Executive Director Sean McManus at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church



Visiting with residents at St. John's Haven



Joining École Van Walleghem School for their Remembrance Day Ceremony



Enjoying a Perogy Dinner at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church

OLDER ADULTS' COUNCIL

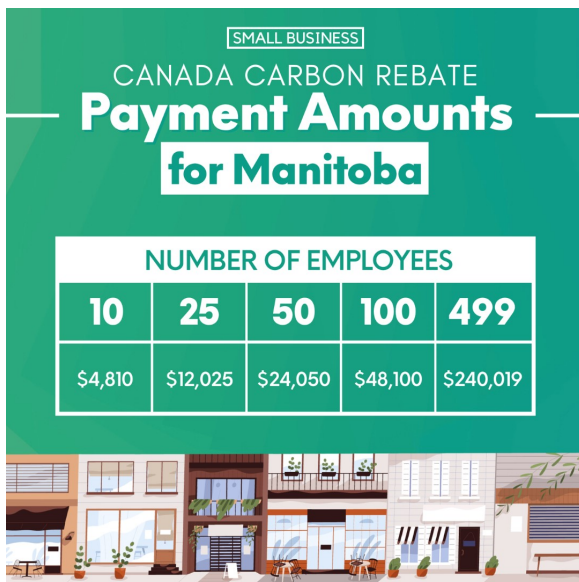
The Winnipeg South Centre Older Adults' Council is comprised of constituency members who are 65 years or older. I have been meeting with them regularly since I was elected. They provide me with input regarding their issues of concern. Lately, we have been discussing Aging at Home, the Safe Long Term Care Act, and Affordability.

I have always admired the way the role of the Elder is elevated and celebrated in Indigenous cultures. Older Adults have so much lived experience and wisdom. I value their opinions and perspectives on the issues affecting our community and country.



Meeting with the Winnipeg South Centre Older Adults' Council

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES



Small Businesses play a critical role in the social and economic fabric of our community. Recently, the Federal Government distributed **Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses**. This will put over \$2.5 billion in the pockets of hundreds of thousands of business owners across Canada.

This Rebate, along with lowered credit card fees is having a meaningful impact. I am fully supportive of these initiatives that will help make a difference in the lives of Small Business owners in our communities. If you are a Small Business owner in Winnipeg South Centre with questions about this Rebate, please reach out to my office.

FIGHTING FOR FIRST NATIONS' WATER RIGHTS

After marathon sessions at the Indigenous Northern Affairs Committee, of which I am a proud member, we passed **Bill C-61**.

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.

This Bill now goes back to the House of Commons for its Third Reading, where I will continue to advocate fiercely for its passage.

Bill C-61 marks a critical step for reconciliation that meaningfully addresses some of the most egregious wrongdoings of the past 150 years.



Meeting with First Nations Chiefs and Grassroots members from Manitoba.

