



Introducing the new 60-ft zero emissions bus with Mayor Scott Gillingham and Councillor Janice Lukes

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT

I was proud to join Mayor Gillingham and Councillor Lukes to unveil Canada’s first 60-foot zero emissions bus—built right here in Winnipeg by New Flyer. With over \$110 million in federal funding to build 90 buses, this milestone marks a major step towards a cleaner and more efficient transit future. This Made in Manitoba approach contributes to more sustainable and healthy communities and serves as another great partnership between the municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

REINVESTING IN OUR CANADIAN FORCES

Our government is rebuilding, rearming, and reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces. These are the women and men who uphold Canada’s sovereignty, protect our security, and bolster our international alliances. Their pay should reflect the weight of their responsibilities, which is why the Prime Minister recently announced the largest pay raise for CAF members in a generation. This is part of the over \$9B in investments to meet NATO’s 2% defence spending target this year and invest 5% of annual GDP in defence by 2035. Our plan includes modernizing military equipment, building up Canada’s defence industry, utilizing Canadian materials, such as steel and aluminum, diversifying international partnerships, and investing in dual-use infrastructure – such as airports, ports, and telecom.

“In times of crisis, when someone sees a maple leaf on a sleeve, they see hope, and they get help. So we’re committing the resources so that the women and men of the Canadian Forces can deliver that help.”

-Prime Minister Mark Carney

COMBATTING CRIME



With the Osborne Village Biz Team

I have heard from many constituents about increased crime and violence. Recently, I met with the Osborne Village Biz, and local business owners to discuss the ongoing challenges that they are facing. Whether it is fighting back against fraud and scams targeting older adults, or making sure businesses can operate without fear of violence, we have important work ahead. The Federal Government’s commitment to addressing this issue is reflected in the Prime Minister’s appointment of a stand alone Secretary of State for Combatting Crime. This fall, our government will introduce new legislation to toughen bail and sentencing rules for violent and repeat offenders. Canadians deserve to feel safe in their homes and communities. This will require work from all levels of government. I will continue to share your concerns with the Minister of Justice.

SUPPORTING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

I was very proud to join my colleagues alongside several Treaty One Chiefs for an important announcement that saw nearly \$800,000 additional resources invested in helping enhance the design framework for the former Kapyong Barracks land, now called Naawi-Oodena. It is Canada's largest Urban Reserve, located right here in Winnipeg South Centre (shared with the riding of Winnipeg West).

When I was growing up, just a few blocks from where this announcement was made, we knew very little about Indigenous Peoples or our shared history. There were no symbols or landmarks honouring or recognizing the past. Through a long and difficult process, spanning four Members of Parliament for this area, we are finally at a point where children riding their bikes, taking the bus, or walking in the community will see a powerful symbol of the progress we have made on the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. Furthermore, this development will significantly strengthen the economic output of the area.



With Chief Fontaine, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, Mandy Gull-Masty, Chief Bluesky, Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs, Rebecca Chartrand, and MP Ginette Lavack

HONOURING THE VICTIMS OF FLIGHT PS752



Visiting the Memorial for Victims of Flight PS752 with Kouroush Doustshenas

On July 5th, a monument was unveiled in Scurfield Park to commemorate the victims of Flight PS752. The tragedy claimed 176 lives, including 8 members from Winnipeg’s Iranian community. Five years later, the pain remains profound for families, loved ones, and communities that continue to bear the weight of this loss. This monument, titled “An Open Wound in the Sky” is the only permanent memorial in the world, and is located here in our riding. The site offers a place for reflection, remembrance and resistance.



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- Crescentwood
- Earl Grey
- Fort Garry
- Fort Rouge
- Linden Ridge
- Linden Woods
- Lord Roberts
- Osborne Village
- River Heights
- Riverview
- Whyte Ridge
- Wildwood

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

There’s no place like home. While I enjoy my work in Ottawa, the most important part of my job belongs here on the ground, in Winnipeg South Centre, attending events and celebrations, connecting with residents, and building partnerships.

The summer was filled with Community Centre Carnivals, including my first BBQ as the Member of Parliament for Whyte Ridge, and festivals like the Canadian Multiculturalism Day at the Village Music Fest. This festival showcased the many talents from artists representing various ethnocultural backgrounds, and conversations with constituents. I also enjoyed my first Canada Day celebration at the epic Rosedale Block Party.

The most prominent political issue, as you can imagine, has been our relationship with the U.S. Our senior team is working very hard daily to reach a good deal for Canada. As the Prime Minister has said, we will not sign a deal unless it advances the interests of Canada. In addition to extremely challenging negotiations, we are also facing serious economic threats from China, specifically in relation to Canola, which has a direct and damaging impact on Western Canada in particular. I am working with colleagues and local business leaders to shape our response and stand up for Western Canada.

As Parliament reconvenes this fall, I am honoured to begin my work as Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry and Technology (INDU). This committee serves as an important platform where MPs will study legislation, hear from experts and industry leaders, and help shape Canada’s economic and technological future. For me, it’s also a valuable way to keep Manitoba’s voice at the table - ensuring that our businesses, workers, and communities are part of the national conversation on growth, innovation, and competitiveness.

On that note, I have also been elected by my colleagues to Chair the Government’s Prairies and North Caucus, where I will work to unite our region’s diverse voices, bring forward ambitious ideas, and ensure the priorities of the Prairies and North help shape Canada’s national agenda as I report directly to the Prime Minister every Wednesday at National Caucus. I am grateful for these opportunities and appreciate how they let me elevate our riding’s needs to the top.

Our entire Government Caucus will be meeting in Edmonton in early September, where we will set the framework for the next session. It will be nice to catch up with colleagues and map out an ambitious plan for the months ahead.

I am always interested in getting your feedback and ideas. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me and the team at any time to share your thoughts.

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BEN CARR MUSIC AWARD

I welcomed the recipients of the Ben Carr Music Award and their families to an ice cream social in my constituency office to celebrate their accomplishments and dedication to music. This year, thirty-five students from elementary, middle and high schools in our riding were honoured.



Ice Cream Social!

Elementary School

Ben A, Serena K, Nico KG, Quinn L, Claire M, Eula O, Celia R, Tasia R, Victoria V, Izzy W, Leyu W, Peggy X, Dewey Z

Middle School

Macaylah B, Wyatt C, James D, Peter D, Ianthe G, Ari H, Olivia L, Ayva S, Sara S, Zoe W

High School

Micah B, Eliot BW, Isaac C, Jann C, Tyrsa F, Sierra K, Megan O, Brooklyn P, Stella S, Chloe W, Tony Y

Congratulations!

CREATING JOBS FOR YOUTH IN WSC



With Zoey, a Camp Counsellor at Corydon Community Centre

Throughout the summer, I have visited some of the businesses and non-profits that received Canada Summer Jobs funding. Thanks to this program, 225 youth were hired at 61 local organizations in Winnipeg South Centre this year.

That's over \$1 million invested in Winnipeg South Centre!

These jobs give young people experience, build confidence, and help them develop skills.

From summer camp counsellors at community centres to childcare workers, pool maintenance staff and skate park attendants, our community has been strengthened by the experience and support that this program provides.

CHEERING ON TEAM MANITOBA

I was fortunate in my youth to have the support and guidance of amazing coaches through my participation in sport. Years later, I felt compelled as a result of their efforts to give back by serving as the head coach of the Kelvin Clippers football team. As a player and coach, I learned firsthand how impactful sport can be on the development of our kids. It was an honour to cheer on Team Manitoba at the Canada Summer Games in St. John's, Newfoundland, where the sight of young competitors growing through their passion and dedication reinforced those lessons I had learned in my own life.

There were 490 athletes from Manitoba in total, with 37 athletes from Winnipeg South Centre. Our very own Luke Enns, an extremely talented Kayaker, was the flag bearer for the entire province. It was pretty cool to introduce him to my colleague Adam Van Koeverden, who won a gold medal for Canada at the Olympics (Adam's Dad is also a Winnipeg South Centre resident)! Another stand out was River Heights diver Mila Morteles, who was one of the youngest athletes in the entire games. Congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and families for their hard work in representing us so well on the national stage!



With Secretary for Sport Adam Van Koeverden and Luke Enns, MB Kayaker and Flag Bearer

SUMMER IN WINNIPEG SOUTH CENTRE



Enjoying Folklorama at the Chinese Pavilion



With Premier Wab Kinew at the Corydon Community Centre Annual Summer BBQ



Meeting constituents at the Whyte Ridge Summer Carnival



Linden Woods Community Centre Summer BBQ and Soccer Jamboree



Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Fort Garry CC with President Marshall Kirton



Canada Day at the Rosedale Block Party



Celebrating Canadian Multicultural Day at the Village Music Fest



Sustainable South Osborne's Growing Season Kick Off



Canada Day with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



Team Carr volunteering to help wildfire evacuees with Kristie Pearson, Founder of Linking Hope



Finding treasures at the Riverview Garage Sale



With Mayor Scott Gillingham and MP Terry Duguid at the Punjab Pavilion



Attending Family Fun Night with Sue-Ann Campbell, Manager of Earl Grey Community Centre



With Christy Dzikowicz, CEO of the Toba Centre



Karen showing Ben her Special Olympic medals at DASCH's Summer BBQ