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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

Davenport friends and neighbours:
amis et voisins de Davenport:

I have been at the doors over the first couple of months of this year to say hello, and I was fortunate to meet many seniors; and they told me that healthcare, dental care, and long-term care are among the many top of mind issues for them. This issue is dedicated to you. After a lifetime of hard work and sacrifice, seniors deserve to be able to grow old with dignity, safety, comfort and enjoy high-quality of life.

The last few years highlighted gaps in our long-term care system which proved devastating for some seniors, their families, and those who care for them. I was very thankful when, in 2021, Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos and Minister of Seniors Kamal Khera committed to work with provinces and territories to set new national standards for long-term care (LTC) homes. On January 31, 2023, independently developed LTC standards were released to ensure quality care for seniors in LTC homes across Canada. While long-term care is a provincial responsibility and implementation of the standards falls to the provinces, the federal government set aside \$3 billion not only for the creation but also the enforcement of these LTC standards.

Seniors want to live independently in their homes and communities for as long as possible which is why we introduced the Canada Caregiver Credit, the Multigenerational Home

Renovation Tax Credit; and we're working with the National Seniors Council to study an Aging at Home Benefit so that more Canadians can age at home. We also continue to fund thousands of New Horizons for Seniors programs across Canada (including in Davenport) that keep our seniors healthy, active and engaged locally.

Lastly, no Canadian should have to choose between paying for dental care or prescription medications and necessities like rent or food. By the end of 2023, the federal government plans to expand the Canada Dental Benefit to seniors who are not already covered by insurance, and we will continue to work with provinces and territories on a universal national pharmacare program with a target to pass a Canadian Pharmacare Act by the end of the year.

All of the above, in addition to the recent increases to Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement will strengthen financial security for seniors and improve their quality of life. If you have questions about any of these programs please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

As always, it is an honour to serve you!

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Saying hello to Terra Nova Seniors at the Portugal Day Parade

SUPPORTS & RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

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A great place to start! Learn about all the benefits, health, safety programs and services provided by the Federal Government.



STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL SECURITY

- Permanently increased the Old Age Security (OAS) pension by 10% for seniors aged 75+, an extra \$800 over the first year;
- Restored the age of eligibility for OAS to 65 from 67;
- Doubled the GST Tax Credit, with seniors receiving an extra \$225 on average;
- Increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 10%, improving the financial security of about 900,000 vulnerable seniors;
- Enhanced Canada Pension Plan payments for future retirees to provide better income security for Canadians later in life;
- Budget 2022 providing a \$500 one-time payment to seniors facing housing affordability challenges.

FIGHTING FRAUD

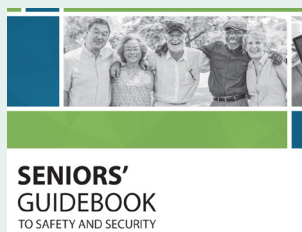
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rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/seniors-guidebook-safety-and-security



Seniors' day at Dufferin Mall

COMFORT AND CARE

Long-Term Care (LTC): Independent LTC standards from the Health Standards Organization (HSO) and CSA were recently released. These standards are an important step in ensuring quality care for seniors and will raise the bar for safe and respectful care in LTC homes. HSO focused on care and quality of life; and the CSA on physical infrastructure and building operations.

Aging in Place: We are committed to ensuring that seniors have all the supportive care they need to help them age well at home. We've introduced the Canada Caregiver Credit, a \$7,500 rebate for a new Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit (to help those renovating add a secondary suite for seniors or adults with a disability), and expanded the Home Accessibility Tax Credit to \$3,000. We've also asked the National Seniors Council to help us study an Aging at Home Benefit.

New Horizons for Seniors: Empowering seniors in their communities by investing in local groups supporting seniors' social inclusion and raising awareness on seniors' abuse. This past year, our government contributed over \$60M and funded more than 3,000 community-based projects.

Dental Care: \$5.3B over five years, starting in 2022-23, and \$1.7B ongoing to provide dental care. Dental coverage will be expanded to seniors, under 18-year-olds, and persons living with a disability in 2023 (to those with income under \$90,000).

National Pharmacare: Our government is working with provinces and territories to implement a universal national pharmacare program and are progressing towards a Canada Pharmacare Act by the end of 2023.



Information session with Spanish seniors at DPNCHC