

The Latest Buzz on the Hill ...

Our monthly report Staying in touch with "News you can Use"



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Important announcements ...

March 2024

Call for Applications – Minister’s Environment & Climate Change Youth Council are now open!

This is a fantastic opportunity for youth (ages 18-29) looking to get involved in the fight against climate change and to learn more about the processes of policy and governance. The Council’s mandate is to provide advice on key environmental issues to Minister Guilbeault.

Twelve youth will be selected to join the council - the deadline to apply is April 26, 2024.



To learn more scan the QR code or visit:

www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/get-involved/environment-climate-change-youth-council/call-applications.html

Call for Proposals to Support Projects for 2SLGBTQI+ Communities

Gender and sexually diverse communities still face many challenges and continues to experience discrimination. There’s now a call for proposals aimed to better support 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

Federal funding will allow 2SLGBTQI+ organizations to support community-informed actions that remove barriers to equality. This is about changing systems and developing the knowledge, tools, and support for the community.



The allocated funds will be determined following the type of project:

Local reach project could be funded up to \$400 000; and, Regional, provincial, territorial, and national reach project could be funded up to \$1 200 000

We encourage you to share this new funding opportunity with organizations in your area and invite them to apply. The deadline to submit applications is April 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Time.

To learn more scan the QR code or visit to:

women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/funding/funding-programs/2slgbtqi-projects-fund-2024/about.html



25th Edition of Teachers Institute

Applications for the 25th edition of the Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy are now being accepted.

The Teachers Institute is a week-long learning opportunity for educators focused on parliamentary democracy, governance, and citizenship.



To learn more scan the QR code or visit: learn.parl.ca/sites/Learn/default/en_CA/TI/Process

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity encourages teachers to engage with parliamentarians, exchange best practices with peers, and foster a deeper appreciation for parliamentary democracy.

Participants:

Meet parliamentarians, officials and experts who share valuable insights into the inner workings of Canadian governance;

Learn through hands-on experience how to run parliamentary simulations, such as debates, question

period and committee meetings; and

Receive resource materials from the Parliament of Canada and partner organizations, such as the Office of the Governor General of Canada, the Supreme Court of Canada and Elections Canada, that support their teaching.

The Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy will run from 3 to 8 November 2024.

The application deadline is 5 May 2024.

SUSTAINABLE Jobs Plan

Taking the steps to tackle climate change and bolstering the Canadian workforce are not contradictory ideas. In fact, they go hand in hand. The Sustainable Jobs Plan takes action on climate change while investing in a diverse workforce, one with the skills needed for a Canadian low-carbon economy.

To accomplish this, a call for proposals under the Sustainable Jobs Training Fund (SJTF) has been announced. The SJTF will support a series of projects that offer free or low-cost training to help 15,000 workers across the country upgrade or gain new skills for jobs in a low-carbon economy.

In particular, the SJTF will prioritize skills training in the following three areas:

Green buildings and retrofits – Projects that help train workers to retrofit homes and buildings to reduce energy consumption and achieve low-carbon performance.

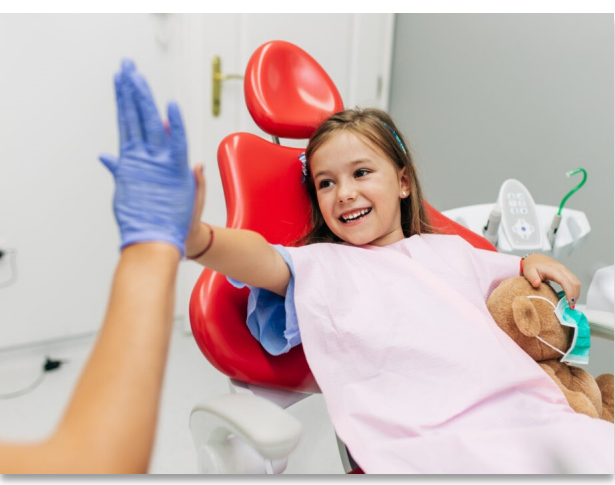
Electric vehicle maintenance and charging infrastructure – Projects that help train the workforce across Canada to support the country’s transition to electric vehicles (EV) with a focus on the repair and maintenance of EVs, as well as EV charging infrastructure.

Low-carbon energy and carbon management – Projects that help workers develop skills for jobs in energy-related sectors such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydrogen (including vehicles and related infrastructure) and other low-carbon fuels, in addition to jobs in carbon management, such as filtration or sequestration.

To learn more scan the QR code or visit:



www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/sustainable-jobs-training-fund/who-can-apply.html



Dental Providers can now sign up to participate in the Canadian Dental Care Plan - CDCP

Canadians across our country are welcoming the Canada Dental Care Plan, which is rolling out in stages this year. Our office is currently advising dentists in our riding on how they can confirm their participation in the program.

To learn more scan the QR code or visit:

www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/03/oral-health-providers-can-now-sign-up-to-participate-in-the-canadian-dental-care-plan.html



Democracy in ACTION Legislation before the house

Keeping Kids Safe....

Kids deserve safe environments to learn and play whether they’re at school, on the playground or online. But the online ‘playground’ can be highly dangerous, the federal government will direct the web giants to do more to detect dangers to our kids and take steps to protect them. The purpose Bill C-63 the Online Harms Act is to make online spaces safer and hold the ‘platforms’ more accountable for dealing with harmful content. It will create stronger

online protections for children, and better safeguard Canadians from the proliferation of online hate and other types of harmful content. The Bill sets out a new vision for a safer and more inclusive online experience.

To learn more scan the QR code or visit:

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-introduces-legislation-to-combat-harmful-content-online-including-the-



Pharmacare....

Canada’s public health care system is being significantly renovated, with major federal and provincial investments to increase capacity and boost services. Two ‘gaps’ in the coverage are being filled. One is Dental Care, which is now rolling out. The other is Pharmacare, and the first steps are underway. Bill C-64, An Act respecting pharmacare (Pharmacare Act) is a bill which, when passed, will provide free coverage for contraception and diabetes. This legislation is an important step forward to improve health equity, affordability, and has the potential of long-term savings to the health care system.



To learn more scan the QR code or visit:

www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/02/government-of-canada-introduces-legislation-for-first-phase-of-national-universal-pharmacar.html

This month’s.... FREQUENTLY asked QUESTIONS

Bill C-63 the Online Harms Act, is unacceptable in its current form. Bill C-63 is a profoundly anti-free expression bill that threatens draconian penalties for online speech and chills legitimate expression.

Will you do everything in your power to prevent the Online Harms Act from becoming law in it’s current form?

For many Canadians, sharing an occasional drink with friends and family is a part of our social lives. The proposed alcohol tax increase will make it

difficult for many to afford these small pleasures. I urge the government to prioritize its citizens, will you reconsider this tax increase?

I am writing to express my support for Universal Public Pharmacare. It is alarming to hear that people in Canada are cutting back on food and heating to pay for the medications they need. A publicly-funded universal drug plan could change all that. Will you support the plan to make pharmacare a reality in our country?



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