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CANADA AND WINNIPEG WEST IN A CHANGING WORLD

In his recent address at the **World Economic Forum**, Prime Minister **Mark Carney** spoke candidly about a rupture in the global order. The era when middle-power countries like Canada could rely on a stable, rules-based system is fading. Great power rivalry is intensifying, and economic integration is increasingly being used as leverage. We cannot pretend the old assumptions still hold. Canada must be honest about this shift and prepared to respond with clarity and confidence. As a middle power, Canada is not helpless, but we must be deliberate. The Prime Minister emphasized what he called value-based realism: staying firmly committed to sovereignty, human rights, and the rule of law, while recognizing that strength at home is essential to defending those principles abroad. We believe in cooperation, including cooperative federalism here at home, but cooperation must be backed by resilience. A country that cannot fuel itself, supply itself, or sustain its economy has limited choices in a world where pressure can be applied through trade and finance.

That is why building Canadian strength is not optional. Investments in energy, critical minerals, innovation, defence, and new trade corridors are about more than growth. They are about sovereignty and stability. Removing barriers within Canada, diversifying our partnerships, and strengthening domestic industries ensure that communities like Winnipeg West are better protected from global shocks and better positioned to succeed in a more competitive world. The Prime Minister also spoke about working with like-minded partners through practical, issue-based coalitions rather than relying solely on institutions that no longer function as intended. That approach reflects a core Canadian instinct: we build relationships, we stand by our values, and we work constructively with others. If you have not yet had a chance to watch the speech or read the transcript, I encourage you to do so. It outlines the challenges clearly and speaks to the kind of steady, principled leadership Canada needs. I will continue working to ensure Winnipeg West is part of a strong, confident Canada that is ready for what comes next.

Warm regards,

Doug Eyolfson



GET IN TOUCH!

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IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS MONTH IN WINNIPEG WEST

COMMUNITY SPIRIT ON DISPLAY IN WINNIPEG WEST

Winter Carnival season in Winnipeg West is always a highlight for me and a reminder of how much these neighbourhood traditions matter. From outdoor hockey and jam pail curling to pancake breakfasts, hot chocolate at the canteen, and bingo nights, these are the moments many of us grew up with.

I really enjoyed spending time at **Roblin Park Community Centre's Winter Carnival Family Fun Bingo Night** and even helping call a game, as well as serving pancakes and catching up with neighbours at the **AWRA Winter Extravaganza**. I also had a great time at **Phoenix Recreation Association's Family Fun Night**, sharing a BBQ and conversation with community members. These events reflect the heart of Winnipeg West and the hard work of the volunteers who make it all happen.

NEIGHBOURS STEPPING UP FOR NEIGHBOURS

That same spirit of community was at the heart of the winter clothing drive supported by my constituency office in partnership with the **St. James Assiniboia 55-Plus Centre**. From January 8 to 24, our community came together to support local seniors during the coldest time of year. Winter can be especially difficult for those living on fixed incomes, and even a warm coat, mitts, or scarf can make a meaningful difference. I was pleased to personally deliver the donations and spend time with the volunteers and staff who made the initiative such a success.

It was inspiring to see so many people step up by donating clothing, volunteering their time, and spreading the word to ensure no one goes without. I am deeply grateful to everyone who took part. Efforts like this remind me why I am proud to represent Winnipeg West, a community that cares, takes action, and looks out for one another.

Winter Clothing Drive

The Office of Doug Eyolfson, MP Winnipeg West, is partnering with St. James Assiniboia 55+ Centre to help ensure seniors in our community stay warm this winter.

We are collecting new or gently used:

Winter coats
Mitts and gloves
Scarves
Warm socks
Boots
Sweaters

Drop off: MP Eyolfson Office (3092 Portage Ave)
OR
St. James - Assiniboia 55+ Centre (3-203 Duffield St)

Donation Dates: January 8 - 24
Time: Monday - Friday between
9:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Free Community tax Clinic - Coming Soon!

MP Doug Eyolfson will be hosting a free tax clinic to assist individuals and families to file their tax returns for free

This free tax clinic is designed to assist individuals and families with filing their tax returns with modest incomes.

To find out if you are eligible and to request an appointment, please contact:
doug.eyolfson@parl.gc.ca

Location: Winnipeg West
Constituency Office (3092
Portage Avenue)
Dates: To Be Announced

For any questions please
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COMMUNITY TAX CLINIC

Tax season is around the corner, and my office will be hosting a free, volunteer-run income tax clinic for residents of Winnipeg West through the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**. The clinic will support individuals and families with modest incomes and simple tax situations. Dates will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

If you think you may qualify, please contact my office to book an appointment at doug.eyolfson@parl.gc.ca or **204.480.5711**.

I look forward to supporting our community this tax season.

SERVING WINNIPEG WEST AND MANITOBA IN OTTAWA

PARLIAMENTARY AND REGIONAL UPDATES

Parliament is back in session, and it is shaping up to be a busy period. Our national caucus recently held its annual retreat, which was a great opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the country, discuss priorities, and strengthen how we work together to serve Canadians. We kicked off with our Prairies and North Caucus meeting, which brings together Liberal MPs from Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories to focus on regional priorities that matter across our region.

I am also honoured to have been elected Chair of the Manitoba Caucus. The Manitoba Caucus is a group of Liberal MPs from across the province who work together to identify regional priorities and ensure Manitoba's voice is heard in Ottawa. In this role, I will work closely with the five other Liberal MPs from Manitoba to bring our shared priorities forward in national discussions. I will continue advocating for real progress on housing, affordability, investments in local infrastructure, and public safety, the issues that directly impact families and communities in Winnipeg West.



HESA COMMITTEE AND HEALTHCARE ENGAGEMENTS

In addition to my caucus work, I remain active in my committee and healthcare engagements. The Health Committee (HESA) is studying anti-microbial resistance to understand its scope, identify key risk factors, and explore strategies to prevent the spread of resistant infections in Canada. Expert witnesses are helping the committee gather evidence to guide policies that protect public health and strengthen our healthcare system.

I also met with healthcare leaders, including the **Canadian Federation of Nurses' Unions**, the **Ontario Hospital Association**, and **CANTRAIN**, to discuss practical solutions for supporting healthcare workers, improving infrastructure, workplace safety, consistent licensing, and stronger federal-provincial collaboration on funding.

Having spent 25 years as an ER physician, I know how important these conversations are and remain committed to working with partners and all levels of government to ensure residents of Winnipeg West and across Canada have access to safe, high-quality care.

FROM THE ER TO PARLIAMENT: WHY CONNECTED CARE MATTERS

On February 4, our Liberal government introduced **Bill S-5**, the **Connected Care for Canadians Act**, to modernize Canada's health care system. As an emergency room physician, I have seen firsthand how outdated systems with paper records, disconnected files, and fax machines delay care and put patients at risk.

Data saves lives, and this legislation is about making technology work for people, improving care, empowering health care professionals, and building a system ready for the future. Bill S-5 will enable health information to be shared securely and efficiently across health IT systems, giving patients and providers access to the right information when it is needed. By requiring digital health vendors to adopt common, secure standards, the Act removes barriers between patients and care providers, protects sensitive data in line with international best practices, and ensures health care serves patients, not shareholder profits.

CANADA GROCERIES AND ESSENTIALS BENEFIT

MAKING ESSENTIALS MORE AFFORDABLE FOR 12+ MILLION CANADIANS

- ✓ **One-time top-up payment in Spring 2026**
 - \$3.1 billion in immediate relief for current recipients
- ✓ **25% yearly increase from July 2026-2031**
 - \$8.6 billion in additional support over six years
 - Extends support to 500,000 new individuals & families
 - Indexed to inflation to keep pace with rising costs

* Must file taxes for 2025 to receive benefit

CANADA GROCERIES AND ESSENTIALS BENEFIT

HOW WILL THIS HELP ME?

Family Type	Maximum Base Amount for 2026-27	50% Top-Up	25% Increase to 2026-27 Amounts	Total Benefits Received
Single	\$543	+ \$267	+ \$136	\$950
Couple with 2 kids	\$1,086	+ \$533	+ \$272	\$1,890

* Note: Amounts are maximums for low-to-moderate income households and are illustrative

WHY THIS MATTERS?

- ✓ **Real measurable support by quarterly payments:**
Offsets grocery cost increases beyond overall inflation since the pandemic
- ✓ **Automatic delivery**
No complex applications, just file your taxes each year
- ✓ **Works alongside existing benefits to provide comprehensive support**

Source: Department of Finance Canada

DELIVERING REAL GROCERY RELIEF IN WINNIPEG WEST

Our global economy is changing quickly, and families and small businesses in Winnipeg West are feeling pressure at the checkout line. To provide relief, our government has introduced the **Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit** to support more than 12 million low and modest income Canadians, including about **475,000 Manitobans** and approximately **36,732 residents in Winnipeg West**.

This measure will deliver a one-time GST Credit top up in spring 2026, followed by increased support over five years. We are also strengthening local food banks through the **Local Food Infrastructure Fund** and supporting small and medium sized businesses facing supply chain pressures so costs are not passed on to families. Together, these measures will help make life more affordable for Winnipeg West families while supporting a stronger, more resilient local economy.

DELIVERING MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES IN WINNIPEG WEST

Affordable housing is a growing challenge for families and seniors in Winnipeg West and across Canada. To help address this, our government introduced the **Build Canada Homes Act**, creating Build Canada Homes, a Crown corporation focused on building affordable housing nationwide.

The initiative will deliver a range of housing options, from supportive housing to homes for young families and seniors, while driving construction innovation and creating good local jobs. Since launching in September, Build Canada Homes has advanced a Direct Build project in Winnipeg, one of six nationwide, and secured partnerships to deliver more than **7,500 new homes**. By prioritizing Canadian materials and working with non-profits, Indigenous organizations, private developers, and other levels of government, this effort will strengthen supply chains and help seniors and families in Winnipeg West access affordable, high-quality housing more quickly.



MAKING TRANSPORTATION MORE AFFORDABLE IN WINNIPEG WEST

Affordability means lowering everyday costs for families in Winnipeg West, including the cost of transportation. That's why the new measures announced by Prime Minister Mark Carney to strengthen Canada's auto industry matter locally.

By investing in Canadian manufacturing, protecting good jobs, expanding EV charging infrastructure, and introducing new incentives to make electric vehicles more affordable, this plan gives families more choice and helps reduce long-term transportation costs while building a stronger, cleaner Canadian economy.

CANADA'S NEW AUTO STRATEGY

WHAT IT HOPES TO ACHIEVE

- ✓ **Build a Competitive, Diversified Trade Strategy**
- ✓ **Drive Clean Investment and Smarter Emissions Policy**
- ✓ **Accelerate Investment in Canada's Auto Sector**
- ✓ **Support Canadian Workers Through the Transition**
- ✓ **Expand EV Infrastructure**