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I joined Secretary of State for Sport, Adam van Koeverden, at the Burlington Centaurs Rugby Facility to visit Canada's National Women's Rugby Team as they prepared for their October 16 match against England at BMO Field. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet the athletes, watch them train, and celebrate the dedication and talent of women in Canadian sport. Congratulations to Team Canada on their impressive victory over England! A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for Canadian rugby. Go Canada go!

Dear neighbour,

Things are moving fast. It feels like every time I read the news, something consequential has happened. By the time you receive this we will have a newly elected Council in Burlington, the U.S. midterm elections will have concluded and the Federal Budget for 2026 will have been tabled in Parliament.

This community update is a reflection of what I have been working on in the month since Parliament has returned. I've spent a lot of time with Burlington businesses since the talks with the United States broke down in late August, working to support them through these challenging economic times. There are a number of Federal programs, notably the Regional Tariff Response Initiative through FedDev Ontario, that provide liquidity and loans to businesses affected by tariffs. If your business is affected and needs guidance, please reach out to my office, Discover Burlington or the Burlington Chamber of Commerce.

The Federal Government is also working to protect jobs and steel making at Stelco in Hamilton and across the region. The lay off notices, frankly, are unacceptable and the Prime Minister and Minister Melanie Joly have been clear that Canada will use every tool available to them to ensure Cleveland Cliffs, the U.S. parent company of Stelco, upholds its obligations to maintain employment at Stelco as is required by the Invest in Canada Act. I understand how upsetting this news is for the families affected; my colleagues in Parliament and I are working with the Prime Minister to protect steel jobs and the sector and hold the company accountable.

As Prime Minister Carney repeats, "we are masters in our own home." The Government continues to focus on economic growth, trade diversification and protecting our sovereignty.

With gratitude,

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Cher voisin/chers voisins,

Les choses évoluent rapidement. J'ai l'impression que chaque fois que je consulte les nouvelles, un événement important s'est produit. Au moment où vous recevrez cette lettre, un nouveau conseil municipal aura été élu à Burlington, les élections de mi-mandat aux États-Unis seront terminées et le budget fédéral de 2026 aura été déposé au Parlement.

Ce bulletin communautaire fait le point sur le travail que j'ai accompli au cours du mois qui s'est écoulé depuis la reprise des travaux parlementaires. Depuis la rupture des négociations avec les États-Unis à la fin du mois d'août, j'ai consacré beaucoup de temps à rencontrer les entreprises de Burlington afin de les soutenir pendant cette période économique difficile. Plusieurs programmes fédéraux, notamment l'Initiative régionale de réponse tarifaire, administrée par FedDev Ontario, offrent des liquidités et des prêts aux entreprises touchées par les droits de douane. Si votre entreprise est touchée et que vous avez besoin de conseils, je vous invite à communiquer avec mon bureau, Discover Burlington ou la Chambre de commerce de Burlington.

Le gouvernement fédéral travaille également à protéger les emplois et la production d'acier chez Stelco, à Hamilton, ainsi que dans l'ensemble de la région. Franchement, les avis de mise à pied sont inacceptables. Le premier ministre et la ministre Mélanie Joly ont clairement indiqué que le Canada utilisera tous les moyens à sa disposition pour veiller à ce que Cleveland-Cliffs, la société mère américaine de Stelco, respecte ses engagements en matière de maintien de l'emploi chez Stelco, conformément aux exigences de la Loi sur Investissement Canada. Je comprends à quel point cette nouvelle est bouleversante pour les familles touchées. Mes collègues parlementaires et moi travaillons avec le premier ministre pour protéger les emplois dans le secteur de l'acier, soutenir cette industrie et veiller à ce que l'entreprise respecte ses obligations.

Comme le répète le premier ministre Carney, « Nous sommes maîtres chez nous. » Le gouvernement continue de mettre l'accent sur la croissance économique, la diversification des échanges commerciaux et la protection de notre souveraineté.

Avec toute ma gratitude,

L'HON. KARINA **GOULD**
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House Watch



As Chair of the Finance Committee, the very first thing I did upon returning to Parliament last month was table the committee's report on the Pre-Budget Recommendations. Our budget consultations this past year were the largest in Canadian history with over 1350 submissions and 90 witnesses testifying. The committee made 130 recommendations to the Government for consideration in this year's budget all available publicly on the committee's website.

We also studied and passed Bill C-38, which extends the suspension of the Federal Gas Tax until January 31st, 2027. This is in response to high global fuel prices caused by Trump's war in Iran and the prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz and sustained damage to oil and gas infrastructure in the Middle East as a result of the conflict. This measure saves Canadians 10 cents a litre on gasoline and 4 cents a litre on diesel.

Most recently we've been studying Bill C-31, the second Budget Implementation Act from Budget 2025. After a Budget is tabled in Parliament it has accompanying legislation to actually enact the proposals in the budget, that legislation comes to Finance committee! C-31 does some important things like modernize the Air Passenger Protection Regulations, create the Defense Investment Agency and expands the eligibility of the Productivity Super Deduction for eligible manufacturing and processing buildings, among other measures.

Finally, I had the privilege of presenting e-petition e-7386, brought forward by a Burlington mother following the tragic and preventable passing of her son, Finlay, due to sepsis in February 2024. The petitioners call on the Government of Canada to strengthen oversight of the Canada Health Act, tie health-transfer funding to enforceable national standards for pediatric emergency care and sepsis treatment, and require transparent reporting and compliance to ensure timely, life-saving care for all Canadians.

An Update on AI and Online Safety

AI and Data Centres are top of mind for many people these days. I wanted to provide an update on where the Federal government is on this topic. While many agree that AI is here to stay, the Federal government is building a strategy for responsible and ethical AI in Canada, that can - hopefully - be a model for the world.

First off, I want to address Data Centres. The Government of Canada has heard the concerns of Canadians and communities across the country and has developed a national baseline in the Responsible Data Centre Development Principles.



There are over 40 industry signatories and 2,000 municipalities that have signed onto these principles. It is still up to municipalities to make decisions about data centres, but these federal principles provide a guide off of which to work from.

When it comes to responsible AI development, Canada and Germany announced the creation of Law Zero led by the world's leading AI Safety scientist, Dr. Yoshua Bengio, that is AI designed with safety, trust and transparency from the outset.

There are two important pieces of legislation that have been introduced **Bills C-34** and **C-36**. **C-34** is focused on creating a safe online environment, particularly for children. It creates a social media ban for children under 16 until a platform can demonstrate its safety as well as regulations for chatbots. **C-36** modernizes Canada's privacy laws for the digital age, including by strengthening privacy protections for children's data, banning surveillance pricing and giving Canadians the right to delete their data or transport it.



I've been working with parental advocates and the Minister of Heritage on Online Safety over the last year. C-34 is a comprehensive response to protecting our kids online and ensuring the online world is safer for everyone.

Finally, the Government wants to give Canadians access to the tools they need to succeed and has launched ailiteracyforall.com which has a free course on how to use AI for all Canadians.

I have heard many of your concerns and I believe the government is listening as well. That's why it was important to put out and get buy in on the Data Centre principles from companies and to ensure there are safeguards and protections in place when it comes to AI and the online world. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with me on this topic. I am sure we will continue to have many more conversations about it in the future.

Supporting Canada's Automotive and Steel Sector

Canada's automotive industry continues to face significant challenges, and supporting the workers and businesses that depend on it remains a priority. On October 21, the government of Canada and Ontario announced a new $8.7 billion action plan to strengthen Ontario's steel, automotive, and critical minerals industries. This includes an additional $2.5 billion over two years to help automakers modernize their facilities, invest in new technologies, and remain competitive. The plan also includes investments to support Canadian steel production and critical mineral development. By working together, Canada and Ontario are taking steps to protect jobs, strengthen domestic manufacturing, and build a more resilient economy.

IN THE COMMUNITY



I enjoyed joining Trans Canada Trail representatives for a walk along Burlington's beautiful waterfront to discuss the importance of accessible trails, connecting communities, and investing in outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.



To mark Small Business Week, I joined the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for a visit to Kwiksave Logistics. It was a great opportunity to learn more about their operations and hear firsthand about the opportunities and challenges facing local businesses.



It was great to join Dr. Peter Graefe's political science class at McMaster University for a conversation with students about politics and my work in Ottawa.



Proud to welcome the YMCA's Long Walk Home to Burlington! The initiative has raised over $50,000 to help address homelessness and housing insecurity, including support for a new men's residence. It was inspiring to see our community come together to support those in need and help make a meaningful difference in people's lives.



A lovely morning at the Interfaith Council of Halton's breakfast in Oakville! It was wonderful to connect with so many familiar faces and see our faith communities come together. Thank you to everyone who made the morning so special! Congratulations on 25 years of multifaith dialogue in Halton.