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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I'm so happy to be welcoming spring, and all of the opportunities to connect with so many of you across our community.

My time in Ottawa has had it all these past few months. To be honest, some days have been deeply disappointing: a front row seat to toxic partisanship and broken climate promises. Others are deeply rewarding: as we plant seeds and see signs of hope, for example with respect to lifting up the voices of our neighbours with disabilities, and for real solutions to the housing crisis.

Please read on for updates and ways to connect on each of these topics and more.

I remain deeply interested in hearing from you. I spend most Friday afternoons on calls with neighbours listening to your stories and priorities, each time feeling better equipped to advocate for us in Parliament.

Please reach out anytime using the contact information included on this page!

Sincerely,

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## SPOTLIGHT ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Housing costs went up 35% in our community—last year alone.

This is the result of housing being increasingly traded like a commodity by investors and speculators.

I've been pushing for policies to prioritize homes as places for people to live first and foremost.

I want to hear from you,

provide updates on proposed legislation, and share the perspectives of some local leaders in housing solutions who I deeply respect.

Join me on Thursday, May 26th at 7pm for a townhall from whenever you are.

Visit [mikemorrice.ca](http://mikemorrice.ca) or call 519-741-2001 to register.

SPOTLIGHT ON  
*housing affordability*

A TOWN  
HALL

WITH MP MIKE MORRICE

# PROGRESS ON THE CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT



Disability Without Poverty has been a leader in national efforts to bring a Canada Disability Benefit to reality.

I continue to advocate for the federal government to fast-track the Canada Disability Benefit, which would be an essential lifeline for as many as 1.5 million Canadians living in poverty.

Since I presented a petition with almost 18,000 signatures in support of this guaranteed income supplement, the government missed another major opportunity to advance the benefit in Budget 2022 last month.

With the only mention of support for people with disabilities directed at getting them into the workforce, there was no sign of hope for those unable to work.

Following the budget, I was proud to send the Prime Minister a letter of support I initiated, supported by 70 Members of Parliament from across four parties, with more MPs joining the call each week.

The full letter can be found in English and French on my website at [mikemorricemp.ca](http://mikemorricemp.ca).

## SURVEY SAYS...

In our last mailing we asked how you would like to see housing affordability addressed.

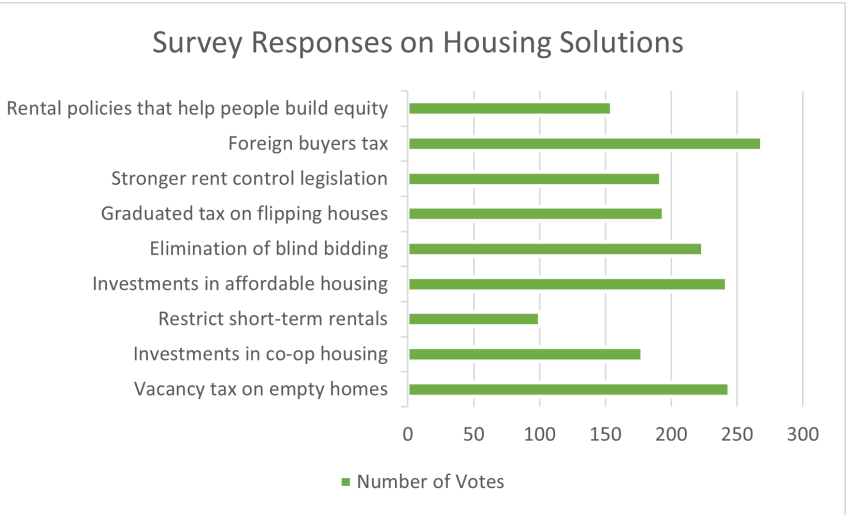
We received hundreds of responses which will help to influence my advocacy in the House of Commons.

Some respondents selected multiple choices, so numbers reflect the total in favour for each category.

I was pleased to see investments in co-op housing, eliminating blind bidding, and fairer taxation on house flipping mentioned in the recent budget.

While a foreign buyer's tax wasn't introduced, the government does plan to implement a two-year ban on foreign buyers.

I will continue to push for a range of options to make both renting and buying more affordable.



Number of responses per initiative from Kitchener Centre residents following our February issue's survey on housing affordability.

## EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN AND INTERNATIONAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The federal government unveiled their Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) - which included billions in a new subsidy for fossil fuel companies—just days before the International Panel on Climate Change released their latest report with a stark warning, "It's now or never".

Since then, I've been pressing the government to heed the calls from climate scientists and the UN Secretary General, who called actions like those of our government "moral and economic madness".

Subscribe to my YouTube channel to see all of my speeches in the House.



"If it is not a silver bullet, why are we giving them \$50 billion for it?"



## LISTENING TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL VOICES

Thank you to all of the groups who took the time to meet with me, including:

- Women's Crisis Services Waterloo Region in support of Private Members Bill C-233 to better protect survivors of intimate partner violence
- Disability advocates from across our community including KW Habilitation, Community Support Connections, KW AccessAbility, Independent Living Centre, CNIB, Extend a Family Waterloo Region, Bridges to Belonging, Sunbeam Resource Centre, Christian Horizons, and individuals with lived experience to discuss the Canada Disability Benefit
- Kitchener Fire Department on Bill C-224, a framework to address occupational cancer in firefighters
- Rabbi Goldman from Beth Jacob Synagogue and Jewish Community Centre about their efforts to support the people of Mariupol, Ukraine
- The Green Budget Coalition including David Suzuki Foundation and Nature Canada ahead of Budget 2022
- Equipe Francophonie on Bill C-13 which would amend the Official Languages Act
- Independent Jewish Voices Canada on solidarity with the Palestinian people in support of universal human rights
- Indigenous leaders including from KW Urban Native Wigwam Project, Crow Shield Lodge, Anishnabeg Outreach, and Elder Myeengun Henry on the priorities of Indigenous community members

## UKRAINE'S BRAVERY

As Russia's illegal war on Ukraine continues, I have called for more humanitarian support to all in Ukraine, including visa free travel.

I have also raised the voices of Ukrainian scientists calling on all governments to recognize the root causes of this war are the same as the climate crisis: our dependence on fossil fuels.

As my team and I work with local organizations raising funds and preparing for refugees to arrive, it was an honour to join MPs from all parties to hear from five Ukrainian MPs, and Ukraine's new Ambassador-designate Yulia Kovaliv.



Attending a cross-party rally for the people of Ukraine and their loved ones in Canada in front of the Parliament buildings.



Thanks to MP Yvan Baker for organizing an event with Ukrainian delegates. Their courage is inspiring.

## HOW WOULD YOU SPEND \$7.1 BILLION?

The government recently announced \$7.1 billion in new subsidies to Big Oil when that money could have been invested in real climate solutions.

Where do you want to see Canada investing?

You can fill out this checklist, cut along the dotted lines, fold and tape the edges, and mail back free of charge through Canada Post.

- ☐ Investments in high-speed rail
- ☐ Incentives for home retrofits
- ☐ Building active transportation infrastructure
- ☐ Incentives for electric vehicles
- ☐ Increased renewable energy sources in the grid
- ☐ Protecting natural areas and wildlife
- ☐ Investments in a just transition for workers
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR YOUR MONTHLY E-NEWS!

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Inspired by the first cohort of Black entrepreneurs at LiftOff by the Caribbean Canadian Association of Waterloo Region at their Black Business Showcase.



Serving pizza on Pi Day at Stanley Park Community Centre with just a few of their many dedicated volunteers.



Touring Kidsability with Valerie and Lisa to experience the incredible work they do, and to meet some of their amazing staff.

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# PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS

Private Members Bills (PMB) are created and introduced by individual Members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Commons with the potential to form laws.

As an MP, I work to represent the priorities of you, my neighbours. Below are a few of the PMBs I am proudly joint seconding in support.

- C-213 to better protect Canadians from predatory loan rates
- C-216 to address the harm caused by a poisoned drug supply
- C-223 to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable income
- C-229 to ban symbols of hate in our communities
- C-233 to better protect survivors of intimate partner violence
- C-247 to prohibit farming animals for their fur
- C-248 to establish Ojibway National Urban Park of Canada

# UPCOMING MP EVENTS

26 MAY	<b>TOWN HALL</b> 7:00 pm To register visit <a href="http://mikemorricemp.ca">mikemorricemp.ca</a> or call 519-742-2001.
MAY	<b>COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS</b> Various dates and times available.  Book a phone, video, or backyard chat with Mike and a group of neighbours or local family and friends!
JUNE	Please note, groups of 6-12 people are preferred.
JULY	To book a Community Conversation visit <a href="http://mikemorricemp.ca">mikemorricemp.ca</a> or call 519-741-2001.