

Dear Constituent,

As spring really begins to bloom, it has been great to take advantage of opportunities that allow for more community involvement, socializing, learning, connecting, and service. Spring always feels like a great time to reaffirm commitments to growth and renewal.

This has certainly shone through as the legislature has resumed sessions. There is a lot of legislation to get excited about. One thing I've been keeping my eye on for some time now is Hydrogen. The Province is establishing an office to rapidly expand hydrogen deployment and to streamline projects from proposal to construction. Small and medium-sized projects are set to provide local hydrogen supply or solutions and there are also some major investments, including some of the largest proposed green hydrogen-production projects in the world. I'm excited to see BC at the forefront of this green technology. Here's the full link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022PREM0018-000464>

We also celebrated Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31st. I am very pleased to recognize and celebrate transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirited people in our families, communities and workplaces.



But there is a lot of good news coming out of the legislature. Browse through and see which strikes a chord with you. I'd like to share a number of announcements on issues that matter to you. Click below to get the full story on each topic.

Environment

[B.C. moves to streamline hydrogen projects to ensure clean energy future](#)

[B.C., First Nations move forward with unprecedented old growth deferrals](#)

[New opportunities for industry to tackle climate change with clean tech](#)
[BC Parks updates camping reservation system](#)

[Feed BC partnerships serve local food in more public post-secondary institutions](#)

[B.C., Washington state aim to develop transboundary Nooksack flooding prevention and response initiative](#)

[New funding helps Raspberry Replant Program bloom](#)

Housing / Affordability

[B.C. prepares to strengthen protections for homebuyers](#)

[Budget 2022 provides new funding to address homelessness in B.C.](#)

[ICBC relief rebate coming for drivers](#)

[Minimum wage increases tied to inflation to support workers, families](#)

[New data will guide response to homelessness in B.C.](#)

[Families benefit from \\$10 a Day ChildCare BC spaces](#)

[***local!** 42 spaces at Today 'N Tomorrow turned into \\$10-a-day childcare spaces](#)

Education

[Province launches public post-secondary funding review](#)

[New act supports trades workers, apprentices](#)

[B.C. launches plan to revitalize tourism, creating opportunities for people](#)

[EV skills training expands to three more schools in B.C.](#)

[More funding will improve ventilation, upgrade schools for students](#)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022TACS0010-000473>

Government Services / Safety

[Grants boost community services for children and youth with support needs](#)

[Province simplifying, strengthening paid sick leave](#)

[Historic help for youth from care will support strong transitions to adulthood](#)

[Province launches review of pandemic response](#)

[Rapid tests for people 18+ available at pharmacies](#)

[Road safety funding will increase safety, improve services](#)

[New regulations fight rising thefts of catalytic converters](#)

[Election Act changes modernize B.C.'s voting process](#)

[Permanent repairs coming for flood-damaged sections of the Coquihalla Highway](#)

[Recovery and Resiliency Fund provides new support for B.C.'s non-profit sector](#)

[More than \\$530,000 raised in support of Ukraine](#)

[New labour market study examines challenges in non-profit sector](#)

[Province commits funding for Legal Aid BC](#)

[B.C. adds biosimilars for blood clot prevention, treatment](#)

[More recovery support coming for B.C.'s art, culture sector](#)

Social equity

Better province for Indigenous peoples

[Historic action plan guides UNDRIP implementation in B.C.](#)

[B.C. removes hundreds of cases of gender-based language](#)

[B.C. First Nations, communities benefit from evacuation route funding](#)

[Awards honour British Columbians standing against hatred](#)

[Outstanding people recognized for service during the pandemic](#)

[Heritage BC announces results of 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program](#)

Is someone in your life, your workplace, or church celebrating a Milestone birthday or anniversary?

Make sure to put in a request for a letter from your MLA. Requests are made online here:

<https://www.protocolapplications.gov.bc.ca/CMSForm>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any provincial issue, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help you. Our office is staffed from 10am-4pm Monday -Thursday. If you come by simply knock or call 250.703.2410 to grab our attention. If you require an appointment, please email: Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Ronna-Rae Leonard

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