

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

As we are now firmly into the fall, I wanted to make available some news that has come out over the last month or two. We know that the cost of living is a major concern for everyone right now. We have heard that we need more affordable childcare. We have seen the struggle to find medical and childcare staff in this province. And food security and climate change are an on going concern. The BC government has been making strides in these areas. Change is in progress with each legislation that is passed.


Every announcement brings us closer to equity and resources for everyone, not just the wealthiest of us.

I encourage you to find updates on the issues that affect your life.

- One-time enhanced Climate Action Tax Credit. A fast and easy way to get a little extra support for essentials, like groceries and gas. A family with two children can receive up to an additional \$410. If you are eligible and have completed your 2021 tax return, you receive it automatically.
- Rebate improvements make electric vehicles more accessible
- Agriculture innovations help fight climate change, protect food security
- \$1 million in joint federal and provincial funding for agritech projects that will help farmers make our local food systems more robust and resilient to changing climates.
- High School Students can now take free post-secondary courses towards an Early Childhood Educator diploma, earning credits at both the high school and university level.



12:45
Wednesday, October 5

 **Reminder** Today
Extra money with 4x your Climate Action Tax Credit

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- Bursary improves access to practical nursing program for health-care assistants
- B.C. invests in high-speed rail study to link major Pacific Northwest cities (Portland, Seattle).
- Ready for a boost? What you need to know about B.C.'s fall COVID-19 vaccination program.
- Supports Pakistan flood response. We are seeing the effects of climate change here at home and around the world. These relief funds, along with donations from individuals, will support life-saving assistance for those impacted by devastating floods in Pakistan. To donate to the Canadian Red Cross Pakistan Floods Appeal, call 1 800 418-1111, or visit <https://www.redcross.ca/>
- The BC Government announced \$118 million in funding for family doctors and clinics to maintain their practices and uphold standards of care, while we work on longer-term solutions informed by our ongoing discussions with Doctors of BC.
- In June 2022, the Ministry of Health offered new incentives to recent family medicine graduates through a new-to-practice family physician contract program. New family physicians who sign the contract will earn \$295,457 for the first year, plus a \$25,000 signing bonus, medical training debt forgiveness of up to \$50,000 for the first year and up to \$20,000 for years two to five. In addition, the doctor will receive a \$75,000 payment that will be used as a contribution toward overhead costs for their host clinic.



**New supports
for family doctors**



**COVID-19 vaccine appointments
for kids 6 months to 4 years old
available to book now**

New savings on child care

	Infant/toddler under 3	3-5 years old	Kindergarten
Group	\$550 per month	\$445 per month	\$220 per month
Family & In-home	\$400 per month	\$440 per month	\$260 per month

These are additional savings, on top of the up to \$350 families have saved monthly since 2018. Savings start December 1, 2022 and are calculated per month and per child.

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- B.C. to allow on-farm sales of cannabis products farm to gate.
- B.C. farmers, ranchers benefit with extreme weather support
- B.C. releases expert recommendations on repeat offending
- One year anniversary of free transit for kids
- Programs support families, make sport more accessible
- The Province is providing a new \$3-million bursary fund for health-care assistants registered in an access to practical nursing (APN) program from Sept. 1, 2021, to May 31, 2024, at a qualifying public post-secondary institution.



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

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.

SEEKING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Want to have your voice heard? There are many topics that the Government of BC is seeking your opinion on. See the full list of topics here and leave your mark

GET IN TOUCH

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. WE CAN HELP YOU FIND THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, HELP WITH QUESTIONS AROUND YOUR SPECIFIC SITUATION, LISTEN TO THE ISSUES THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY FACING THAT FALL UNDER PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION.

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