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Weekly Update

BREAKING:

The AstraZeneca vaccine
**is now approved for
use in Canada.**

We're on track for **all Canadians** to
have access to a vaccine **by September.**



Dear Oakville Friends and Neighbours,

On Friday, I joined the Prime Minister and my colleagues to announce another milestone in our fight against COVID-19. Health Canada has authorized the AstraZeneca vaccine for use in Canada as well as the Serum Institute of India's version, CoviShield.

We have secured 20 million doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine through our contracts. We have also secured 2 million additional doses through an agreement with Verity Pharmaceuticals Canada and the Serum Institute of India. Deliveries will begin in the coming days.

We remain on track to receive 6.5 million Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines by the end of March and 107.9 million vaccines by September. Once the vaccines arrive in Canada, the provinces and territories are responsible for the rollout and deployment.

In all, this means more people will be vaccinated, and sooner. We will have enough vaccines by the end of September 2021 for every Canadian who wants to be vaccinated.

As always, my constituency office remains available at 905-338-2008 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Anita Anand,
Member of Parliament, Oakville



Youth Council: February Meeting

This month, my Youth Council was joined by Richard Pinnock, the Canadian Caribbean Association's (CCA) Youth Leadership Programs Board Member,

for a discussion on the importance of Black History Month. Specifically, we spoke about the rich Black History in Oakville and Dr. Jean Augustine. We also learned about the important role the CCAH plays in our community and how youth can get involved in making a difference.

Thank you Richard for joining our discussion! We appreciate your sharing your insights with us.



Black History Month Spotlight: Veronica Tyrrell

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I would like to highlight a key figure in Oakville's Black History, Veronica Tyrrell. Amongst many things, Veronica Tyrrell advocated for inclusivity, social change, and worked to preserve and celebrate Oakville's local Black history.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee recipient, and long-time President of the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCA), was born in Guyana and went to school in England where she trained as a registered nurse and midwife before moving to Winnipeg in the late 1960s. Veronica Tyrrell was well-liked and involved in her community. In the 1980s, Veronica and her family moved to Oakville, where she continued to be heavily involved in the community.

Veronica Tyrrell supported many community organizations, including but not limited to, United Way, Community Development Halton, the Halton Multicultural Council, Carousel of Nations, and became key in assisting with the recognition of midwifery as a recognized profession. With her knack for bringing people together, Veronica also continued to host gatherings that often attracted

key figures in the community and political officials.

Veronica Tyrrell dedicated her life to helping others, was a strong pillar of the community and a champion of Black history and culture. She built the foundation for the work that the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton continues to do.

In her lifetime, Veronica educated and uplifted so many and her work continues to inspire the community of Oakville. The Town of Oakville dedicated the park on Buttonbush Trail in North Oakville in her honour. When doing so Oakville Council noted, "That her efforts have made Oakville a richer and better place for all its residents."



Working on shared priorities with the United States

This week, Prime Minister Trudeau met with President Biden and unveiled the Roadmap for a Renewed US-Canada Partnership, which outlines our shared commitment to beat the pandemic, fight climate change, create jobs, grow the middle class, and address systemic racism.

Job number one for both our countries is to keep our people safe and supported until we end the pandemic. From keeping our supply chains moving, to supporting science and international institutions, we will continue to work together to beat this virus.

Millions of people, on both sides of the border, rely on our partnership to support their families. That's why we will work together to grow our middle classes and create good, well-paying jobs. We'll get there by continuing to help the businesses hardest hit by the pandemic, support clean growth, protect our

environment and fight climate change.

In the face of COVID-19, climate change, and rising inequality, we must act together. We look forward to working with the Biden Administration to tackle the challenges of today and build back better for everyone.