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GREETINGS FROM MPP RAYMOND CHO

Happy Canada Day & Welcome to Summer!

This Canada Day, we mark the 154th anniversary of Confederation. Despite this day being a celebration for many Canadians, we must not forget our friends in the First Nations community who sadly had to deal with another tragedy with the residential school system. On this Canada Day, let us not forget this shameful past, and strive to make Canada a better place for all Canadians.

This year our celebrations are still a bit different as we continue our fight against COVID-19. In spite of the challenges from the pandemic, our pride as a nation and in fellow Canadians has grown even stronger.

Canada is a resilient country. We've seen many examples of neighbours supporting neighbours, and the best of frontline heroes helping the most vulnerable. It's been a long fight, but I know we'll continue to work together as we recover, creating a stronger province as a result.

With Ontario's three-step *Roadmap to Reopen* and accelerated second dose vaccine rollout this summer, we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We've come a long way, let's continue this Team Ontario spirit to help curb the spread and keep up with the progress we've made.

To help us achieve this goal, I encourage everyone to do their part and get their vaccine shot as soon as they are eligible. It is safe, effective and the only way to help us return to normal life again.

To find out where to receive your vaccine, and to book an appointment, visit www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine or call the Provincial Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-943-3900.

We also cannot let our guard down as COVID-19 variants continue to spread in the community. To protect everyone, we must remain vigilant at all times - wearing your protective mask, following social distancing guidelines and avoiding in-person gatherings all help in curbing the spread of COVID-19 variants.

As we enter summer, the Ontario Government is committed to reopening the province through a safe approach which balances the health needs of Ontarians and the much needed in-person human contact we need as a society.

On July 1, whether your celebrations involve flying a Canadian flag or lighting fireworks in your backyard, visiting one of our beautiful provincial parks or hiking trails, or simply spending time with your family at home, I encourage you all to celebrate the great things we have accomplished as a nation, including our Team Ontario effort, as we look forward to building an even better future together.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Canada Day, and a safe, wonderful summer!

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VACCINES UPDATES

It is important that all Ontarians book their second vaccine as soon as they are eligible.

Mixing vaccines is safe, not only that it is effective at protecting you and your loved ones, it also enables more Ontarians to receive their second dose sooner.

If you had Moderna or Pfizer for your first dose you can safely take either for your second.

If you had AstraZeneca for your first dose, you can safely take AstraZeneca, Moderna or Pfizer for your second.

Learn more: www.ontario.ca/seconddose

The best vaccine for your second dose, is the vaccine that is available first.

All vaccines provided in Ontario provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants.



As of June 23, 2021, Ontario has administered over 3 million second doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with over 25% of Ontarians aged 18+ fully vaccinated.

Do your part, get your shot to support a two-dose summer. Every dose administered brings us closer to ending the pandemic and we move ahead in our *Roadmap to Reopen* plan.

With sufficient supply, we anticipate that the majority of Ontario residents will benefit from a two-dose summer.

Ontario targets a two-dose summer



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Raymond in the community

Summer fun



Eating zongzis (rice dumplings) and celebrating Dragon Boat Festival with the Ontario Chinese Seniors Association



Supporting the Stronger Together Food Drive of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto



Supporting the Malvern Eats program led by the Muslim Welfare Centre



Celebrating Filipino Heritage Month with leaders from the Filipino-Canadian community in Scarborough

Available Online

ONTARIO PARKS Daily Vehicle Permit

This summer, the Ontario Government is making it easier and more affordable for people to get outdoors and enjoy nature by providing free day-use permits at 115 provincial parks from Monday to Thursday until September 2, 2021.

Visitors will also be able to guarantee access to 17 select provincial parks by obtaining a daily vehicle permit up to 5 days in advance. This will help visitors plan ahead and avoid long line-ups during popular and busy visitation times.

Advanced daily vehicle permits will be available at 17 provincial parks, including

- Algonquin
- Arrowhead
- Darlington
- Pinery
- Sandbanks
- Sibbald Point

To book a day permit for your vehicle, visit www.ontarioparks.com.

SUPPORTING SENIORS - EXPANDED DENTAL CARE

The Ontario Government continues to support seniors by ensuring they have access to the quality dental care and affordable prescription medications they need.

The eligibility thresholds for both the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Plan and the Seniors Co-payment Program have been upgraded for single Ontarians aged 65 and over, from \$19,300 to **\$22,200**, and for couples with a combined annual income, from \$32,300 to **\$37,100**.

Eligible seniors can now apply for the Seniors Co-payment Program and for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Plan starting July 1.

Visit <https://seniors.accerta.ca/application/en> to learn more.

Ontario is increasing the income eligibility thresholds for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and the Seniors Co-payment Program



HELPING YOUTH EXPLORE CAREERS IN SKILLED TRADES



Helping youth pursue in-demand careers

The Ontario Government is investing almost \$4 million through Support Ontario Youth to help up to 2,100 young people access training and networking opportunities to form valuable connections in skilled trades that open doors to apprenticeships and meaningful careers.

With over 500 employers and industry associations and 300 education and training providers participating, this program will inspire and prepare the next generation of skilled trades people, while also helping employers find the talent they need.

Students and adults interested in attending a boot camp can apply at www.supportontarioyouth.ca.

UPDATE



Scarborough Subway Extension

The Ontario Government promised to bring Subway to Scarborough and we are delivering on this commitment.

As part of our historic transit plan for the GTA, the largest of its kind in Canadian history, Strabag has been awarded the contract to design, build and finance the tunnel for the Scarborough Subway Extension.

Major construction on the extension has just begun this June with major tunnel boring starting in May of 2022.

Not only will the extension reduce travel times, improve access to employment spaces, schools and other key destinations throughout the city, it will also create thousands of jobs and drive housing development.



Building Transit
At Scarborough Subway Extension groundbreaking ceremony on June 23

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