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## Canada's "Most Liveable City" – pride, paradox, and possibility

The North Shore is where I chose to make my home and bring up my family. So, seeing North Vancouver named Canada's most liveable city by The Globe and Mail in February – for the second year in a row – is both exciting and frankly, well-earned.

This didn't happen by luck – it's the result of years of smart choices by local governments, community leaders, and residents who've put liveability at the heart of how we've grown.

When North Vancouver tops national rankings, it speaks to what we value. We've protected the natural world around us, built walkable, connected neighbourhoods, and shown that growth and sustainability can go hand in hand with modern urban living.

But, while we celebrate this recognition, we also need to acknowledge that being named "most liveable" doesn't mean everyone experiences that liveability equally.

For too many young families, seniors, and local workers, housing costs remain a daily struggle. True liveability isn't just about the views; it's about being able to find a home near where you work, getting around affordably and efficiently, and feeling you are recognized and belong in your community.

### COMPLIMENT AND CHALLENGE

These back-to-back honours from The Globe and Mail should therefore be read as both a compliment and a challenge to our North Shore community.

They affirm that the North Shore has been a Canadian leader in aligning environmental sustainability, economic opportunity, and quality of life. They also challenge us to continue leading – particularly on key issues including housing attainability, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and adapting to a changing climate that is bringing more intense storms, wildfire smoke, and heat.

**Ultimately, the strength of North Vancouver and the North Shore lies in its people.**

It lies in the neighbourhood associations that push for safer streets and better parks, the non-profits that support our most vulnerable neighbours, and the businesses that take a chance on the commercial streets of Lonsdale, Edgemont, Deep Cove, Lynn Valley, Ambleside and beyond. It lies in the conversations – sometimes difficult, often passionate – that we have about what kind of community we want to be.

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### MY ROLE IN OTTAWA

In Ottawa, my role as your Member of Parliament is to make sure the federal government is a real partner in building the kind of community we want. That means better transit so more people can truly rely on new rapid buses and enhanced SeaBus service instead of cars. It means supporting housing projects that add gentle density in our established neighbourhoods while respecting the character that people cherish. And it means backing local innovation – from clean tech to green construction to novel shipbuilding – that creates good jobs right here on the North Shore.

Being named Canada's top city for the second year in a row is a recognition of what we have already built together. The real test is what we do next: ensuring that this "most liveable" city is truly liveable for everyone who calls it home today, and for those who hope to call it home tomorrow.

## Canada summer jobs

### OPENING DOORS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

For many young Canadians, a summer job represents a chance to build confidence, develop new skills, and begin exploring future career paths.

The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program helps make these opportunities possible by connecting youth aged 15 to 30 with local businesses and non-profit organizations. These placements allow employers to offer meaningful summer positions where young people can gain hands-on experience in real workplace environments, while bringing fresh perspectives to their teams.



### LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Here in North Vancouver–Capilano, CSJ continues to make a real difference in our community.

**Last year, 75 local employers participated in the program, creating 107 summer positions for young people across our riding.**

These opportunities reflect the diversity of our local economy and the strength of our community organizations.

From marketing and communications roles to opportunities in the trades, education, and environmental initiatives, the program allows young people to explore a wide range of fields while gaining valuable, practical, and applicable experience.

Over the past decade as your Member of Parliament, I have seen firsthand how programs like this help young people discover new interests and career paths, while giving local employers the opportunity to support and inspire the next generation.



### INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

North Vancouver–Capilano is home to an incredible network of entrepreneurs, educators, and community leaders who are deeply committed to supporting young people.

Programs like CSJ help strengthen these connections by ensuring youth have opportunities to learn, work, and contribute right here in our North Shore community.

I encourage young people across our riding to explore the opportunities available through the Job Bank website.

**When we create opportunities for young people, we invest in the future of our community.** Programs like CSJ help ensure the next generation has the experience, skills, and confidence they need to succeed, while strengthening the vibrant North Shore community we are proud to call home.



## Make a difference in your community!

Spring is the perfect time for young people to explore new ideas, get involved, and make a difference. As your Member of Parliament, I deeply value the voices of youth – they bring energy, creativity, and fresh perspectives to the issues that matter most. That's why I am committed to providing an inspiring platform where young people can learn, grow, and have their voices truly heard.



### CONSTITUENCY YOUTH COUNCIL

Our Constituency Youth Council (CYC) invites young people aged 14–24 to connect with their community, develop leadership skills, and gain real-world understanding of how Canada's government works. This year, students are diving into policy-making, giving them hands-on experience to advocate for themselves, share their ideas, and see how decisions are made that may directly impact their lives.

Past projects have tackled a range of meaningful topics, such as environmental issues and youth mental health – in 2020, members designed a public survey to gather insights on mental health challenges following COVID-19. Joining our CYC is an invaluable opportunity for young people to contribute diverse perspectives and engage with a wide range of youth-centered topics, from health and education to community initiatives and environmental sustainability.

### GET INVOLVED AND MAKE AN IMPACT

Being part of the CYC isn't just about learning – it's about taking action. Members have the opportunity to work on real projects, meet community leaders, and contribute to initiatives that can make a tangible difference. Whether it's proposing solutions to local challenges or shaping youth-focused federal policies, every idea matters. We encourage young people to turn their passion into action and leave a lasting impact on their community.



**Their curiosity, energy, and ideas serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of supporting programs and opportunities that empower young people.**



**CLICK HERE  
APPLY  
TODAY!**

Applications for the CYC are now open, and I encourage those who want to make a difference in their community to apply through the Youth Council tab on my website.

**Your voice matters – this is your chance to be heard.**

I truly value the chance to connect with youth in our community. The next generation is a constant source of inspiration, and it is encouraging to see students actively engage with important issues, pursue learning, and build meaningful connections with one another.

# Proud of our North Shore Olympians

The Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games have reminded us of something truly remarkable: when Canadians compete, they do so with heart, integrity, and unwavering determination.

We were pleased to hear that North Shore's Mollie Jepsen, a six-time Paralympic medalist, remained in high spirits despite a knee injury keeping her from competing. She continued to support and stand by Team Canada, embodying the inspiring dedication and spirit of our athletes.

Team Canada has shone as a symbol of hope and resilience, competing with sportsmanship and determination that continues to inspire millions from coast to coast. Here on the North Shore, that pride feels especially meaningful.

## LOCAL PRIDE

Our community was represented at the Milano Cortina 2026 Games by an inspiring group of athletes:

- **Mollie Jepsen** – Para Alpine Skiing, West Vancouver
- **Jane Channell** – Skeleton, North Vancouver
- **Cameron Alexander** – Alpine Skiing, North Vancouver
- **Brodie Seger** – Alpine Skiing, North Vancouver
- **Riley Seger** – Alpine Skiing, North Vancouver
- **Macklin Celebrini** – Ice Hockey, North Vancouver

Brodie and Riley Seger, two talented brothers from North Vancouver, have shown remarkable dedication to alpine skiing. Brodie shares his reflections on growing up in our community and the journey that led him to represent Canada on the world stage:



I feel privileged to have grown up in such a beautiful place as North Vancouver, where the ocean meets the mountains that became my playground. Our family was big on skiing and mountain biking with the simple goal of being active in the outdoors. In those early days, I don't think any of us would have guessed that one of those sports would eventually take us to the Olympics.

My dream began when the 2010 Games came to town, inspired by the atmosphere and the way our country rallied behind our athletes. It takes a village to produce an Olympic athlete, and we have made so many incredible friends along the way. It has been an honor to represent that community and my country on the world stage along with my brother.



The Paralympic movement reminds us that achievement takes many forms, and that accessibility, inclusion, and opportunity matter. As we cheer for Team Canada's Paralympic athletes, we celebrate not only their accomplishments, but also the perseverance that makes their journeys possible.

From local mountains and community arenas to the global stage, these athletes' journeys reflect the strength and spirit of our community.

## MORE THAN MEDALS

Behind every Olympic and Paralympic performance is a community – parents rising early for practices, volunteer coaches dedicating countless hours, and local clubs nurturing both skill and character.

Having lived, worked, and raised my family here, it is especially meaningful to see athletes from our community on the world stage. Their success reflects the North Shore spirit: resilient, determined, and rooted in nature.

To Team Canada, and to our North Shore athletes, thank you for representing our community with such distinction. We could not be prouder.



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# What Canadians can do in uncertain times

It's fair to say that 2026 began with a jolt. The presidency of Donald Trump has dominated headlines and stirred a mix of emotions – concern, frustration, uncertainty and fear, among others. Many of us wonder what it means for Canada – and for the values we hold dear.

**It's a natural question. What happens south of the border matters to us. But we shouldn't forget that how we respond matters just as much.**

Canada's greatest strength has always been grounded not in fear, but in confidence in who we are and what we stand for. When others close doors, we build bridges. When others retreat from collaboration, Canadians step forward – steadily, thoughtfully, and with purpose.

**So how do we, as individual Canadians, respond to a world that feels more dangerous and unpredictable?**

It doesn't start with outrage or despair. Foundationally, it starts with reaffirming the values that define us, and finding practical ways to put them into action.



## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Second, we can strengthen our resilience right here at home. Support Canadian businesses, invest in clean technologies, and volunteer with local organizations that bring people together. When we build vibrant, inclusive communities, we add stability and hope in uncertain times. **Each of us has a role in shaping the country we want – not only through the ballot box but through daily acts of engagement and generosity.**

Finally, we must remain hopeful. Canada has faced tough moments before, and we've always found our footing. We do it not by giving in to cynicism, but by working together, rooted in our shared belief that tomorrow can be better than today.

What happens in the United States will continue to influence global events, but it doesn't define who we are. Canadians can lead by example – by showing that democracy can still be open and respectful, that climate action can go hand in hand with prosperity, and that compassion remains a strength – not a weakness.

So as winter gives way to spring, let's keep things in perspective. The world might feel unsettled, even downright frightening, but our course remains steady. **If we lead with empathy, truth, and determination, we'll help ensure that Canada – this remarkable, diverse, forward-looking country – continues to be a global example of hope and progress, no matter who's in the White House.**



## THOUGHTFUL CITIZENS

First, let's commit to being thoughtful citizens. In an era of polarized politics and online misinformation, it's easy to be swept up by the noise of the moment. Take the time to seek out credible information, challenge false narratives when you see them, and engage with friends and neighbours respectfully.

Try to resist the understandable urge to avoid mentioning Donald Trump for fear of "dampening the mood" – and instead, trust that honest, respectful conversation can withstand difficult topics. Democracy depends on citizens who care enough to stay engaged, informed and talk to one another with empathy.

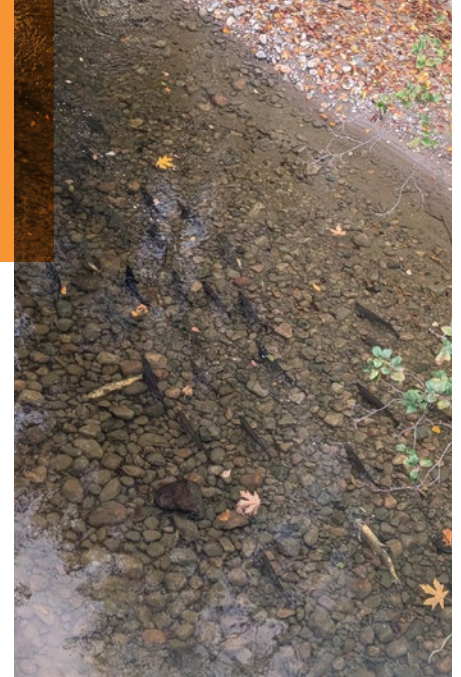
# Streamkeepers making a difference for salmon returns

One of the truly miraculous natural phenomena here in British Columbia is the regular return of the salmon to waterways all along the coast. In my capacity as MP and formerly as the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, I've learned a lot about salmon, and how essential they are to the integrated network of life in creeks, in the forest and out in the ocean.

As a consequence of urbanization over the past century or more, streams on the North Shore were degraded, some to the point of no longer sustaining salmon runs that had occurred since time out of mind. However, due to the tireless work of local volunteers and funding from both the federal and provincial governments many of these creeks are seeing renewed life and increasing salmon runs,.

Over the past several years, with funding in part by the DFO's Environmental Damages Fund, the North Shore Streamkeepers Society has been leading hands-on habitat restoration efforts in Mosquito Creek to improve conditions for salmon and other native fish species. This work has focused on restoring natural stream banks and rebuilding habitat features that were lost through decades of urbanization.

Using natural materials like large woody debris and boulders, NSSK has created new riffles and deep holding pools that provide shelter, spawning areas, and cool-water refuge for fish during high flows and summer heat. The project also includes replanting native vegetation along the creek to stabilize banks and strengthen the riparian corridor.



Together, these efforts are helping return Mosquito Creek – and many other local creeks across the North Shore – to a more natural, resilient state — improving biodiversity and supporting the long-term recovery of local salmon populations.

**Look up your local Streamkeepers Society – they are a great place to volunteer your time, and help salmon to make it home.**

## In The Community



Indigenous-owned NUQO's modular building for WVSD45

### Devan Coward's Grade 5 class at Ecole Ross Road Elementary



Visiting Norgate Community School in February



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