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Building a Safer Scarborough–Woburn

Over the past several months, I've been out in the community, knocking on doors, speaking directly with neighbours, and listening closely to the issues that matter. One concern that continues to come up is crime in our city. Residents want to feel safe, supported, and informed – and it's my responsibility to help bring our community together to address these challenges.

That's why I hosted a town hall meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at Global Kingdom Ministries, alongside our provincial representative, MPP Andrea Hazell. I'm pleased to say that the turnout was excellent. Many of you came out on a weeknight to participate, share your experiences, and work together toward solutions. Your presence demonstrated just how deeply this community cares about safety and collaboration.

We were also joined by dedicated members of Toronto Police Services, with strong participation from both Division 41 and Division 43. Their team delivered an informative and thoughtful presentation on local crime trends, prevention strategies, and the work they've been doing in partnership with residents. I want to thank them for taking the time to engage with us, answer questions, and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and our community.

The Federal Government has proposed major public safety reforms aimed at tougher enforcement and sentencing. Key measures include:

- **Reverse-onus bail for serious crimes**
(People charged with serious offences would have to prove why they should be released.)
- **Consecutive sentences for repeat violent offenders**
(Each offence adds time instead of being served at the same time.)
- **Stricter penalties for organized retail theft**
(Harsher consequences for coordinated shoplifting rings.)
- **Stricter penalties for crimes against essential infrastructure**
(More severe punishment for damaging key systems like power, water, or transport.)



Michael addressing residents at his town hall meeting on public safety.

- **No conditional sentences for certain sexual offences**
(Those convicted cannot serve their sentence in the community.)
- **Aggravating factors for attacks on first responders**
(Harsher sentencing when the victim is a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic.)
- **Targeted funding for at-risk youth**
(Multi-year funding to community programs that support youth aged 10–18 through mentoring, mental-health services, tutoring, sports, and cultural activities—helping reduce risk factors for crime.)

Thank you to all who attended and helped organize and host this event. Sign up for our e-newsletter at michael.coteau@parl.gc.ca to stay connected and get the latest updates on future town halls.

Federal Budget 2025: Building a Stronger, More Resilient Canada

As your Member of Parliament for Scarborough–Woburn, I know how deeply global uncertainty is affecting families, workers, and businesses right here at home. The world is changing quickly — long-standing trade relationships are shifting, supply chains are under pressure, and the rules-based international order that supported Canada’s prosperity for decades is being challenged. These changes have real consequences for Canadians, including displaced workers, struggling companies, and rising instability in global markets.

In this environment, Canada must take control of its economic future. That’s why our Government tabled **Budget 2025: Canada Strong** — a plan that reflects confidence in our country, and a commitment to build an economy that is more self-sufficient, more resilient, and less dependent on any single trading partner.

This budget is about investing in ourselves.

We are building on Canada’s strengths — our skilled workforce, our world-class industries, our diverse partnerships, and a strong domestic market where Canadians can be our own best customers. This is an economy built by Canadians, for Canadians.

Budget 2025 makes generational investments to:

- **Build** the homes, infrastructure, and industries that will grow our economy and create lasting prosperity.
- **Protect** our communities, our borders, and our way of life in an increasingly unpredictable global environment.
- **Empower** Canadians with better careers, new opportunities, and a more affordable life.

Importantly, we are doing this by spending less on government operations and investing more directly in workers, businesses, and nation-building projects that will secure Canada’s long-term success.

This is an investment budget for a confident Canada — one that refuses to sit back while the world changes around us. Instead, we are choosing to shape our own future and strengthen the foundations of our country for generations to come.

In the face of uncertainty, Budget 2025 is a clear statement: **We are building Canada Strong.**

For details on the Budget, please visit:

<https://budget.canada.ca/2025/home-accueil-en.html>



Nation-Building for a Stronger Future: Canada’s Major Projects Strategy



Canada is facing a rapidly changing global landscape, and our government is responding with bold action. Through **Budget 2025: Canada Strong**, we are transforming our economy into one that is more self-sufficient, more resilient, and less dependent on any single trade partner.

At the heart of this plan is a new nation-building strategy focused on major infrastructure — ports, mines, trade corridors, energy systems, and supply-chain projects that will unlock our natural resources and expand access to new markets at home and abroad.

To get these projects built faster, the Prime Minister launched the Major Projects Office (MPO), a streamlined body that accelerates approvals and ensures major national projects move forward without unnecessary delays.

In September, we announced the first tranche of major projects — \$60 billion in investments in nuclear power, LNG, critical minerals, and new trade corridors. These projects will strengthen our energy capacity, diversify our markets, and drive new economic opportunities.

More recently, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the second tranche of nation-building projects, each one transformational on its own and even more powerful as part of our national strategy. These initiatives will:

- Position Canada as an energy superpower
- Build new trade and economic corridors
- Strengthen our leadership in critical minerals
- Establish true Canadian data sovereignty

Together, these projects reflect a confident and ambitious vision for our country — one that will make Canada more prosperous and resilient for generations to come.

As your MP, I am proud to support this nation-building strategy and the opportunities it will create for communities across Canada, including right here in Scarborough–Woburn.

Welcoming New Canadians to Our Community

I recently had the honour of attending a citizenship ceremony here in Scarborough–Woburn, and it was an incredibly inspiring experience. Seeing so many new Canadians take the oath and officially join our country reminded me of the strength and diversity that make Canada truly special. Each person brought their own unique story, hopes, and dreams, and it was a privilege to welcome them to our community and celebrate their commitment to building a brighter future together. Moments like these are a powerful reminder of why I am proud to serve this riding.



Michael addressing new Canadian citizens at a citizenship ceremony in Scarborough–Woburn.



At Vasantham Tamil Wellness Centre.

I truly enjoy visiting the many organizations, schools, and community groups across Scarborough–Woburn. These visits allow me to connect directly with residents, learn about the important work happening in our neighbourhoods, and celebrate the ways our community comes together to support one another.

Seeing the dedication, creativity, and teamwork firsthand is inspiring and reminds me how strong and resilient our community truly is. Every conversation and connection reinforces how proud I am to serve such an engaged and caring riding, and motivates me to keep working alongside you to make our community even stronger.



With senior residents at The Meadoway.



With Father Zareh Zargarian at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church.



Meeting with members of Strides Toronto.



Michael at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Toronto Zoo.

Our Local History: Cedar Ridge



Cedar Ridge located at 225 Confederation Dr. in Scarborough-Woburn.

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre occupies an estate whose roots reach back to 1844, when the land was first patented to James Humphrey. After changing hands multiple times, it was purchased by industrialist Charles Carleton Cummings, who built a 5,000-square-foot Arts-and-Crafts summer residence known as Uplands. The house's elevated setting and ravine landscape

shaped both its character and its name. In 1928, Toronto financier John Campbell Fraser moved in with his family, renamed the property Cedar Ridge, and preserved the craftsmanship that later defined the building's gallery spaces.

The estate shifted from private residence to public asset in the late 1970s, when the City of Scarborough acquired it through a land swap with Metropolitan Toronto. Guildcrest Studios were brought in to steer fundraising toward restoring the house and converting it into a functional arts facility. This effort produced the Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery, a not-for-profit that operated the galleries and studios from 1978 to 1984, establishing the site as a community learning space for artists. The City assumed full management in 1985, expanding programming while maintaining the original home's architectural integrity.

Further development in 1993 transformed the chauffeur's cottage, garage, and stables into a specialized pottery and craft wing. Completed with community-raised funds, this complex opened in 1996 as the Carriage House Studios under the patronage of Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman. The main house, its ravine setting, and its adapted service buildings now function together as a municipal cultural centre, blending preserved Arts-and-Crafts architecture with active studios, gallery exhibitions, and long-running arts education.

Advisory Committee on Climate Change

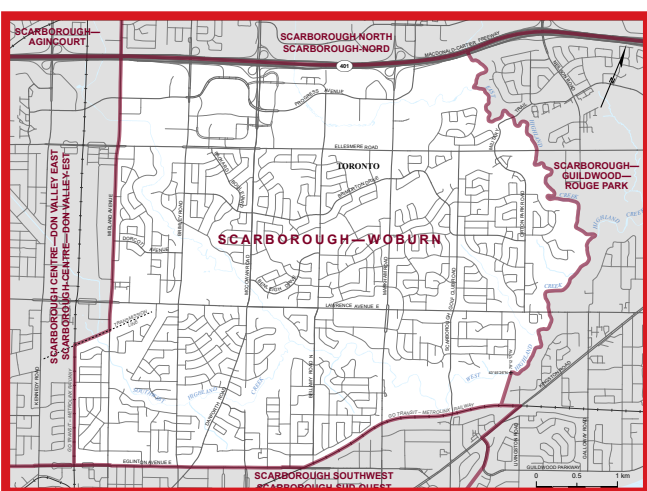
I am excited to invite you to join the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and the Environment. This Committee is a dynamic forum where your voice can truly make a difference in addressing the urgent challenges of climate change and environmental preservation.

By participating in the Committee, you will help shape impactful environmental policies and join a visionary group committed to creating a sustainable future for our district and beyond. Together, we can turn our collective concern into meaningful action and protect our environment for generations to come.

If you're interested, please email me at michael.coteau@parl.gc.ca with your full name, address, and the best contact number to reach you.

Your voice matters!

Please take some time to complete our online community survey:



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