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Our Liberal Government's Investments in **BURNABY AND NORTH VANCOUVER**



Local Economic Development



Supporting Indigenous Organizations and Services



Building a Healthy Environment



Opportunities for Youth

Introduction: Delivering for Our Community

When you first elected us as your representative in 2015, we committed that we would always be our community's voice in Ottawa, not Ottawa's voice in our community. Because of our collaborative work with members of all political parties, community representatives, various levels of government, business leaders, union representatives, public servants, and so many more, we have been able to deliver record investments into both Burnaby and North Vancouver. Together, we are increasing the number of affordable childcare spaces in our community, building more affordable housing, and creating thousands of good-paying jobs. At the same time, we have reduced the cost of dental care, put more money in the pockets of young families, and supported local innovation.

This report highlights many of the critical investments our Liberal Government has made in Burnaby and North Vancouver, as well as some of our ongoing projects. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the work being done, we encourage you to contact us at terry.beech@parl.gc.ca or check out TerryBeechMP.ca/Reports to read the rest of our reports.

Creating Opportunities with the Strategic Innovation Fund

Our Liberal Government's Strategic Innovation Fund invested \$20,991,551 in D-Wave Systems Inc. and \$6,501,381 in General Fusion Inc., two local startups that are global leaders in clean energy and quantum computing. These investments are creating good-paying jobs in our community while supporting our Net-Zero by 2050 target.

Investing in Education and Research

We have provided funding to Simon Fraser University for research grants and scholarships through the National Science and Engineering Research Council for \$18,429,061 and the Canadian Institute of Health Research for \$9,386,568. This will give more students opportunities to learn in our community and build their skills.

Expanding Private-Public Partnerships

As a Centre of Excellence for Commercialization and Research of the Networks for Centres of Excellence program, Simon Fraser University has received \$1,807,000 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, \$1,787,400 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and \$450,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. This will match funding from corporations, forming a private-public partnership to advance research.



Announcing the creation of PacifiCan to create more economic opportunities in British Columbia.



Touring NanoOne Technologies with Minister Carla Qualtrough.

Supporting Innovation in Small and Medium Sized Businesses

Through the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), Our Liberal Government has provided \$12 million to over 35 local businesses in our community to increase their innovation capacity and take their ideas to market.

Retaining Talented Professionals and Students

To develop and retain top-level graduate students conducting high-quality research in impactful areas, we have awarded students \$557,500 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Council, \$1,254,500 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and \$8,467,415 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Investing in Local Innovation

Through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, we continue to cultivate local talent and innovation by funding our research institutions and projects. In 2021, in addition to grants and scholarships, the council provided research institutions in Burnaby \$8,289,067 in Research Support funding to advance research in the social sciences, \$5,800,152 for the Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund to sustain research that has been affected by COVID-19, \$350,000 under the Canada 150 Research Chairs initiative to attract international scholars to Canada, and \$296,350 under the New Frontiers in Research Fund to support cutting-edge, interdisciplinary, international, high-risk, transformative, or urgently needed research.

Supporting New Canadians

We continue to welcome qualifying immigrants and refugees into our neighbourhoods and have allocated tremendous resources to help them resettle. The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has allocated \$900,000 to Burnaby under the Settlement Program. Burnaby Neighbourhood House, Burnaby Family Life Institute, and Public Library Interlink use this funding to provide immigrants with programs and services that help them resettle their families and establish their livelihood in Burnaby.

Locally our Canada Summer Jobs program has created:



1000+
STUDENT JOBS

300+
LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

300,000+ HOURS
OF WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS
IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Building Community Infrastructure

Our Liberal Government continues to support the New Building Canada Fund, which includes a \$10-billion Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC) to support infrastructure projects of national, regional, and local significance. Under the \$9-billion National and Regional Projects (NRP) component of the PTIC, the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District received \$69,614,101 in funding for infrastructure improvements in the City of Burnaby in 2020. We also provided \$271,461 to the Women's Economic Council through the NRP. Women's Economic Council fosters women-centered community economic development in Burnaby through collaboration with the Burnaby Neighbourhood House.

Growing North Vancouver's Economy

In North Vancouver, the Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI) Program, which invests directly in local businesses and non-profit organizations that strengthen regional economies, has allocated \$3,159,913 in funding towards hospitality and technological innovation. Seven recipients have received over \$100,000 in support, including technology companies such as Darkvision Technologies Inc., Novarc Technologies Inc., and HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corporation, and hospitality companies such as Leisure Lodge Limited, Maple Hospitality Inc, and Bluewater Adventures Ltd.

Training More People With In-Demand Skills

Our Department of Employment and Social Development is investing in training for in-demand skills. \$1,688,166 was invested in the BC Construction Industry Skills Improvement Council, which offered workforce training programs and union services to the local construction and mining industries through programs such as SkillPlan.

Expanding Skill Development Opportunities

Through the Department of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development, we are working to ensure Canadians of all backgrounds have equitable access to infrastructures and tools to support innovation and skill development across all disciplines. That is why we are investing \$1,870,804 in research, innovation, and skill development programs at non-profits like Simon Fraser University, the British Columbia Technology for Learning Society, the Burnaby Neighbourhood House Society, and innovative local businesses like Nano One Materials Corps.



Speaking with welding apprentices at BCIT about how our Liberal Government has invested in making it easier to get certified in a Red Seal Trade.



Visiting manufacturing facilities in our community with Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne. Our Liberal Government's investments protected jobs during the pandemic and have recovered more than 117 percent of the jobs lost to the

Boosting Burnaby's Technology Sector

Our Liberal Government continues to develop the Canadian economy's resilience, dynamism, and inclusivity. Through the Department of Western Economic Diversification, we are funding two programs to support our local communities. The first program is the Western Diversification Program, which collaborates with not-for-profit organizations to make strategic investments in initiatives that enhance and strengthen the economy of Western Canada. In Burnaby, the program has invested \$1,557,545 in projects with Simon Fraser University, the United Way of the Lower Mainland, and Acuva Technologies Inc through PacifiCan's (short for Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada) Business Scale-Up and Productivity (BSP) program.

The second program is the Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI) Program, which invests directly in local businesses and non-profit organizations that strengthen regional economies. Through the REGI program, the Department of Western Economic Diversification has invested \$1,786,750 in academic institutions to prepare the next generation of talent for careers in entrepreneurship and clean technology development. Also through the REGI program, PacifiCan has invested \$1,000,000 in each of four recipient businesses in Burnaby – Traction Guest Inc, Rise People Inc, INTECO Systems Limited, and Acuva Technologies Inc. Lastly, through the REGI program, the Business Scale-Up and Productivity program invested a further \$2,885,446 into eight innovative businesses, such as ARTMs Inc, Fusion Genomics, and Leap R&D.

Supporting Emerging Fields of Research

Our Liberal Government is committed to nurturing innovators and scientists at the forefront of academic research, including fields such as space, nature conservation, and biotech. In Burnaby, our Liberal Government has granted over \$500,000 to Simon Fraser University from the Canadian Space Agency, Department of Nature, and National Research Council to promote awareness and research in these emerging fields.


Supporting Publishing and Media Work

In Burnaby, our Liberal Government has granted Canada Wide Media Limited, a local Burnaby business, \$947,020 through the Canada Periodical Fund grants, as a part of the Department of Canadian Heritage's effort to provide aid to publishers and promote small business innovation. Through the Covid-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage, and Sport Organizations, the Department of Canadian Heritage granted an additional \$741,530 to provide emergency relief. Through these efforts, we helped employ over 130 media professionals during the pandemic.

Increasing the Safety and Resiliency of Public Transit


We want to make Canada's rail transportation system as safe and climate change-resilient as possible. The Rail Safety Improvement Program provides federal funding to local governments and authorities that help reduce injuries and fatalities related to rail transportation and increase the climate change resiliency of the railway system. Our Liberal Government contributed \$194,850 to the City of Burnaby under the Rail Safety Improvement Program to improve rail infrastructure and fund the implementation of new technologies.

Supporting better **mental health and substance use care** with over



\$12 MILLION

DIRECTLY INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY



Tackling Substance Use

We continue to tackle the opioid epidemic through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program. The program provides approximately \$50 million in grants and contributions funding annually to other levels of government, community-led, and not-for-profit organizations to address the drug and substance use issues in Canada. In collaboration with Simon Fraser University, we distributed \$1,571,185 through this program to help Canadians struggling with substance use.

Supporting Local Public Health Organizations

Working with the Public Health Agency of Canada, we have taken steps to protect individuals and organizations by providing \$2,410,941 in funding for health promotion projects with Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Family Life Institute, Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia, and the local government team in the City of Burnaby.

Helping Those Affected by COVID-19

Through the Public Health Events of National Concern Payments Act, our Liberal Government was able to provide payments to support individuals and research initiatives impacted by COVID-19. Simon Fraser University received \$725,266 in payments to support students and youth and \$467,383 in payments for pandemic response and emergencies research from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. SFU additionally received \$11,870,855 in payments to support students and youth from the Department of Employment and Social Development. In total, the Public Health Events of National Concern Payments Act was able to mobilize \$19,746,705 in payments to support vulnerable individuals, critical research, and small businesses.

Investing in Indigenous Services and Organizations

Our Liberal Government is committed to maintaining and improving support for our Indigenous communities. Through Indigenous Services Canada, we aim to improve access to high-quality services and opportunities for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, with the ultimate goal of empowering them to independently address the socio-economic conditions in their communities. During the pandemic, Indigenous peoples experienced a higher degree of socio-economic marginalization and were at a disproportionate risk for public health emergencies, becoming even more vulnerable due to their lack of access to effective monitoring, early-warning systems, and adequate health and social services. In response to this, through the Department of Indigenous Services, our Liberal Government has adopted a proactive strategy and contributed over \$38 million to support Indigenous communities in North Vancouver.

Training Ecological Specialists

Our Oceans Protection Plan invests in protecting the environment, increasing marine safety, and collaborating with indigenous communities. As part of this plan, we have allocated \$1,808,047 to the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), in partnership with Camosun College, to train 67 students for the Bridge Watch Rating Program. This program will provide underrepresented groups, including Indigenous peoples, Northerners, and women, access to valuable technical training. By funding this training, we will create skilled individuals with unique perspectives who can help us solve emerging climate challenges.

Funding Research to Protect Our Ecosystems

Our Liberal Government has maintained its focus on safeguarding our forests, rivers, and oceans and has allocated \$813,729 in funding to Simon Fraser University through the Ocean and Freshwater Science Contribution Program (OFSCP). The program is a collaboration between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, which allows the Department to provide financial assistance to organizations that conduct scientific research. This includes research like ecosystem accounting, which creates data that will enable us to understand the tipping points in ecosystems and how to protect them from destabilization.

Supporting Local Organizations to Go Green

Our Liberal Government is working to make Canada a leader in the global transition to a clean economy. In line with our achievements at the United Nations COP26 conference, our Liberal Government is committing resources to the Department of Natural Resources to fund collaborative initiatives. In Burnaby, BCIT was granted \$726,044 for the Energy Innovation and Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Programs, as well as \$135,545 in research scholarships in grants. The BC Housing Management Commission was granted over \$250,000 for energy efficiency upgrades and green construction.

Reducing Emissions From Cars

Lowering vehicle emissions is a vital pillar in our strategy to combat climate change and pollution. Under our leadership, the Government of Canada launched the incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles Program, which provides consumers with incentives of up to \$5,000 when they purchase or lease zero-emission vehicles. Over \$1,200,000 went to consumers who chose to buy or lease zero-emission vehicles in Burnaby.

Funding BCIT's Energy Innovations

Our Liberal Government remains committed to meeting our climate change targets. The Energy Innovation Program advances clean energy technologies that will help us meet these targets and transition to a low-carbon economy. The Department of Natural Resources has granted the British Columbia Institute of Technology \$576,044 under this program to further the research and experimentation of energy innovations.

Reducing Carbon in our Economy

We continue to take bold actions against global warming. Our Liberal Government has dedicated up to \$2 billion to the Low Carbon Economy Fund to support projects that help reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions, generate clean growth, build resilient communities, and create good jobs. In Burnaby, \$10,278,212 was contributed to emission reduction efforts under the Low Carbon Economy Fund.

Protecting North Vancouver's Marine Areas

As part of the national Oceans Protection Plan, our Liberal Government continues to address threats to marine habitats and species on Canada's coasts by engaging local non-profit organizations. Funding was allocated through the Coastal Restoration Fund to protect British Columbia's beautiful coastline. Ocean Legacy Foundation received \$291,905 to remove threats to coastal marine life in North Vancouver.

Advancing the Development of Green Tech

Natural Resources Canada has launched the Clean Technology Impact, which focuses on unlocking breakthrough solutions to complex and persistent problems in developing clean technology. A series of prize-based challenges are launched regularly in collaboration with the private, academic, and non-governmental sectors to advance a range of clean technology applications. Haida Enterprise Corporation of the Haida Nation was awarded \$346,726 for its commitment to replace diesel with solar energy on Haida Gwaii by 2030.

Supporting Renewable Energy Transportation

Our Liberal Government is committed to renewable energy in the transportation sector. That is why our Liberal Government, through Natural Resources Canada, launched the Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative (EVAFIDI) to provide funding to organizations to help establish:

- A coast-to-coast network of EV fast-chargers along core routes and highways; natural gas refuelling sites along key freight corridors.
- Hydrogen refuelling sites in major cities. This public infrastructure initiative will demonstrate to Canadians the viability, competitiveness, and future of green transportation.

Our Liberal Government has partnered up with Vancouver's HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corporation, funding related projects in sums over \$2,796,032 as of 2022.

Investing in Indigenous Initiatives to Protect the Environment

Through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, our Liberal Government is heavily invested in the health of the waterways in our local communities:

- To increase Aboriginal participation in commercial and cooperative fisheries, we have invested over \$1.5 million in local fisheries such as the Tanyac Fishing Ltd., the Squamish Nation, and the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation.
- To contribute to the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund, we have invested over \$330,000 in the Seymour Salmonid Society, which operates hatchery and education programs.
- To help manage the resources and protect and restore our ocean and rivers, our Liberal Government has invested over \$465,000 in the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation as a part of the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Management Program, which supports Indigenous groups as they develop their aquatic resources.

Reducing Food Waste

Studies show that in Canada, over 50% of all food is wasted, contributing to the 8% of greenhouse gas emissions caused by food waste. At the same time, 1 in 7 Canadians suffer from food insecurity. In response, the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food has launched a \$20 million Food Waste Reduction Challenge to encourage solutions to food waste.

In Burnaby, Sustainable Produce Urban Delivery Inc (SPUD), was awarded \$100,000 for their innovative delivery program. As part of our effort to further sustainable technology in different fields, the government also contributed \$2,450,166 to Simon Fraser University's Food Waste Reduction Challenge. The challenge seeks to award technological innovations that extend the life of food and transform food waste. Finalists will compete to win one of two grand prizes of up to \$1,000,000.

Growing International Education Opportunities

We are proud of our membership in the Commonwealth of Learning, a branch of the Commonwealth of Nations based in Burnaby, dedicated to promoting international and distance learning, innovation, and cultural exchange. The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development have provided \$2,600,000 in funding to the Commonwealth of Learning to further its mission and strengthen our role as a leader in international collaborations.

Supporting New Canadian Students

Our Liberal Government's commitment to helping immigrants settle and begin new lives has not changed. Understanding the stress and hardship associated with moving to a new country as a youth, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provided \$3,681,473 to the Board of Education in School District #41 to help immigrant students better adapt to the new environment.

Protecting Heritage and Culture

Under Our Liberal Government's leadership, the Department of Canadian Heritage has continued to share, preserve, and honour Japanese heritage. The Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre in Burnaby has received \$211,087 in contributions during the pandemic under the Museums Assistance Program and the Covid-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage, and Sport Organizations. The Museum cares for and presents 2600+ objects, 47,000+ photographs, 44 meters of textual records, 650+ oral history recordings, and 156 film reels of historically and culturally significant items. Their work is expanding our understanding of Japanese Heritage and History while protecting the legacies of Japanese Canadians.



Announcing new charging stations across British Columbia with Natural Resources Minister Johnathan Wilkinson, MLA Janet Routledge, and Mayor Mike Hurley.



Speaking with community members during Hats Off Day.

Empowering People with Disabilities

As a part of our “Forward. For Everyone.” initiative, our Liberal Government continues to support the Neil Squire Society, a national not-for-profit organization based in Burnaby that empowers Canadians with disabilities through advocacy, computer-based assistive technology, research and development, and various employment programs:

- Through the Department of Industry’s contributions to the Accessible Technology Development program, the Neil Squire Society has been granted \$919,075.
- Through the Department of Employment and Social Development, the Neil Squire Society has been granted \$1,033,878.

Through the Neil Squire Society, the government also continues to support the provision of training and work experience, the mobilization of community resources, and human resource planning and adjustment measures necessary for the efficient functioning of the Canadian labour market. In Burnaby, the Neil Squire Society received \$3,559,988 from the Department of Employment and Social Development to better prepare Canadians with disabilities for the labour market.

Investing in Organizations that Advance Economic Equality

Through the Women’s Program, our Liberal Government continues to fight for the full participation of women in the economic, social and democratic life of Canada. The Department for Women and Gender Equality has granted the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia \$145,418 under the Women’s Program. The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia is supporting a \$10-a-Day Child Care Plan and other childcare-related rights such as access to care on school grounds and legal protection for childcare.

Promoting Canadian Arts and Heritage

Our Liberal Government remains vigilant in serving its duty to preserve and promote Canadian culture and heritage. The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture, and creative innovation. North Vancouver received \$330,000 to support professional artists and heritage activities. This funding is designated to specifically to support underserved communities, official-language minority communities, Indigenous communities, ethnocultural communities, and any other exceptional cases identified by our Liberal Government or the municipality.

Supporting Newcomers to Canada

In conjunction with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), our Liberal Government continues to assist immigrants and refugees. Through the Settlement Program, we have provided \$4,079,640 in funding to the North Shore Multicultural Society in North Vancouver to assist immigrants and refugees in overcoming social, cultural, civic and economic barriers to living a fulfilling life in Canada.

Supporting Indigenous Economic Growth

Our Liberal Government is committed to supporting Indigenous-owned businesses and Indigenous Nations’ traditional industries through difficult periods while increasing the number of training opportunities. That is why we invested \$4,972,113 through the Department of Indigenous Services and \$249,600 through the Department of Fisheries and Ocean into the Squamish Nation. These investments will also help to sustain and increase the participation of Squamish Nation members in the labour force, while protecting the livelihood of Nation Members.

Supporting the Work of the Squamish Nation

Our Liberal Government is following through on its pledge to support First Nations communities' public health and well-being. In the Squamish nation, the Department of Indigenous Services has designated \$6,602,118 to support programs that strengthen the family services and shelters for First Nations children and their communities, and \$3,362,718 to provide emergency and health services to the Squamish Nation. Through the Department of Indigenous Services, Our Liberal Government has distributed \$3,594,947 to the Squamish Indian Band to maintain and develop public infrastructure and to enhance the economic development, land and environmental capacity of communities, and conditions for increasing Indigenous participation in the economy. Our Liberal Government continues to develop and invest in programs to fulfill our promise to work collaboratively with First Nation communities. As a part of this commitment, our Liberal Government has invested \$1,588,959 in the Squamish Indian Band to strengthen governance and support advancing complex subjects such as reconciliation, self-determination, and transfer of responsibility for services to communities. Additionally, our Liberal Government has allocated \$4,459,290 for the Squamish Nation to deliver hybrid and online kindergarten to Grade 12 education during the pandemic and to increase First Nations' access and participation in postsecondary education.

Supporting Indigenous Emergency Services

In response to recent floods, the First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia has received \$1,716,978 and 237,000 from the EMAP and The Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs. These funds will support the construction and maintenance of community infrastructure in North Vancouver. An additional \$270,000 from the Department of Indigenous Services will be used to supply public services and administrative support.



Meeting with Members of the Squamish Council alongside North Shore MPs Patrick Weiler and Jonathan Wilkinson.

Investing in Indigenous Governance

The aim of Lands and Economic Development Services Program, is supporting land management and economic development to create greater participation in the economy and improved economic prosperity for Indigenous Peoples. Our Liberal Government, through the Department of Indigenous Services, provides funding for land management, environmental management, and economic development. In particular, our Liberal Government has supported and funded land management and economic development programs in collaboration with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation of North Vancouver, which totalled over \$2,800,000 as of 2022.

Supporting Economic Autonomy for Tsleil-Waututh Nation

In North Vancouver, the Department of Indigenous Services co-developed a grant with First Nations to establish a new fiscal relationship for First Nations communities, which contributed \$2,445,084 in funding to the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. This provides enhanced flexibility and predictability of funding in a context of mutual accountability to empower our First Nation citizens in North Vancouver under the Indian Act in improving social, economic, educational, and health outcomes.

Reforming our Criminal Justice System

Our Liberal Government has prioritized improving the safety and well-being of Indigenous peoples. The over-representation of Indigenous peoples in our criminal justice systems, as both victims and offenders, is an injustice that we must address. The Aboriginal Community Safety Development Contribution Program focuses on community safety and well-being in Indigenous communities through two initiatives. The Indigenous Community Corrections Initiative funds community-based, culturally relevant projects that provide alternatives to incarceration and reintegration support for indigenous offenders. The Aboriginal Community Safety Planning Initiative supports Indigenous communities in identifying community safety and wellness issues and developing Community Safety Plans that are responsive to the unique circumstances of each community. The Native Courtworker and Counseling Association of British Columbia received \$276,310 under the Indigenous Community Corrections Initiative to help Indigenous people obtain fair, just, equitable, and culturally sensitive treatment in the criminal justice system.



Walking alongside members of Tsleil-Waututh Nation during their memorial walk on Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Aboriginal Economic Development Strategic Partnerships Initiative

In collaboration with the Department of Indigenous Services, our Liberal Government continued to work with government partnerships to address persistent barriers that impede the full participation of Indigenous people in the Canadian economy. Through the Aboriginal Economic Development Strategic Partnerships Initiative, we have allocated \$1,500,000 to the New Relationship Trust in North Vancouver. The New Relationship Trust is a First Nations organization that provides support in 5 key areas: Governance capacity, Education, Language, Youth & Elders, and Economic Development.

Improving Access to Technology Training in Indigenous Communities

Through the Department of Employment and Social Development, we expanded our commitment to the reconciliation of First Nations communities by contributing \$2,420,974 to the First Nations Technology Council in North Vancouver. We believe that reconciliation and innovation go hand-in-hand. The funding will help build curricula and training programs as well as provide access to work experience for First Nations communities.

Providing Support Against Natural Disasters

Our Liberal Government is committed to ensuring that First Nations affected by natural disaster emergencies like the recent flooding in British Columbia are safe and secure. In partnership with First Nations communities, provincial and territorial governments, and non-government organizations, Indigenous Services Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) helps communities on reserve access emergency assistance services. As part of this overarching plan, our Liberal Government has supported the First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia with over \$2,959,606 in funding. In response to the magnitude of the impact the flood has on our communities, the First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia has additionally received \$1,716,978 and 237,000 from the EMAP and Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, respectively, to support the construction and maintenance of community infrastructure in North Vancouver, and \$270,000 from the Department of Indigenous Services to supply emergency public services and administrative support.



Meeting with the leadership of Loop Energy to learn more about how our Liberal Government's investments will create 119 jobs in our community.



Speaking with families during SFU's StreetFest.

Ventilation in Local Schools

We are investing over \$1.4 million to support ventilation improvements in two elementary schools in Burnaby. Through this funding, Edmonds Community Elementary and Gilpin Elementary will be equipped with new energy recovery ventilation units with heat pumps. These units will increase air flow, reduce energy consumption, and create a healthier and more comfortable environment for students and school personnel.

We are committed to investing in infrastructure that promotes the health and safety of Canadians. These upgrades will provide students and staff with a safe and secure environment to learn, work and play.

Strategic Priorities Fund

We recently announced \$103.5 million in funding for 45 projects across our province through the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) stream of the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). This investment will create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and support community development.

Cycling Safety Improvements

We announced \$9,730,000 for upgrading cycling facilities to meet the All Ages and Abilities infrastructure standards and enhancing bikeway paths and off-street pathway connections for active commuters. This funding will help upgrade signage, complete intersection improvements, widen existing pathways, and introduce new protected bike lanes. These upgrades mean that families and other active transit users will be better protected from car traffic while having a wider variety of options when exploring and enjoying the outdoors in Burnaby.

Building Safer Communities Fund

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to crime and violence. By investing in grassroots efforts in our communities, we will improve public safety, prevent tragedies and save lives. That is exactly why our Liberal Government has created the Building Safer Communities Fund. Through the fund, we have announced that the District of North Vancouver will receive \$1.779 million for new initiatives to end gang violence and ensure young Canadians make good choices. This funding will address the root causes of crime and bolster support for child and youth well-being across the North Shore, reducing their likelihood of becoming involved in criminal or gang-related activity. The City of Burnaby will receive \$2.96 million to stop violence before it starts by providing funding to support local initiatives that prevent gun and gang violence and help young people make good choices. This funding will help address the underlying social conditions that give rise to crime.