



MARK GERRETSEN Your Member of Parliament



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

As we welcome 2026, I want to sincerely thank everyone across Kingston and the Islands for your support throughout 2025.

This past year brought progress and change: a new government, new opportunities to support local workers and businesses, and renewed momentum to deliver results. With Budget 2025: Canada Strong, we have a clear plan to make life more affordable, create good jobs, and continue investing in the services that families rely on.

We've also moved! Our new office at 234 Concession Street will be ready for full service by February 1st. Throughout January, please call ahead at 613-542-3243 to determine how we can best serve you.

Wishing you and your loved ones health, happiness and success in 2026.



LET'S BE IN TOUCH!

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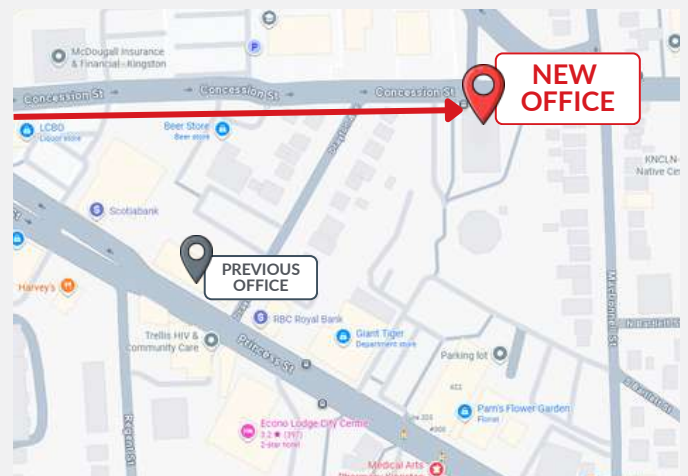
NEW OFFICE

We're thrilled to welcome you to our new location in **Suite 304 at 234 Concession Street.**

We're here to help!

Remember, we continue to offer the following services:

- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Passport Canada
- Canadian Citizenship and Immigration (IRCC)
- Employment Insurance Benefits (EI)
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Canada Student Loans (CSL)
- Veterans Affairs
- Federal funding for organizations
- Petitions to Parliament
- Certificates of achievement or milestones



JANUARY



- Groundbreaking at the site of the new 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment facility at CFB Kingston (\$97.9 million fed investment).
- PM Justin Trudeau announces resignation as Liberal leader.
- Parliament is prorogued until March 24
- Official tour of the new Dairy Barn and agri-operations at Joyceville Institution.

FEBRUARY



- U.S. announces 25% tariffs on Canadian goods and 10% tariffs on energy exports from Canada.
- Support Local and Buy Canadian campaigns grow across the nation.
- Federal government accelerates work on enhancing internal trade, and diversifying, expanding and opening new markets for Canadian businesses.

MARCH



- Announced nearly \$5.9M in FedDev funding for 7 local businesses to grow, innovate, and stay competitive.
- MPP Ted Hsu and MP Mark Gerretsen recognize 27 outstanding local citizens during the King Charles III Coronation Medals Ceremony.
- Mark Carney sworn in as new Prime Minister.
- March 23: 44th Parliament concludes and a federal election called.

JULY



- Public Safety Minister Anandasangaree comes to Kingston for a productive day of discussions focused on local priorities, including corrections, the future of Kingston Penitentiary, and community policing.

AUGUST



- Pay raises announced for CAF.
- Major Projects Office to fast-track nation-building projects is launched.

SEPTEMBER



- Parliament resumed session with a renewed focus on economic resilience, affordability and national security.
- Major Projects Office announces first series of projects, investing more than \$60B into the Canadian economy (Darlington Nuclear Project in Ontario is included).
- Build Canada Homes is launched.

APRIL



- Federal election underway, with Canadians electing Mark Carney as Prime Minister.
- MP Gerretsen elected for a 4th term with 63% of votes.

MAY



- Appointed Chief Government Whip.
- 45th Parliament officially began, with King Charles III delivering the Speech from the Throne.

JUNE



- PM Carney announces \$9B investment in the CAF for 2025-26 to achieve NATO's 2% target.
- Highway of Heroes Military Museum Launch in Kingston.
- Bill C-5 (Canadian Economy Act) passes, giving government powers to fast-track infrastructure projects.

OCTOBER



- Launch of the new Housing Design Catalogue with over 50 ready-to-build designs to make it easier to plan and build homes faster.
- Launch of the new Defence Investment Agency will help the Canadian Armed Forces get the world-class equipment they need, while creating jobs and supporting Canadian industries right here at home.

NOVEMBER



- Finance Minister Champagne presents Budget 2025: Canada Strong
- Housing funding for 1752 Bath Road with a combined investment of \$36.6 million to help build 109 new rental homes.

DECEMBER



- Parliament has risen until January 26.
- Here is a quick recap of our work:

Passed:
 Bill C-3: An Act to amend the Citizenship Act
 Bill C-5: One Canadian Economy Act

In progress (to be continued in 2026):
 Bill C-2: Strong Borders Act
 Bill C-4: Making Life More Affordable for Canadians Act
 Bill C-8: An Act respecting Cyber Security
 Bill C-9: Combatting Hate Act
 Bill C-10: Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation Act
 Bill C-11: Military Justice System Modernization Act
 Bill C-12: Strengthening Canada's Immigration System and Borders Act
 Bill C-14: Bail and Sentencing Reform Act
 Bill C-15: Budget 2025 Implementation Act, No. 1
 Bill C-16: Protecting Victims Act
 Bill C-18: Canada-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic

BUDGET 2025: CANADA STRONG

Budget 2025: Canada Strong delivers targeted investments to lower costs, boost economic growth, and build a stronger future for Canadians. This is our plan to:



PROTECT

Our communities, our borders, and our way of life.



EMPOWER

Canadians with new opportunities, better careers, and a lower cost of living.



BUILD

The homes, major infrastructure, and industries that grow our economy.

BENEFIT PAYMENT DATES FOR 2026

Know when your government benefits arrive! Here's a quick look at the federal payment dates for 2026. Cut this out and keep it handy!

CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT

- January 15,
- February 19,
- March 19, 2026
- April 16, 2026
- May 21, 2026
- June 18, 2026
- July 20, 2026
- August 20, 2026
- September 17, 2026
- October 15, 2026
- November 19, 2026
- December 17, 2026

CANADA PENSION PLAN & OLD AGE SECURITY

- January 28, 2026
- February 25, 2026
- March 27, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- May 27, 2026
- June 26, 2026
- July 29, 2026
- August 27, 2026
- September 25, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- November 26, 2026
- December 22, 2026

VETERAN DISABILITY PENSION

- January 29, 2026
- February 26, 2026
- March 30, 2026
- April 29, 2026
- May 28, 2026
- June 29, 2026
- July 30, 2026
- August 28, 2026
- September 28, 2026
- October 29, 2026
- November 27, 2026
- December 23, 2026

CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)

- January 20, 2026
- February 20, 2026
- March 20, 2026
- April 20, 2026
- May 20, 2026
- June 19, 2026
- July 20, 2026
- August 20, 2026
- September 18, 2026
- October 20, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 11, 2026

ONTARIO TRILLIUM BENEFIT (OTB)

- January 9, 2026
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 10, 2026
- May 8, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- July 10, 2026
- August 10, 2026
- September 10, 2026
- October 9, 2026
- November 10, 2026
- December 10, 2026

GST/HST CREDIT

- January 5, 2026
- April 2, 2026
- July 3, 2026
- October 5, 2026

ADVANCED CANADA WORKERS BENEFIT

- January 12, 2026
- July 10, 2026
- October 9, 2026

See the full 2026 benefits payment calendar here: bit.ly/4emJUdg

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