

Happy to make announcements at home

My obligations as Northern Affairs Minister and minister responsible for the regional economic development agencies PrairiesCan and CanNor, often take me on the road, everywhere from Grand Prairie, Alta., to Nain, Labrador, and Iqaluit, Nunavut. Recently, I was delighted to be back home, where I met with different groups and announced a series of federal funding for local projects.

The running track at Collège Béliveau was overdue for an upgrade, and I'm happy to say that it will be getting one. The government of Canada is contributing \$285,000 for a new track to be constructed this summer. When students return this fall, they will have a new rubberized and modern 300-metre running track ready to serve them and everyone in the Windsor Park area.

I was also proud to announce, alongside Kamal Khera, federal Seniors Minister, an investment of more than \$61 million to fund over 3,000 projects in Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). Manitoba is receiving more than \$2.1 million for over 100 projects. That means improvements to local community organizations close to you. Organizations in our riding that will receive funding include the Salvation Army's Community Venture on St. Morrow Avenue; the Gurdwara Nanaksar Centre, a Sikh temple on St. David Road, where I was warmly greeted and given a tour; and l'Accueil francophone du Manitoba in St. Boniface. These groups provide essential services to our communities, and it's important that federal government support them in turn.

As everyone knows, Winnipeg has two seasons — winter and construction. And let's be honest, our roads and infrastructure require significant attention. That's why the federal government is stepping up by providing \$100 million to the City of Winnipeg in 2023 alone to improve our infrastructure. Construction is currently underway on the St. Vital bridge, an essential crossing point in need of upgrades. This bridge and other projects will improve travel for everybody: motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users.

Finally, the Prime Minister was in Winnipeg on May 24 to announce that the new Canada Water Agency will be headquartered in Winnipeg. Manitoba is home to countless lakes, rivers, and streams. We have the unique opportunity to work closely with regions, Indigenous Peoples, scientists, and communities to find the best ways to ensure our freshwater is well managed and protected for future generations, and to respond to the impacts of climate change now and into the future.

I am honoured to be the voice of Saint Boniface—Saint Vital in Ottawa and proud of what we've been able to accomplish. And I look forward to all that we can accomplish in the future.



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St. Boniface–St. Vital MP Dan Vandal visited Agape Villa, a residence for people 55 years and up in Southdale, where he had a chance to share information on federal government initiatives, programs, and his work in Ottawa.

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