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**BUDGET 2016 SUPPORTS CANADIANS**

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

The summer weather is a reminder of how lucky we are to live in a beautiful city where many, myself included, enjoy biking to work, walking, or taking transit on a regular basis. On June 18th I was pleased to attend the launch of the Liberal Government's very first finalized Infrastructure Agreement, a deal with British Columbia to fund \$900 million in public transit improvements. The Government of Canada will contribute a full 50% toward "shovel-worthy" projects to modernize and expand transit services in BC.

Broadway is a very busy transportation corridor, so the \$12 million allocated for planning and design of better public transit along Broadway is welcome news. As the project moves forward, proper consultation with Broadway merchants and local residents will be absolutely crucial to creating the best possible outcome, and I will work to make sure that happens.

This summer will be busy with a number of local public events and festivals. I look forward to chatting with you at a neighbourhood gathering or one of our MP Policy Cafés in various neighbourhoods around Vancouver Quadra. Please check my website for details.

Have a fun and safe vacation!

Best regards,

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Joyce Murray, MP Vancouver Quadra  
Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board



Getting ready to march in Point Grey  
Fiesta Days with Rowan and Hannah

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Introducing my staff and student interns to the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex

## BUDGET 2016:

# Making post-secondary education more affordable

For too many young people rising costs have made post-secondary education less and less affordable. In Vancouver Quadra soaring house prices and rental costs add to the burden for students attending UBC. Fewer are able to save for their education, finding a job after graduating can take months or years, and many who received financial assistance find it hard to repay their loans.

Budget 2016 reforms the Canada Student Loans Program to make post-secondary education more affordable for

students from low and middle-income families. I recently met with a UBC grad student representative who expressed his appreciation for these reforms including a 50% increase in Canada Student Grants, providing \$1.53 billion in assistance to students over the next five years. And, changes to loan repayment thresholds so that no student will have to repay their Canada Student Loan until they are earning at least \$25,000 a year.

The government has launched an initiative aiming to better align what is

taught in post-secondary schools, with the expected requirements of future jobs and workplaces, and to support new co-op placements in a range of fields. It is more important than ever that post-secondary education be affordable, accessible, and relevant so that young Canadians can obtain meaningful work at the beginning of their careers. Their future—in fact the future of all Canadians—depends on it.

## Your View

Do you want to be notified of public consultations regarding major public transportation projects affecting Vancouver Quadra?

Yes  No

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