



December 2022

### Merry Christmas!

Christmas is an annual festival celebrated by Christians to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a wonderful time of the year where family and friends come together to count their blessings, exchange gifts and spend quality time with one another. From all of us to you - Merry Christmas! [Watch my video message here.](#)



I was thrilled to meet and greet so many of you during this busy Christmas shopping time. My sincere thanks to Markville Mall - our superb community partner, for once again providing us the space.

Christmas is the best time of the year. I'm blessed and honoured to have the opportunity to participate at SOBEM's Christmas event at Pacific Mall, and to share what Christmas means to me personally. May joy and peace be with you and your families. Merry Christmas!



This year, I am thrilled to present the 2022 Griswold Award to those who have decorated their homes for Christmas and the New Year, in recognition of their contributions to make Markham-Unionville even more beautiful. It is always my pleasure to meet and thank you in person. Congratulations to all award winners!

### Markham-Unionville Updates

Markham Stouffville Hospital has been the primary care centre for a very fast-growing community in Markham and Stouffville as well as other cities in York Region. I was delighted to join their Fortune Ball fundraising event and I thanked all donors for their generosity.



Thank you Dr. Rhonda Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor of York University for co-hosting a virtual roundtable with me on the Markham campus construction and program development. I look forward to the completion of the new campus right here in Markham-Unionville.

At the ceremony organized by RTHK Volunteers Association (Ontario) Canada, we paid tribute to Canadian soldiers who bravely fought to defend Hong Kong during WWII. Their heroic acts are one of the many examples of the close Canada-Hong Kong relations and will never be forgotten.



I was delighted to join Mr. and Mrs. Wang at their 70th wedding anniversary and presented the greeting on behalf of my colleagues at the Ontario Legislature. Share your special occasions with me by email at [billy.pang@pc.ola.org](mailto:billy.pang@pc.ola.org)

### Upcoming events



On Saturday, January 14, my staff and I will once again host a booth at Markville Mall between 2-4pm. Please drop by to say hello and pick up a small gift pack from me. Hope to see you there!

### Stakeholders

I visited BYD's plant and was impressed by their investments in zero-emission vehicles and energy solutions. Our government's Driving Prosperity initiative will position Ontario as a North American leader in developing and building the car of the future through emerging technologies and advanced manufacturing processes.



### At Queen's Park



I raised a question to the Solicitor General on what our government, together with police services across Ontario, is doing to keep Ontarians safe from smuggled-gun crime. I will continue to reach out to the community and invite our York Region Police partners to speak at roundtables on security and safety. [Watch here.](#)

In my Member's Statement, I recapped the funding announcements that flowed into Markham-Unionville this year, and highlighted the 40th anniversary of the Ontario Trillium Foundation which awards funding to organizations with needs. [Watch here.](#)



I was delighted to raise and speak to this proposed legislation of our government which would be yet another step forward in making Ontario work smarter for business and people. Since 2018, we have reduced regulatory requirements by 6.5%, saving individuals and businesses \$576 million in annual compliance costs. [Watch here.](#)

### Provincial Updates

Eligible Ontarians can visit a local pharmacy for a Paxlovid prescription, making it more convenient to access COVID-19 antiviral treatment closer to home. [Learn more here.](#)



Free flu shots are now available to all Ontarians six months of age and older. Contact your primary care provider or local public health unit to get your shot as soon as possible. [Learn more here.](#)

Learn about other funding opportunities available from the Government of Ontario [HERE](#).

For daily provincial updates, please visit: <https://www.billypangmpp.ca/>

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Sincerely,

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