



THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message



Greetings from Ottawa! Salutations d'Ottawa! 오타와에서 인사드립니다!

December is already upon us and I am filled with gratitude for the important milestones that we commemorated, celebrated and experienced in 2022. November was a significant month where Canadians came together as a nation to remember our heroes of all wars and peacekeeping missions and to thank them for their selfless service and sacrifice. It is without a doubt that Canada and countries around the world, like Korea, have benefitted and thrived because of the sacrifices made by Canadians and others who served. To our beloved Veterans of the Korean War - those we have lost and those who continue to inspire us by their presence - I vow to carry the torch and ensure that your legacy is never forgotten. We have also been debating important legislation and issues in the Senate Chamber and in Committees to ensure that Canadians are represented and their

concerns addressed. The Advent Season began on Sunday November 27th, reminding all of us of the importance of peace, joy, hope and love during this blessed season. As we look ahead to the holiday season, on behalf of my family and staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas and best wishes for good health and happiness in the year ahead. Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! 즐거운 성탄절 보내세요!

~Senator Yonah Martin

Honouring Our Veterans



The 23rd annual Ceremony of Remembrance took place in the Senate of Canada, a sombre event commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, the 30th anniversary of Canadian peacekeeping in the Balkans and the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hill 355 during the Korean War and all wars and conflicts in which Canadians served and sacrificed their lives. Senator Martin commemorated veterans week 2022 at various events to honour the veterans: by delivering a statement in the Senate Chamber; laying a wreath at the Animals in War memorial in Ottawa; attending a commemorative ceremony in Kingston, ON; and attending Remembrance day ceremonies in Maple Ridge and Burnaby. The annual Turn Toward Busan ceremony was held in Ottawa, ON timed with the ceremony in Seoul,

Korea to pay tribute to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home to Canada. November concluded with the annual Imjin Classic hockey game, a commemorative game between the Royal 22nd Regiment (R22R) and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) to remember the games played on the frozen Imjin river during the Korean war. We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux. 우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.

On the Hill

November was a productive month on the Hill with important debates in both the Senate and House of Commons. Senator Martin's bill S-245, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (Lost Canadians), passed second reading in the House and was referred to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. As Deputy Leader, Senator Martin continued to advocate for Canadians and hold the government to account by questioning the Government leader on inflation, small businesses, taxes, cost of fuel and living to name a few. The official swearing in ceremonies of newly appointed Senators took place in the Senate Chamber as Senator Martin welcomed a fellow British Columbian Senator, The Honourable Margo Greenwood. As Co-Chair of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, Senator Martin, along with Co Chair Marc Garneau and members of the committee from both Houses heard important testimonies. In the new year the committee will continue their work on the final report and recommendations. November also included Veterans Week and various receptions and events.

In the Community

November was a busy month filled with meetings, events, managing ongoing files and serving constituents. Senator Martin presented deserving British Columbians with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee pins to recognize their dedication and service to their communities. Senator Martin also attended the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected and re-elected mayor and council for the City of Coquitlam. When the Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre was in BC, Senator and other BC caucus members attended various events including a luncheon with the Surrey Board of Trade. Near the end of the month, Senator Martin celebrated the 20th anniversary of SUCCESS's help line event and attended the 25th anniversary concert by Grace Jongeun Lee. November was an inspiring month filled with opportunities to engage and support many deserving local organizations and individuals.



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