



# THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



## Senator's Message

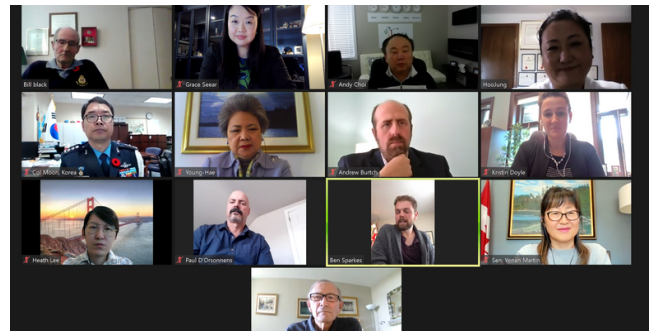
*Greetings from the sunny west coast! Salutations de la côte ouest ensoleillée. 화창한 서부에서 인사드립니다.* During Veterans Week (November 5-11), Canadians all across our nation will honour veterans and our men and women in uniform who bravely fought in all wars, military conflicts and peace keeping missions. Veterans Week 2021 commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the end of Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan, the 30th Anniversary of the end of the Gulf War, the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Hill 355 for the Royal 22e Regiment (Van Doos), and the 105th Anniversary of Somme Beaumont-Hamel. During Veterans Week and always, we remember the service and sacrifices made by our Canadian heroes. October was a busy month with various stakeholder meetings and events. In celebration of National Seniors Day, Mr. Woo Seok Lee became the first member of the Korean Canadian community to be awarded the prestigious Canada Seniors Award for his leadership and contributions to the community at large. He is a hero of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and an inspiration to all of us. The new Cabinet was sworn in following the most recent federal election. As Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War

Veterans of Canada, I welcome the re-appointment of The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay as Minister of Veterans Affairs, and look forward to our continuing work in support of our veterans. Finally, I wish to recognize all of the Members of Parliament who retired, those who were not re-elected, and congratulate all those who were re-elected or newly elected as well as all their families and campaign teams. November will be a busy month as Parliament resumes with the Official Speech from the Throne on November 22nd. As a BC Senator and the re-acclaimed Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, my ever dedicated staff and I vow to continue to serve and advocate for our constituents and hard-working families and small businesses. With the 100th year of the Poppy, on November 11th, let us wear it with gratitude and remembrance. *We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux. 우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.*

~Senator Yonah Martin

## Upcoming 44th Session

Canadians elected another minority Liberal Government in the recent fall election. Canada's Conservatives will continue to hold the government to account as Her Majesty's Loyal Official Opposition in the upcoming new session. Senator Martin was in the National Capital this past month to attend Senate Caucus and National Caucus, in preparation for the 44th Parliament under the leadership of the Honourable Erin O'Toole. The Senate caucus re-elected Senator Martin as Deputy Leader and re-elected Senator Plett as Leader and Senator Poirier as Caucus Chair. She also met with Her Excellency Svetlana Stoycheva-Etropolski, Ambassador of Bulgaria; and His Excellency Keung Ryong Chang, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Ottawa, for two insightful and productive discussions about diplomatic and bilateral relations. The National Korean War Commemorative Committee meeting was also held via Zoom with representatives from KWCC across Canada to discuss and prepare for the various commemorative ceremonies and events to support and honour our veterans during Veterans Week, Turn Toward Busan and Remembrance Day.

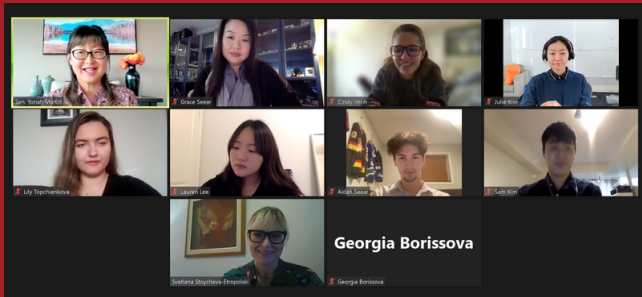






## Internship Program

October was a productive month for the 2021 Virtual Parliamentary Internship Program. Special guest speakers included former interns Grace Lee, Manager, Social Media and Press Secretary with Minister Stephen Lecce; Abigail Park, Integration Program Officer at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Artour Sogomonian, Clerk Assistant at the BC legislator; His Excellency Michael Danagher (who just returned from his mission in Korea) and Her Excellency Svetlana Stoycheva-Etropoliski, Ambassador of Bulgaria in Canada. Senator Martin was very happy to take the interns on a tour of the Senate by walking the "halls of power" viewed through her iPhone lens, to conclude the final October session. The weekly sessions will continue following Veterans Week with presentations from the PBO officer, Parliamentarians and other special guests. The students are actively working on their major assignments and experiencing the life of a staffer by shadowing Senator Martin, meeting various experts and attending the weekly sessions with the senator and her dedicated staff. In turn, Sen. Martin feels inspired by these exceptional interns of the Class of 2021.



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