

MLA Community Update

In the short time that I have been elected to the Legislature, my caucus colleagues and I have been hard at work to deliver meaningful change to the lives of people. There is still much more to be done, but I hope these first steps show you that we have your back and we're going to keep working hard for you.



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MLA, North Vancouver-Lonsdale
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Income Assistance & Disability Increase

Disability and Income Assistance rates have been increased by \$100/month as of September 20th 2017. The starting base rate is now \$1,113/month for Disability Assistance and \$710/month for Income Assistance.

Increased Earnings Exemptions

Effective October 1st 2017, the allowable earnings for people on **income and disability assistance** has been increased by \$200 a month.

Ending the Bus Pass Clawback

Effective December 20th 2017, a new transit supplement of \$52/month will be added for people on Disability Assistance to cover the costs of their monthly bus passes.

Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Plan

BC is the only province in Canada without a poverty reduction plan and that's about to change. Your new government will be consulting with community groups, disability advocates, First Nations groups, and people living in poverty to create a comprehensive province-wide plan to fight poverty.