

# IREK KUSMIERCZYK

Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh



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Last week I spoke with Local 444 Unifor President Dave Cassidy to share solidarity with Windsor Assembly Plant workers on an incredibly tough day with the end of the third shift. More than cars, for 27 years these dedicated workers helped build our community and served as role models for hard work, excellence and generosity. The amount of hours put on the assembly line is only a sliver of the countless hours and dollars donated by FCA workers in support of local charities, community organizations, food drives and more. They represent the best of our community, and what makes Windsor-Essex stand out. To them and their families we say - Thank You - and we will continue to stand with you.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau tabled his Fiscal and Economic Snapshot, which demonstrates our government's commitment to supporting Canadians and Canadian businesses through COVID19 with \$212 billion in direct supports that helped:

- 3 million workers through the CEWS
- 8 million Canadians through the CERB
- 680,000 businesses through CEBA loans
- 15 million low income Canadians via the GST tax credit top-up
- 6.7 million seniors through the OAS alone

Let's continue to stand united, help each other where we can, and focus on getting through this stretch - together.

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# Canada Child Benefit Increase

Starting on July 20, the annual Canada Child Benefit will **increase** once again to keep pace with the cost of living. This gives parents in Windsor-Tecumseh **more money** each month, *tax-free*, to help provide for their kids.

## Canada Child Benefit

No Need to Apply!



**Adrian and Amanda** will receive an additional

**\$600** with their regular monthly payment on May 20

Starting on July 20, they will receive additional

**\$174** for the CCB 2020-21 benefit year

bringing their new yearly total benefit to

**\$9,329**

Income: \$55,000 | Two children aged 4 and 9

Canada

## Wage Subsidy Extended

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) has helped over **3 million Canadian workers** remain connected to their employers during this pandemic.

This week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the **CEWS will be extended until December**. This extension will provide greater certainty and support to businesses and workers in Windsor-Tecumseh as we continue to safely restart the economy.



# OAS/GIS Top-Up Payments



More support for seniors to help cover increased costs caused by COVID-19

Last week, nearly **7 million seniors** received a one-time tax-free payment of \$300 to help cover increasing costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

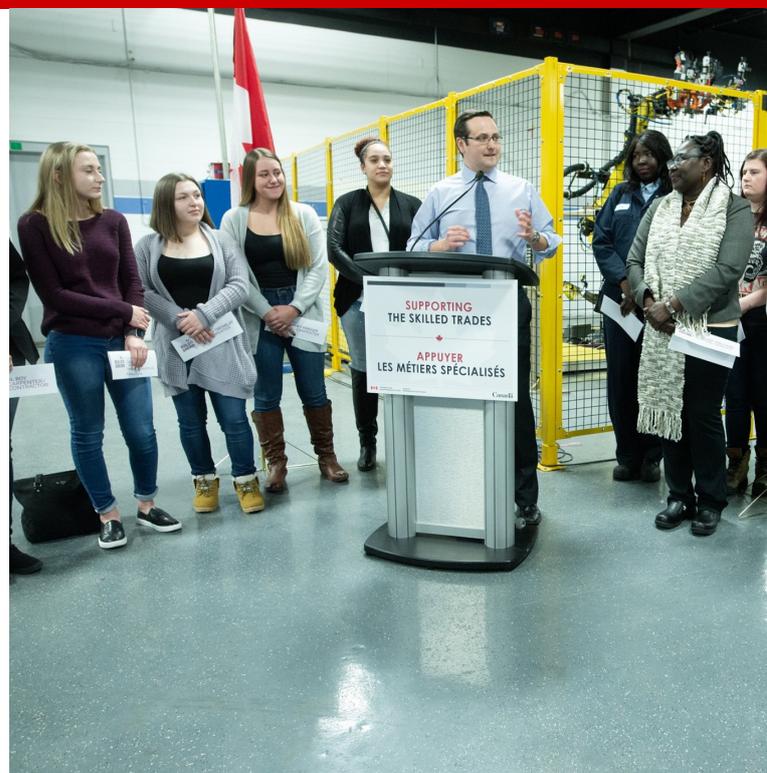
**2.2 million seniors** are also eligible for the GIS, and thus received an additional \$200 payment.

Our government remains committed to ensuring seniors get the support they need.

# World Youth Skills Day

Today, July 15th marks **World Youth Skills Day**, a day to recognize the crucial role of skilled youth in our economy.

Earlier this year, our federal government **invested \$728,000** to support Build-A-Dream's Career Exploration Program that aims to attract female, high school students to the skilled trades.



# Community Support Fund

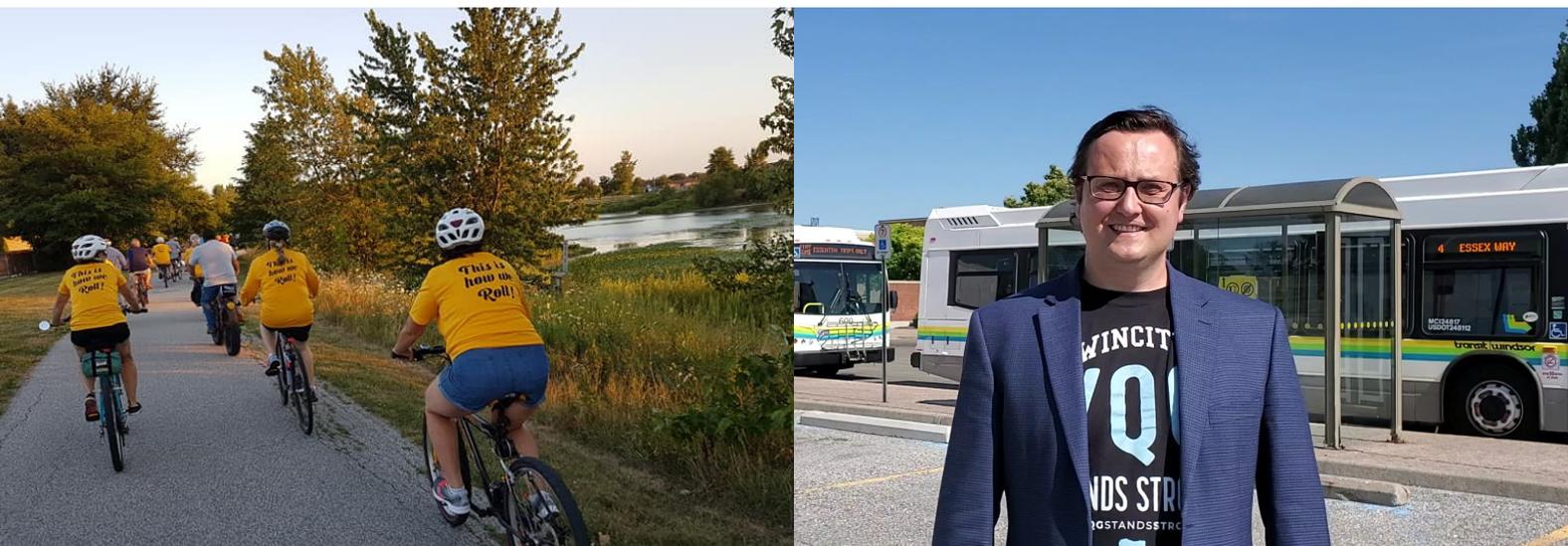
In May 2020, United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County was granted **\$1.3 million through the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund**. The fund provides financial support to charities adapting their frontline services to support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the first round of applications, United Way approved 14 programs and services, totalling **\$426,400 in funding**.

**Congratulations to these incredible organizations for stepping up in the fight against COVID-19:**

*Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario, Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor Essex, CommUnity Partnership, Community Refugee Fund, Family Services Windsor Essex, Legal Assistance of Windsor, Diocese of London Refugee Ministries, Victorian Order of Nurses, Windsor-Essex Transgender and Allied Support, Matthew House Refugee Centre, Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women, and YMCA of Southwestern Ontario*

## ICYMI: \$12.6 Million Infrastructure Announcement

Last week, our federal government announced an investment of \$12.6 million to support **10 infrastructure projects** that will improve public transit and active transportation for residents in Windsor-Tecumseh.



# PM Trudeau Congratulates Windsor-Essex for June 27 Miracle



**Justin Trudeau** ✓  
@JustinTrudeau

Now that's how it's done - way to go, Windsor-Essex! To the thousands of volunteers who rolled up their sleeves, and to everyone who pitched in and helped those who need it most, thank you. You are what makes our country so great. [#June27Miracle](#)

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Congratulations to the organizers, volunteers and generous residents of Windsor-Essex County for making the [#June27Miracle](#) a tremendous success - over 2 MILLION pounds of food donations collected for our local food banks. Neighbours looking after neighbours ❤️🇨🇦

