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A NOTE FROM DOUG

November is a time of remembrance. It's the time of year where our nation stops and reflects on the sacrifice that so many men and women made to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. It's also a great time to learn more of the stories of those men and women who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and all other conflicts abroad.

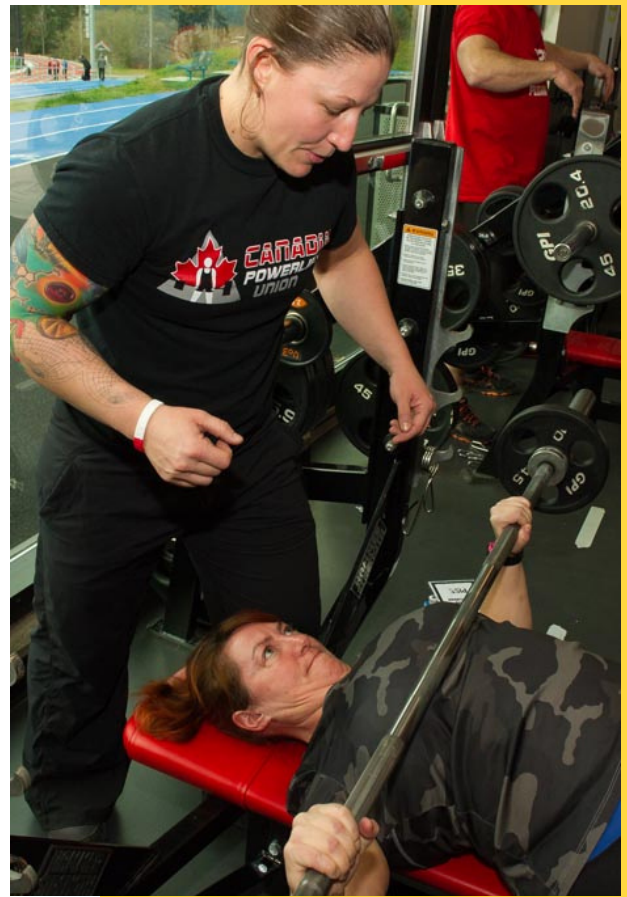
Even as we pass our traditional day of Remembrance, I encourage each and every one of you to continue to learn, reflect and share the stories of those who fought and died to for our continued freedoms.

We will remember them.

VALOUR GAMES

Ontario is proud to support our veterans. Canadian service members and veterans face significant challenges in returning from deployment or transitioning to civilian life. Their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into community life can be greatly enhanced through the transformative power of sport.

That's why our government is investing \$3 million in support for the Valour Games - a new national multi-sport competition for wounded, ill and injured Canadian military personnel and veterans.



VALOUR GAMES

Ottawa will host the inaugural Valour Games in 2022, welcoming 500 competitors from across Canada to compete in 10+ adaptive sports over one week. The games will be hosted in different cities every two years thereafter.

The Valour Games builds on the success of the Invictus Games Toronto 2017, and will showcase the athletic accomplishments of wounded veterans while increasing public awareness of the service and sacrifice of our military heroes.



ONTARIO ENERGY REBATE



During the early stages of the COVID-19 crisis, our government took decisive action to lower the electricity costs for all Ontarians.

As of November 1st, Ontarians were given the option to choose how they pay for electricity, whether it be time-of-use (TOU) or tiered flat rates.

Additionally, any customers eligible for the Ontario Energy Rebate (OER) will automatically receive a 33.2% reduction off their energy bill for the new electricity rates, which came into effect November 1.

INCREASING CARE FOR LTC RESIDENTS

On November 7, the government of Ontario released the 2020 Ontario Budget - the next phase of Ontario's Action plan.

It is a plan that will have three pillars. The first is **protect**, making good on our governments promise to do whatever it takes to get Ontario through the pandemic.

The Budget also details our government's commitment to provide an average of four hours a day of care to long-term care residents.



The government is working with all partners across the long-term care system to achieve the four hours a day standard of care over the next four years.

This plan also includes hiring for 25,000 new positions within LTC homes, and an increased capacity for the education and training of PSWs, RNs, RPNs, and other healthcare workers.

Currently, residents in our LTC homes receive an average of 2.75 hours of care per day from nursing and personal support staff, and an average of 0.5 hours from allied health professionals.

Our government is acting on its commitment to protect loved ones in LTC by increasing the average daily direct care to four hours per resident.



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