

THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message

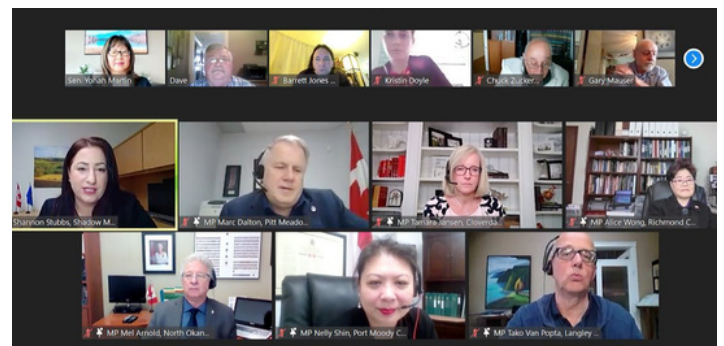
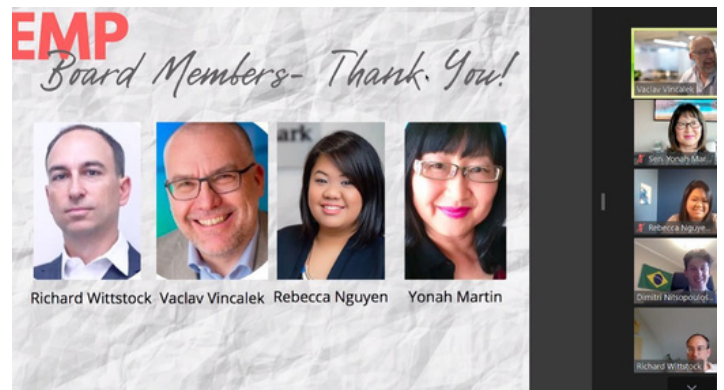
The month of May is Asian Heritage Month and an opportunity for us to recognize the contributions of Canadians of Asian descent throughout our nation's history; and to remind ourselves of the sacrifices and pioneering spirit of those Canadians who through immeasurable courage, determination and vision, helped build Canada's railways, cities, businesses and organizations from coast to coast to coast. April was a memorable and meaningful month that allowed us to contemplate the message of Easter, as well as commemorate the 70th anniversary of the historic Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong), in small ceremonies as well as in a national virtual ceremony of remembrance. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the #Kapyong70 campaign, to show their respect to the great Canadian and Korean-Canadian heroes of the Korean War. I especially enjoyed visiting multiple schools and classrooms to share about my work as a senator as well as the honour of being the Grand Patron and champion of our Korean War veterans of Canada. As it appears we are edging closer and closer to an election, the Conservative Caucus and our Leader, The Hon. Erin O'Toole continue to work diligently in both Houses of Parliament, seeking answers from the Liberal government on our rising debt which is putting our children's futures and the health of our nation and our most vulnerable citizens at risk. My dedicated staff and I will continue to serve to the best of our abilities today and always.

~Senator Yonah Martin

Community Outreach

Throughout April, Senator Martin attended numerous events, and her office hosted a range of events and meetings. Among many, she attended the UBC Sauder School of Business Executive Mentorship Program's (EMP) Finale event, as a long-standing member of the Advisory Council. On April 9th, Senator Martin co-hosted a roundtable on firearms legislation (Bill C-21) with Shadow Cabinet Minister, MP Shannon Stubbs and several BC MP's. Presidents and executive members of BC lower mainland's clubs (for sport shooting enthusiasts and hunters), and small business owners were in attendance. Senator Martin also attended a Webinar with Scouts Canada as a panelist of Senators on gender equality in politics. Lastly, on April 26th, Senator Martin attended a virtual Vaisakhi celebration hosted by MP Tamara Jansen with The Hon. Erin O'Toole, several Shadow Cabinet members (MPs Ed Fast, Tim Uppal, Brad Vis, Jasraj Hallan and Jag Sahota), BC MPs and many attendees. All in all, it was a productive April for Senator Martin and her colleagues, supported by their dedicated staff in BC and Ottawa.

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Remembering #Kapyong70

The Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong) was a watershed moment in Canadian military history. Surrounded and vastly outnumbered, the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) made its last stand in an all out attempt to stem the communist breakout across the Han River. The Canadians triumphed, earning them the United States Presidential Unit Citation, an award that no Canadian unit had received before or since. April 22-25, 2021 was the 70th anniversary of the historic Battle of Kapyong (Gapyeong). In spite of the eventual cancellation of the national ceremony, the 70th anniversary campaign included various acts of remembrance. The first wreath-laying ceremony took place on April 16th at the site of the first Gapyeong Memorial Stone in Langley, BC. Two additional wreath-laying ceremonies took place in Airdrie and Edmonton, Alberta; and the national virtual ceremony of remembrance was on April 24th, emceed by Asia Lee Campbell, Youth Ambassador for the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea. After the ceremony, "2PPCLI in Korea 1951", a special commemorative painting by artist and Korean War Veteran, James Keirstead was unveiled. Lastly, The 70th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong was part of the on-going #KoreanWarForgottenNoMore campaign that includes key milestone battles and will conclude on Korean War Veterans Day, July 27th, marking the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

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School Visits

As a former educator who spent 21 years in the classroom, Senator Yonah Martin welcomes opportunities to visit schools and engage students as often as possible. The week leading up to the historic Battle of Kapyong, Senator Martin visited elementary, middle and secondary schools to speak about her work as a Senator, how parliamentarians serve constituents as well as how the legislative process works. She was able to speak about her Senate bill (Korean War Veterans Day Act) which was inspired by the Korean War Veterans; and about the 70th anniversary of the Korean War. Schools visited were Bert Church High School (AB), Braemar Elementary School (BC), Capilano Elementary School (BC), Chatelech Secondary School (BC), Citadel Middle School (BC), Tamanawis Secondary School (BC), Princess Alexandra School (NWT), Hope Christian School (AB), and Westview Elementary School (BC).

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