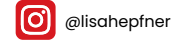
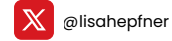




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Please join me for **Coffee with Lisa**; regular meet and greet opportunities around the Mountain. I love having time to connect, discuss your concerns, hear your questions and comments, or just say hello!

Follow my social media for details on my next Coffee with Lisa!



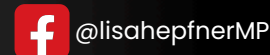
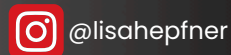
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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN – THE SAFE SOCIAL MEDIA ACT

I have spoken with teachers, parents, advocates and students from across Hamilton Mountain, and I have studied the topic in depth as both member and Chair of the Permanent Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. Not everyone agrees on the remedies, but everyone agrees that too many children are exposed to too much harm when they explore online spaces.

Canada's new government is committed to keeping children safe online. The proposed Safe Social Media Act would establish a minimum age of 16 for social media accounts, unless platforms can demonstrate robust child-safety protections.

The legislation would also require platforms to label AI-generated content, provide user safety tools, and quickly remove child sexual exploitation material, non-consensual intimate content, and sexually explicit deepfakes. AI chatbots would be required to mitigate harmful content and have protocols in place when users express intentions to harm themselves or others.

This law is about holding platforms accountable and ensuring they have protections in place to keep children safe online, reduce harm before it happens, and ensure that digital spaces are safe by design – all while protecting the privacy of Canadians.

*Online child sexual exploitation in Canada has surged more than **500%** since 2014.*

Police recorded 19,516 incidents in 2023, a 59% jump from the year before.

IN THE COMMUNITY



It's always a great time at **Concession Streetfest**. So many great finds! Congratulations to the organizers, volunteers and vendors on another successful festival!

Rain didn't stop our community from showing up for Hamilton Mountain's **Cancer Assistance Program**. I was proud to join those walking in honour of loved ones while supporting CAP's work bringing compassion, care, and support to so many families.



It took years of fierce advocacy and tenacious leadership from YWCA Hamilton, so when we broke ground at **Oakwood Place**, the tears fell freely. Soon this site will have 84 transitional homes for women and children fleeing domestic violence, helped by \$35 million in federal funds.