

# PETER JULIAN

Member of Parliament • Burnaby–New Westminster

• “One of the region’s hardest working politicians, Peter Julian” ~ The Georgia Straight Newspaper

• Peter Julian among “Seven standouts on Parliament Hill in 2012” ~ Chantal Hébert, National political columnist



## The 8th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars

Join Peter on April 4th in Burnaby and on April 6th in New Westminster and find out how hundreds of your neighbours have benefited from these seminars.

In our community, thousands of people with disabilities may be eligible for an important tax credit that often includes a significant tax refund from the Canadian Revenue Agency. Many Burnaby-New Westminster residents could be eligible for a tax refund under the Income Tax Act.

Some of you may already know that the Income Tax Act provides a non-refundable Disability Tax Credit to all eligible individuals. My office wants to make sure that every eligible Burnaby-New Westminster resident knows how to access this legitimate entitlement under the Income Tax Act. To that end, we are offering workshops to assist people to avail themselves of the Disability Tax Credit, which can amount to up to \$1380 per year, and can be claimed retroactively for up to 10 years. While the Income Tax Act stipulates that this is a non-refundable tax credit, it is transferable to spouses and other family members if the income of the relative, with a disability or infirmity, is too low.

If you’d like to learn more about the Disability Tax Credit, please contact my office at 604-775-5707.

Sincerely,

“I attended a meeting chaired by Peter Julian, MP for Burnaby-New Westminster in spring 2009. It was a well prepared information meeting re: Disability Tax Credit. Since I had a disability since 1960, I did not know there would be some relief from the Federal Government until our MP held those meetings. I was able, after my doctor witnessed the Form T2201 that I was markedly disabled, to get a Tax Credit for the (only) preceding ten years. My Tax Credit amounted to \$ 13,012.52. Thank you Mr. Julian, for caring”. Sincerely, George

## You or someone you know may be eligible for a DISABILITY TAX CREDIT retroactive for up to ten years.

Please join Peter for his 8th Annual Disability Tax Credit Community Seminars at the following wheelchair accessible locations:

*Sign Language interpreters will be in attendance*

**Thursday, April 4th, 2013  
with Kennedy Stewart, MP (Burnaby-Douglas)**

**6:00PM – 8:00PM  
at Bonsor Recreation Complex (6550 Bonsor in the Arts Room in Burnaby)**

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**Saturday, April 6th, 2013  
with Fin Donnelly, MP (New Westminster-Coquitlam)**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM  
at Century House (located at 620 Eighth Street in New Westminster)**



Photo - Peter seen here at last year’s community information session on Disability Tax Credits.



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### About your tax return - Service dates

- Early February 2013, the 2012 *General Income Tax and Benefit packages* for BC are available from any postal outlet or Service Canada office near you.
- February 11 - First day you can use NETFILE.

**Important dates** Generally, your tax return for 2012 has to be filed on or before April 30, 2013.

**Note** If you file your return after April 30, 2013, your GST/HST credit (including any related provincial credit), Canada

child tax benefit payments (including those from certain related provincial or territorial programs), and old age security benefit payments may be delayed.

**Payment to CRA** As long as you file your return on time and pay by April 30, 2013, CRA will not charge interest on your balance owing.

**Please note:** If a person passes away between January 1 and October 31, the due date for the amount owing is April 30 of the following year. If a person

passes away between November 1 and December 31, the due date for the amount owing is six months after the date of death.

For additional information:

Individual income tax enquiries  
1.800.959.8281

Businesses and self-employed individuals 1.800.959.5525

Source: Canada Revenue Agency.

## CANADA CHILD TAX BENEFIT PAYMENTS (CCTB)

The Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) is an income-tested benefit with two components: the CCTB base benefit for low- and middle-income families and the National Child Benefit (NCB) supplement for low-income families. It involves a monthly non-taxable payment made to a custodial parent of children under the age of 18.

The base value of the CCTB stands at \$1,405 beginning July 2012 (up from \$1,367), with a \$98 supplement (up from \$95) added for a third and subsequent qualified child.

Effective July 2012, the NCB supplement increased to \$2,177 for the first child, \$1,926 for the second child, and \$1,832 for each subsequent child (from \$2,118, \$1,873, and \$1,782 respectively). The NCB supplement decreases as net family income rises above \$24,863 (up from \$24,183).

## CHILD DISABILITY BENEFITS

The federal government introduced a Child Disability Benefit (CDB) in its 2003 Federal Budget. Effective July 1, 2012, it provides parents of children that have a disability with a supplement to the CCTB of up to \$2,575 annually (up from \$2,504 for the previous 12 months) per qualified child. To be eligible to receive this credit, their child must have a medical condition that qualifies them for the Disability Tax Credit.

The full \$2,575 benefit for the first eligible child is phased out gradually when family income exceeds the NCB supplement threshold limit of \$42,707 (up from \$41,544 for the previous 12 months). Families who have one child who qualifies for both the full NCB supplement and CDB will receive a total annual CCTB benefit of \$6,157 on behalf of that child for the 12 months beginning July 1, 2012.

The CDB is eliminated completely when the net income of a family responsible for one child that has a disability reaches \$171,457. That limit will be higher if more children with a disability are being cared for.

## CREDIT FOR ENROLMENT IN CHILDREN'S FITNESS PROGRAMS

The federal non-refundable Children's Fitness Tax Credit allows parents and guardians to claim up to \$500 for fees paid on behalf of a child under the age of 16 (at the beginning of the year in which the expenses are paid) who is enrolled in eligible, supervised sports and physical fitness program activities.

To qualify, a program must include a significant amount of physical activity that contribute to cardio-respiratory endurance plus one or more activity for: muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, or balance.

Examples of activities eligible for this credit include hockey, skating, soccer, karate, football, basketball, folk dancing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, and sailing.

Programs that are part of a school curriculum are not eligible. However, fees paid for extra-curricular activities that take place in school are eligible.

Source: *Personal Tax Planning 2012/2013* has been updated by Jeff Buckstein, Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA). You can reach the CGA at 604.669.3555. Their head Office is located in Burnaby, BC (Suite 100, 4200 North Fraser Way).

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Please call, write or visit our community office. We're here to help you with:

- issues related to federal government services such as Citizenship and Immigration, Employment Insurance, Revenue Canada and Canada Student Loans.
- arranging special messages for important occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.
- providing referrals to other services offered in the community.

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## COMMUNITY OFFICE

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## TAX TIP

### CHILDREN'S FITNESS CREDIT

- If you pay family membership fees in a program that involves eligible fitness activities mixed with other activities, you might be able to apply a prorated portion to the Children's Fitness Credit.
- Make sure you get a receipt from the organization clearly stating the amount that is eligible for a credit.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT PASS CREDIT

- Save applicable public transit passes and purchase receipts in order to verify the expenses you are claiming for this tax credit.
- If, during the course of your commute, you need to take your automobile on a ferry for which you pay monthly for longer fees, you may claim a public transit credit for the ferry costs relating directly to the transport of you and/or other family members, but not those for your automobile.