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MP Ruby Sahota Hosts Round-Table Focused on Youth in Brampton

Brampton, ON – January 13th, 2017 – Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, hosted a round-table discussion in her riding, centered on youth homelessness and youth mental health challenges in the City of Brampton. Government and not-for-profit organizations were asked to deliver a presentation on what their organizations are actively doing to address youth homelessness and youth mental health challenges in Brampton, as well as how the federal government could further assist on this important issue. These were followed with questions by Members of Parliament who were in attendance.

Member of Parliament Sonia Sidhu (Brampton South) was present, in addition to representatives from the other Brampton MP Offices. Additionally, the MP for Whitby and Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Celina Caesar-Chavannes, was present as she is a strong advocate for those suffering from mental health challenges. Representatives from the Brampton City Council were also in attendance.

The presenters at this round-table included: Acting-Mayor of Brampton – Councillor Martin Medeiros, the Region of Peel, the Canadian Mental Health Association, William Osler Hospital Brampton, United Way of Peel Region and the Peel Regional Police.

“The purpose of this round-table was to give various not-for-profit organizations, the opportunity to explain how their organizations assist youth affected by these issues (homelessness and mental health challenges)” said host MP Ruby Sahota.

MP Sahota went on to say, *“It is important for all levels of government, to understand the type of assistance these not-for-profit organizations currently receive, and what is needed for them to do an even better job in addressing youth homelessness and mental health challenges here in Brampton.”*

Further, this was an opportunity for these organizations to inform the Members on unknown aspects affecting Brampton’s most vulnerable youth, and the key contributing factors associated to these issues. Productive discussions ensued and the members of government left this round-table with a stronger understanding of what is needed to better assist these and other not-for-profit organizations, who are working hard in addressing youth homelessness and youth mental health challenges here in the City of Brampton.

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