

DO YOU WANT CALGARY TO PROCEED WITH AN OLYMPIC BID THAT REQUIRES FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS? Yes No

WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A (Check all that apply):

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☐ Working Canadian ☐ Unemployed ☐ Youth/Student
☐ Part of a multigenerational household

Comments:

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Thank you to those who took the time to respond to the previous question: “Do you believe it is important for the Government of Canada to run a balanced budget?”

95% of responders said “Yes” and 5% said “No”

If you prefer to answer the new survey online, please visit my website at www.patkellymp.ca

Stampede 2018



Rocky Ridge / Royal Oak Community Association



Ranchlands parade



Tuscany Residents Association



Westside Chinese Alliance Church



Scenic Acres



Hawkwood Baptist Church



Kincora Community Association



Evanston Creekside Community Association



Sherwood Community Association



Nolan Hill Community Association

Calgary & Ottawa Activity Highlights



Opening of the new Alpine Crevice and Native Plant Garden in Silver Springs — Photo by Windrush Images



Citizenship Ceremony at GlobalFest



Sherwood Community Association Multicultural Festival—executive (above) and volunteers Moiz Taj and Akeem Araoye (right)



Presentation from War Amps' Cyril Sison



Doorknocking in Evanston



Coffee with constituents in Sage Hill



Visited centenarians Paula Van Laar and Dan Anslom this summer



Nagar Kirtan (Annual Sikh Celebration)



Silver Springs family BBQ



Arbour Lake summer BBQ



11th Annual Turkish Festival



Jon Neufeld, President of the Tuscany Community Assoc. at the Tuscany Harvest Festival



Hosted a public Open House in June



The Canadian Home Builders' Association & BILD Alberta



Let Me Compete Coalition, advocating for small businesses

House to House

Serving Arbour Lake, Citadel, Evanston, Hawkwood, Kincora, Lynx Ridge, Nolan Hill, Sage Hill, Scenic Acres, Sherwood, Silver Springs, Ranchlands, Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, and Tuscany

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Dear Constituents,

I spent much of the summer break connecting with constituents by attending events, knocking on doors, and in meetings at my office in Crowfoot. While it is great to be in Calgary for the summer months, by early September I am always eager to resume my parliamentary duties with concerns raised by constituents fresh in mind.

As of September 2018, I have transferred from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Public Accounts is one of the few Opposition-chaired committees. Accountability-related committees such as the one for Access to

Information, Privacy, and Ethics, Government Operations, and Public Accounts are chaired by an Opposition Member of Parliament partly as a check on a governing party which may be inclined to avoid discussing the government's mistakes and embarrassments.

The Public Accounts Committee's main work is concerned with studying the record of what a government has actually spent, as distinct from what was allocated in a Budget or authorized through the Estimates process. The committee is more cooperative than most, since its purpose is to ensure that various departments and agencies of the federal government spend their funds in accordance with the Estimates voted on by Parliament and the authority granted by the Treasury Board. It is essential to responsible democratic government that funds are spent

according to the laws passed by Parliament, and MPs from all parties on the Public Accounts Committee generally work together to ensure that government employees, departments and agencies are accountable for their spending. As both the Conservative Shadow Minister for National Revenue and now as a member of Public Accounts, I have parliamentary responsibilities to scrutinize tax dollars on the way into and on the way out of the Treasury.

As the current government enters its 4th year it will come under increasing scrutiny for its track record after three years in office. I look forward to a year of holding them to account on behalf of my constituents and as a member of the loyal opposition.

- Pat Kelly

Bill C-69

Earlier this year the Liberal government introduced Bill C-69 to fulfill their election promise of a new, more consultative environmental review process for resource projects under federal jurisdiction. Critics from both the legal community and the pipeline industry raised concerns that this bill, if implemented, will exacerbate rather than repair the current regulatory uncertainty faced by major project proponents.

I voted against this bill, as did my Conservative Caucus colleagues, because if passed, this bill may make it impossible for any future energy project under federal jurisdiction to be approved. Pipeline industry experts testified at the environment committee that likely no major project proponent would even apply for approval under this bill.

In October, the discount on Western Canadian Select Crude was a record \$52 per barrel below West Texas Intermediate as a result of failure to bring energy resources to global markets.

This discount results in continued unemployment for thousands in Calgary and billions of lost tax dollars that could fund public services in Canada, but are instead going to the United States.

On October 11th, I spoke at a rally in downtown Calgary to urge the federal government to stop Bill C-69. At the time of writing the Bill had not been passed by the Senate, and could be amended or stopped. 🍁



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USMCA (NAFTA Replacement)

On September 30th, Canada, the United States, and Mexico reached an agreement in principle for a new trade agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Canada’s economy relies heavily on trade and the United States is our largest customer and trading partner. Millions of jobs depended on NAFTA, so any changes under the new United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) need to be scrutinized carefully. Following the announcement of the agreement in principle, a number of concerns were identified:

- It lacks assurances that current destructive tariffs on steel, aluminum, and softwood lumber will be lifted. There is no timeline on removing tariffs on steel and aluminum, and the American Administration is openly musing about quotas instead of tariffs;
- Canadian exports of automobiles and automotive parts are now capped and subject to significant tariffs if they exceed the cap;
- “Buy American” provisions which prevent Canadian companies from competing for American procurement contracts remain in place;
- Provisions in Chapter 32 require any country starting negotiations with a “non-market” country to notify the others and inform them of the content of the discussions. Non-market countries are not defined, but China is most likely the one which the United States had in mind. These provisions impinge on Canada’s sovereignty to negotiate agreements with other countries as we see fit;
- Some provisions extend the exclusive patent time for pharmaceuticals before generic brands can compete with them, resulting in higher costs for medications. Pharmaceutical companies must be able to recoup the costs of development and profit from new products, but these provisions may lead to higher drug prices in Canada;
- When the previous Conservative Government negotiated the free trade agreement with the European Union and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, it budgeted \$4.3 billion to compensate dairy farmers for lost income from opening Canada’s supply managed industries to more foreign competition. However, the USMCA agreement opens the Canadian dairy market by 3.59% with no stated plan to calculate and afford such compensation, creating uncertainty for the industry and the Federal budget.

This agreement contains significant concessions to the United States with no clear advantages to Canada that were not already included in the original NAFTA. 🍁

Growing Concerns with the CRA

As Shadow Minister for National Revenue, I am increasingly concerned about the current state of affairs at the Canada Revenue Agency. Accountants, tax-preparers, and both individual and corporate taxpayers from across Canada have contacted me with concerns of worsening service and increasing difficulty with routine matters.

Last year the CRA apologized to single parents following media reports and questions in the House of Commons regarding the CRA’s benefits review process. Many single parents felt they were being targeted by the agency and reported “anxiety, frustration and anger” resulting from their treatment; more recent media reports suggest little has changed.

In my role as critic for the CRA, taxpayers and tax preparers have told me of collection notices being sent weeks after taxpayers paid their debts, of the CRA penalizing Canadians for not supplying requested documents when neither the accountant nor client received the request letter, and of call centre agents’ performance being assessed on the speed with which they take and complete calls, not on actually providing the information necessary to answer questions or resolve issues.

Furthermore, the Finance Committee heard on October 4th that 941 families who lost access to the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) and related supports in 2017, when the government changed the application process for Type 1 diabetics, still do not know if their DTC will be reinstated. This is a failure of the Minister’s promise to diabetics, made when she reversed her changes last December.

From speaking to tax professionals, current and former CRA employees, taxpayers and journalists, there appears to be substantial pressure within the agency to find more tax revenue, yet accuracy, audit quality and service appear to be suffering. This is a particular concern because Canada’s tax system is one that relies on Canadians to self-report their incomes, and in so doing, expect the CRA to provide fair, accurate and timely service.

The Liberal Government promised to make the CRA more “client friendly,” yet after three years and substantial budget increases, service levels appear to be getting worse, not better. The Minister of National Revenue has promised to crack down on tax evasion through offshore tax havens, yet there is no evidence of any progress in recovering these lost tax revenues.

I will continue to raise questions in the House of Commons, seek information from the Minister through Order Paper questions and Access to Information requests, and share the shortcomings of the CRA and the Liberal Minister of Revenue in the national media.

It appears that under the current Minister, the department has failed to foster a culture of service. My hope is that a future Parliament may establish a formal “duty of care” to Canadian Taxpayers from the CRA. I tabled a motion to that effect in the House of Commons in 2016 that was voted down by the Liberals. 🍁

Firearms and Community Safety

Crimes committed using firearms, such as the Danforth shooting in Toronto, have received considerable attention in the media recently, prompting discussion of Canada’s firearms laws. In addition to Bill C-71 (new firearms bill), the Liberal government has considered introducing a blanket prohibition on handgun ownership across Canada. This past summer I spoke to many constituents about Bill C-71, and also to constituents who are both for and against banning handguns. I was pleased to note the considerable common ground in these conversations because safe communities are important to everyone.

It should be noted that under current Canadian law, handguns are already restricted. This means that it is already illegal under current laws to carry or transport a handgun for any purpose other than to travel directly to or from a target shooting range.

Given the strict current prohibition against carrying handguns, I am concerned that an outright ban would not prevent criminals from using them, but would solely affect firearms owners who already obey the current law. Any person who breaks the current law by carrying a handgun will not likely respect a ban. As such, a ban would be largely symbolic while doing nothing to actually solve the problem of street violence. Many police chiefs have also voiced their skepticism about the efficacy of a hand gun ban.

Bill C-71 contained little to address the concerns of Canadians about the safety of their communities, while adding additional rules and bureaucracy for those who are already complying with the existing law. For this reason I voted against C-71.

I would prefer that the government focus on the enforcement of existing laws, and on changes that would disrupt, discourage, deter and punish criminals in concrete rather than symbolic ways, such as:

- Stronger enforcement and tougher penalties for “straw purchases” of firearms;
- Temporary gun seizures for those detained under provincial mental health legislation;
- Create an offence for providing firearms to an individual under a firearms prohibition order;
- CBSA Firearms Smuggling Task Force;
- Encouraging industries to use innovative technologies such as microdotting to improve firearm traceability;
- Requiring ballistic submissions into appropriate databases from crime guns that are seized;
- More resources for the RCMP firearms lab, in order to turn around crime gun requests more quickly.

Furthermore, some of Canada’s most dangerous criminals are being released from custody due to delays caused by the backlog of judicial appointments. Earlier this year, murder charges were dropped against one of Calgary’s most notorious gangsters for lack of a judge to hear his case. These are the types of criminals who acquire firearms illegally, carry them illegally, and use them in the commission of offenses. It would be unreasonable to expect a handgun ban to have any effect on preventing the crimes committed by these offenders. Instead, once criminals are apprehended and charges are laid, having a judge available to hear the case and convict them would improve community safety. 🍁

Cracking Down on Gang Affiliation

- Create a list of Criminal Organizations;
- Automatically revoke parole for association with groups on the Criminal Organization List;
- Automatically deport non-citizens convicted of gang offences;
- Create an offence of “Commission of a Violent Offence for a Criminal Organization”;
- Create an offence of “Instruction to Commit a Violent Offence on Behalf of a Criminal Organization”;
- Reverse Onus Bail for repeat gang offenders;
- Revoke ability to cross the border for commercial drivers who are caught smuggling guns into Canada.

Gun Control that Targets Criminals and Organized Crime

- Mandatory lifetime firearms ban for those convicted of a Serious Personal Injury Offences;
- Mandatory firearms ban for those convicted of gang offences;

Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion (TMX)

On August 30th, the Federal Court of Appeal quashed the Government of Canada’s approval of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project, finding that the Government had not fully followed the process of consulting Indigenous groups along the pipeline’s path, and in considering the effect of increased marine traffic on orcas.

I would like to thank the hundreds of constituents who have contacted me to emphasize how important TMX is to Canada’s, Alberta’s, and Calgary’s economies. My Conservative colleagues and I wholeheartedly agree and are taking every opportunity to advocate the project. In particular, Shannon Stubbs, the Shadow Minister for Natural Resources, has risen nearly every day since the House resumed sitting in September, demanding a comprehensible and practical plan to put the project back on track.

We are calling on the Government to:

- Appoint a Ministerial Special Representative to complete the Indigenous consultation process;
- Enact emergency legislation to affirm that Transport Canada’s analysis of tanker traffic was sufficient and does not need to be duplicated by the National Energy Board; Request a stay of the Federal Court of Appeal ruling and appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court of Canada;
- Support Bill S-245 to clarify that the pipeline is under federal jurisdiction;

A future Conservative government would:

- Repeal the Liberal Carbon Tax;
- Repeal Bill C-69, the Anti-Pipeline Bill;
- End the ban on shipping traffic on the North Coast of British Columbia;
- Enact legislation that will:
 - Clarify the roles of proponents and governments that are involved in consultations;

These and other measures will make pipeline projects viable again, will make Canada attractive to energy sector investors, and will restore Canada’s reputation as being open for business. 🍁

Last Call for Centre Block Tours

Renovations of Canada’s parliamentary buildings in Ottawa will take a dramatic turn in 2019. The Centre Block will be closed for rehabilitation of both the exterior masonry and interior systems. The House of Commons will relocate to the West Block, which is in the final stages of its own 7 year restoration, while the Senate will move to the Government Conference Centre.

Tours of the Centre Block will no longer be available for at least ten years. If you wish to visit Ottawa and take a tour that includes the current House of Commons, you should do so soon. Canadians will still be able to watch proceedings in the new House via galleries included in the new Chamber in the West Block, on television, or online.

My staff is happy to arrange a tour if you plan to visit Ottawa.



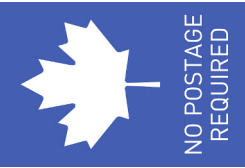
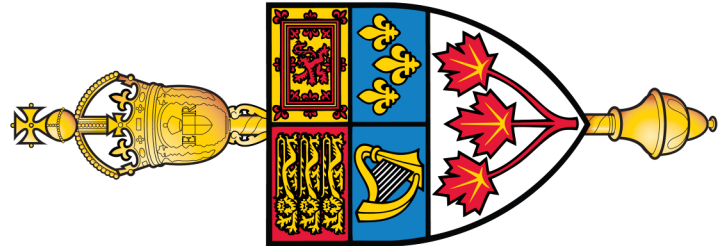
The Centre Block and the Peace Tower will be closed to the public soon for rehabilitation



The House of Commons Chamber will be moved “temporarily” to the newly restored West Block



With my staff: Trinity, Kelli, Carol, and Brad



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