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House to House E-Newsletter



It has been challenging to communicate effectively with constituents during the pandemic. Normally I see and talk with residents at community events, during meetings in my office, when visiting schools, and by hosting events such as my annual open house. The Career Services event I planned to host in May was cancelled, but I hope to reschedule it later this year, as many constituents have requested assistance with preparing for their job search.

This e-newsletter allows me to communicate with you directly, in a timely manner, and to respond to your concerns quickly. I have sent this message to anyone from whom I have received an email address since I was elected in 2015. If you do not wish to receive email in the future, please reply to the message, and your email address will be removed from this list immediately. If others wish to add their name to the list, please encourage them to sign up via my [website](#) or by contacting my office directly by email: pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca or by telephone: 403-282-7980.

There have been a handful of limited Parliamentary sessions to deal with emergency legislation; otherwise Parliament has not met since March 13. The new Special Committee on COVID-19 began meeting virtually and in the House of Commons chamber, and eventually in a hybrid combination of the two, in April. While this committee does offer Members of Parliament the opportunity to question the Government, this is only a Parliamentary committee and does not allow for many of the tools that make Government accountable to Parliament, including the ability to introduce opposition motions that can be used to test Parliament's confidence in the Government.

I have been able to question the Government about problems with various support programs, the lack of resources for the auditor general, and Canada's fiscal situation on several occasions and will also continue to do so during the summer with the limited parliamentary tools available.

As the provincial government proceeds with a [relaunch strategy](#), a safely staged recovery plan to relaunch the economy, I encourage you to comply with public health recommendations as you reconnect with family and friends and return to work over the summer.

-Pat Kelly



MY CANADA DAY STATEMENT

View my **Canada Day** Statement [here](#).



MONTHLY POLL QUESTION

Results from this poll will be published in the next e-newsletter.

Do you consider Parliament to be an essential service?

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Due to the vast amount of information regarding the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that some of the information changes frequently, my [webpage](#) offers up-to-date information about [Health](#), [Travel](#), and [Economic Support](#).



SEEKING EMPLOYMENT?

If you are looking for a job, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca to search opportunities. A [Mobile App](#) is now available.



MY INBOX

During the pandemic, I have received a significant number of requests for assistance with travel, clarification around health guidelines, and navigating COVID support programs.

Some other topics of correspondence received since the beginning of COVID-19: short comings in COVID relief measures, firearms, Alberta's role in Canada, deficits, public spending, airlines and cancelled flights, racism, law enforcement, UNDRIP, conversion therapy, Medical Assistance in Dying, Universal Basic Income, Cystic Fibrosis, 5G Wireless, the Carbon Tax, economic diversification, the Conservative Leadership Race, MP salaries, Censorship, Canada-China Relations, the UN Security Council, the suspension of Parliament, reopening the economy, and more.

PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL CONTACTS



If you require assistance from your MLA, you can look up who represents you and their contact information [here](#). For questions about provincial government programs and services, click [here](#).

For assistance from your City Councillor, you can find your representative [here](#). For general inquiries about City of Calgary services and requests for assistance, please call 311.



FREE TAX CLINICS AVAILABLE IN 2020

[Free Virtual Tax Clinics](#) are available for modest income earners who require help filing personal tax returns.

[BowWest Community Resource Centre](#), located in Ranchlands, is a local organization approved by the government to offer assistance.

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