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House to House E-Newsletter



Dear Friend,

First, let me wish you and all my constituents my best wishes for a happier new year than the previous one.

Undoubtably, everyone hopes we will soon be able to safely resume our normal activities, which is why there is widespread public anger over public officials who chose to engage in non-essential travel during the holidays. Although it has been reported in the media, I will take this opportunity to assure you that I remained in my Calgary home with my family during the holidays.

Vaccines hold the best promise to protect those most vulnerable to COVID-19, a safe reopening of the economy, and a full return to social gathering. My colleagues and I raised concerns in the fall about the federal government's procurement of vaccines, and Canada's per capita vaccination rate is significantly behind other countries. I will continue to press the government to ensure that people who wish to receive the vaccine can do so as early as possible.

I would also like to share with you my profound sadness, as a legislator, on the events of January 6, which saw the United States Capitol overrun by an insurgent mob. Legislators must be free to perform the duties to which they were elected, unfettered by threats, intimidation, or violence. I admire the determination and courage of Members of Congress and Senators who persevered through the attack and fulfilled their legislative duties as part of the process of democratic transfer of power. Canadians and Americans share these deep-rooted democratic values.

If you need our help, or if you would like to discuss issues that are important to you, our office is open by phone or email. We are not able to accommodate in-person visits, but my staff and I are working hard to serve you remotely.

-Pat Kelly

MONTHLY POLL QUESTION

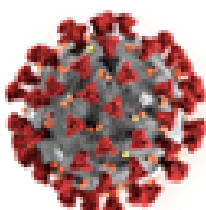


Should Canada do more to support democracy in Hong Kong?

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Last month's poll question: ***Are you shopping more online, at big box stores, or at local small businesses this year?***
37% Online 15% Big Box Stores 48 % Local Small Businesses

VACCINE SAFETY



Misinformation regarding vaccine safety may undermine efforts for an effective roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine in Canada. Vaccines are proven safe and effective prior to approval, but severe adverse reactions do occur rarely, happening less than one time in a million.

No vaccine is mandatory in Canada, however vaccines are important public health tools. A COVID-19 vaccine will be extremely important in the ongoing fight against the virus.

SMALL BUSINESSES



As the Shadow Minister for Small Business and Western Economic Development, I am seeking feedback from constituents regarding the government's policy. If you are a small business owner and are willing to share your experience, whether it be about successes or challenges, this helps to inform me in my role, and I welcome your input at pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca.

CARBON TAX INCREASE



The Liberal government has announced that the Carbon Tax will be increased 566% in an effort to meet environmental targets. The federal price on carbon dioxide emissions will increase from \$30 per tonne to \$170 per tonne beginning in 2023.

As a reminder, I opposed the Carbon Tax at every opportunity since I was first elected in 2015. I joined other Conservatives in putting forward a motion to stop the Liberals from raising taxes during the pandemic. However, the Liberals voted against the motion and are raising the cost of everything through the increased carbon tax.

This increase will mean that Canadians will pay more for groceries, home heating, and fuel, adding up to 37.57 cents per litre to the cost of gasoline. It will increase the cost of all goods and services that rely on transportation, and the operating costs of every business. These costs will be passed along to you, the customer.



SEEKING EMPLOYMENT?

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

MY INBOX



In December, I received correspondence about the following topics, in no particular order:

Vaccine, small businesses, single use plastics, increasing carbon tax, election integrity, The Great Reset, escalator tax on alcohol, Ethiopia, firearms, Indian farmers, debt, tax burden, airlines, CRA audits, jobs, HASCAP program, international flights, rapid tests, personal responsibility, contact tracing, Chinese troops, Canada-China relations, travel rules, clean fuel standard, COVID support, wellness, Conservative Party, government spending, lockdown, border control, restrictions, CERB, Internet, Bill C-6 (conversion therapy), Bill C-7 (MAID), Bill C-11 (copyright), Jerusalem, cell phone rates, nature, Bill C-213 (pharmacare), healthcare, Grassy Mountain coal project, economic recovery, older adult care, PPE, wildlife, police, environment, sexual harassment, climate, universal basic income, seniors, Bill C-10 (broadcasting).

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE – Help is coming

Conservative MP Todd Doherty's motion calling on the Government to take immediate action and establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit number (9-8-8) received the unanimous support of Parliament in December.



The pandemic has caused stress for Canadians resulting in mental health concerns, including suicidal thoughts and feelings.

If you need help, please reach out now:

Call 2-1-1 or visit <https://ab.211.ca/>

Canada Suicide Prevention Service: 1-833-456-4566
or text 45645 (2-10pm)

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868



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.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT – HAWKWOOD

The Hawkwood Community Association has plans to build a much-needed community hub. Detailed information about plans and funds required for the Outdoor Recreational Facility are available on the website:

<http://hawkwoodca.com/community-recreation/orf/>



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