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House to House E-Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Parliament resumed sitting on January 25th, and I have been participating virtually from my Calgary home, where I speak in debate and vote via Zoom. A small number of MPs take turns attending Parliament in person, and I plan to do so later this month.

Our first day back saw Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole request and receive an emergency debate on President Biden's cancellation of the Keystone XL permits. Mr. O'Toole has called on the Prime Minister to be much more assertive with the new American administration to stand up for Canadian jobs and North American energy security.

On the second day of the session, also at Mr. O'Toole's request, there was an emergency debate on vaccine procurement. Job losses, business closures, and deteriorating mental health are all consequences of the ongoing COVID crisis, and vaccines offer a clear path to a safe and healthy return to an employment-based economy and normal social interaction, yet it has become increasingly clear that Canada is far behind the vaccination schedules of other countries.

As the winter session continues, my caucus colleagues and I will continue to use all parliamentary tools available to us to ensure accountability from the federal government. Tools like Question Period, petitions, order paper (written) questions, opposition motions, emergency debates, parliamentary committees and adjournment debates, all force members of the government to respond to Canadians' concerns through their elected representatives.

-Pat Kelly

MONTHLY POLL QUESTION



Do you want a federal election this spring?

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Last month's poll question: **Should Canada do more to support democracy in Hong Kong??** 75% Yes 25% No

Vaccines are critical to reopening the economy and



VACCINE SUPPLY

Canadians need vaccines, rapid tests, and information to secure our future and to rebuild our economy. Canadians need their government to succeed in securing these tools for Canadians – especially vaccines.

No vaccine is mandatory in Canada, however a COVID-19 vaccine will be extremely important in allowing Canadians to safely return to normal.

SMALL BUSINESSES

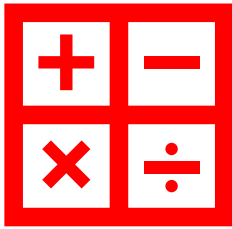


Loans are available now for the Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program. Details and how to apply: [HASCAP](#).

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.

TAX PREPARATION



As income tax season approaches, you will want to receive every tax credit you qualify for. Please watch for my Tax Tips guide, which should be delivered to you in March or early April.

Support for individuals impacted by COVID-19 in 2020 included: Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB), and Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB).

If you received these benefits in 2020, they are considered taxable income and aside from the CRB, there were no source deductions taken, so be prepared for a tax bill of up to 15-20% of benefits received. You will receive a T4A slip from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) by March 10th if you received any of the benefits listed above.

Please contact the CRA with any questions about your specific situation or if you do not receive your T4A tax slip by March 10th.

EMERGENCY DEBATES: KEYSTONE XL & VACCINES



The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Leader of Canada's Conservatives and the Official Opposition, issued the following statement regarding the emergency debates on the cancelation of Keystone XL and the vaccine rollout:

"Today, Conservatives were successful in securing two emergency debates because the Liberal government's botched delivery of vaccines and their total failure on Keystone XL will negatively impact workers and the economy across Canada.

"Conservatives are focused on holding the government accountable for the two most important things to Canadians: securing our health through vaccines and securing our future through jobs.

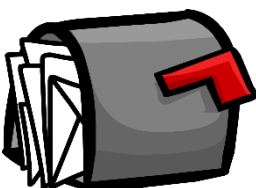
"Canadians deserve better. That's what we're fighting for."



SEEKING EMPLOYMENT?

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

MY INBOX



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

Vaccine procurement and supply, small businesses, Governor General, hotel quarantine sites, one-time tax-free withdrawal from RRSP, KXL cancellation, Enbridge Line 5, Hong Kong, Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig, vaccination priorities (health care workers and seniors before prisoners), Blackberry sale of patents to Huawei, 5G, third party advertising, election fraud, aviation sector, non-essential travel, Erin O'Toole, mental health, family law, tax on capital gains, possible 2021 election, frozen UK pensions, increasing carbon tax, election integrity, terrorism, The

Great Reset, hate groups, Ethiopia, debt, tax burden, jobs, HASCAP program, international flights, rapid tests, personal responsibility, Derek Sloan, Chinese troops, Canada-China relations, travel restrictions, COVID support, Conservative Party, government spending, lockdown, CERB repayment, Bill C-6 (conversion therapy), Bill C-7 (MAID), cell phone rates, Internet, Bill C-213 (pharmacare), coal mining, oil & gas jobs, economic recovery, older adult care, universal basic income.

THE GREAT TRAIL (TRANS CANADA TRAIL)



Turn those BLAHS into AHHHs! To beat the winter blahs, get out on The Great Trail or another trail near you. Getting outside, even for a few minutes, can be a real mental health booster. Did you know that The Great Trail runs through the riding of Calgary Rocky Ridge? You can reference the map to find a trail near you at www.TheGreatTrail.ca.



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 – EVANSTON

The Evanston Creekside Community Association, in partnership with the Parks Foundation, is working to transform an underused area into a thriving community hub. If you live in the area, please check out the plans and consider assisting however you can.

Detail available: <https://eccacalgary.com/park/>



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