



March 2021

House to House E-Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Last fall I joined the Finance Committee and in February was selected to be its Vice Chair. The Finance Committee meets far more often than other Parliamentary committees. It studies all of Parliament's spending legislation including budgets, economic statements from the government, budget implementation bills, spending authorities, and changes to the income tax act. The committee also holds extensive pre-budget consultations with government officials, industry, interest groups and private citizens, then makes recommendations to Parliament.

One of our first responsibilities when Parliament resumed was pre-Budget consultations. The committee tabled its main report in February along with a dissenting report prepared by my Conservative colleagues and me. While our report contained dozens of recommendations, many of which were also in the main report, our overall message to the government was that to promote economic recovery there should be no new taxes or any tax increases, and that the budget should not include any permanent new spending commitments.

Last month Parliament debated a Conservative Opposition motion to recognize that the communist government of the People's Republic of China is committing genocide against the Uyghur people. Parliament has heard evidence to support the charge of genocide, including survivor testimony. The motion was passed with support from all four opposition parties and a majority of the Liberal's backbenchers, but with the entire Cabinet and most of its parliamentary secretaries abstaining.

In addition to my new role as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, I continue to be the Shadow Minister for Small Business and continue to speak on behalf of small businesses that have borne the brunt of Covid restrictions. Small Businesses are deeply in debt, thousands have closed permanently, and most are deeply concerned about their prospects for survival and recovery. Canada needs leadership with a focus on a path to a safely reopened economy. Please take a moment to watch Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole's video [Better Leadership and Rebuilding the Economy](#).

-Pat Kelly



MONTHLY POLL QUESTION

Do you have confidence in the federal government's vaccine procurement?

[**RESPOND HERE**](#)

Last month's poll question: **Do you want a federal election this spring?**
64% Yes 36% No



OLGA BARCELO – DAUGHTERS OF THE VOTE DELEGATE

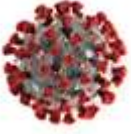
Recently I was pleased to meet with constituent **Olga María Barceló**, Calgary Rocky Ridge delegate for the 2021 Daughters of the Vote program. Normally we would meet in person in Ottawa, but this year the program was virtual in nature.



COMPASSIONATE CARE (BILL C-220)

Introduced by **Conservative MP Matt Jeneroux**, Bill C-220, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (compassionate care leave), proposes to extend the length of compassionate care leave by up to three weeks past the death of a loved one. This will allow more time for caregivers to grieve and take care of practical necessities before returning to work.

The bill received unanimous support at 2nd reading on February 17, 2021.



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.

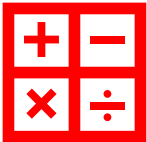


SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Loans are available 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.

Recently I have had many opportunities to speak up for Small Businesses during Question Period in the House of Commons and in meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance. These **videos** are available on my [YouTube channel](#).



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 later in March, and is available on my website.

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.



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

Vaccine procurement and roll-out, rapid testing, Providence Therapeutics, OAS, CPP, small businesses, immigration rules, Governor General, travel restrictions, hotel quarantine rules/exemptions, provincial lockdown measures, Canadian energy policy, KXL cancellation, Enbridge Line 5, aviation industry, NAV CANADA, non-essential travel, cruise ships, interprovincial travel, travel agents, Erin O'Toole, Conservative caucus, possible 2021 election, Canada-China relations, Uyghur Muslim genocide, China 2022 Winter Olympics, India, COVID support, CERB repayments, Bill C-6 (conversion therapy), Bill C-7 (MAID), economic recovery, universal basic income, Canadian banks, WE Charity scandal, vaping, national unity, climate, coal mining, taxpayer funded corporate

bailouts, CBC bias, Bill C-21(Firearms policy), tax incentives for newspaper subscriptions, poor CRA service, Private Members' Bills C-206 and C-268, upcoming budget.



LES RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

There are many events, games, and contests happening during the month of March. For more information: <https://rvf.ca/en>



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 – CITADEL

If you are a member of the **Citadel Community Association**, you are eligible to register for an online Easter event, to be held April 2-5. Activities include a neighbourhood scavenger hunt, Easter colouring contest, jelly bean guess, and an adult Easter quiz. For more information, and to register, [click here](#). Deadline to register for this event is March 20.



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