

Have rising costs of housing resulted in you having trouble paying your mortgage or rent?

NO
 YES

Comments: _____

Last issue's question was:

Do you think the Liberal government's 2023 budget puts Canada on the right track?

YES: 8%
NO: 92%

Thank you to everyone who replied.

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Building Homes not Bureaucracy

The Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Official Opposition, introduced the *Build Homes Not Bureaucracy Act* to address the housing affordability crisis in Canada. Since 2015 average rents have doubled, the minimum downpayment required to buy a home has doubled, and the average monthly mortgage payment has more than doubled. Canada needs millions of new houses to meet current and future demand, but Canada has the second slowest permitting times in the OECD (*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*) which prevents new construction from meeting demand.

The Conservative plan includes:

- Requiring cities to increase the number of homes built by 15% each year, and then another 15% in every subsequent year (compounding);
- Cities that exceed that target will get bonus infrastructure funding; cities that miss it will have their funding reduced;
- Federal transit funding for certain cities being contingent on transit stations being surrounded by high-density residential buildings;
- Ensuring CMHC executives will not receive bonuses unless housing targets are met, and that applications for new construction must be approved within 60 days;
- A 100% GST rebate on new residential rental property for which the average rent payable is below the market rate;
- Requiring the Minister to inventory federal buildings and land, to identify land suitable for housing construction and to propose a plan to sell at least 15% of any federal buildings and all land that would be appropriate for housing construction, within eighteen months. 🍁



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Grocery Prices

The Prime Minister summoned big grocery executives to Ottawa to demand that they do something about the price of food. This is, unfortunately, the Prime Minister blaming others for his own government's policies that drive inflation.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates the carbon tax alone will add \$972 million to farm costs by 2030.

Conservatives have proposed Bill C-234 that will remove the carbon tax from farm uses. The Bill C-234 is currently being studied in the Senate.

The Liberal government must answer to Canadians why they continue to implement policies that make Canadian groceries more expensive. The current government's inflationary deficits and carbon tax have increased the price of food for families. They tax the farmer who grows the food, they tax the trucker who transports it and they tax the stores who sell it. All those taxes get added to the bills of the families who buy the food.

Inflation and Interest Rates both Rise



As this is being written, the inflation rate has again increased two months in a row after a short respite. It is currently at 4%, with food running at 6.9%, fuel at 4.6%, rent at 6.5% and mortgage costs at a stunning 30.1%.

Although the Bank of Canada did not raise interest rates above the current 5% on September 6, the next announcement will be October 25 and there is a good chance it will again raise rates to try to tame inflation. Even the Governor of the Bank seems to be expressing frustration at the government's refusal to take steps to restrain their inflationary spending.

Wasteful Spending

Excessive government spending leads to inflation and higher interest rates. The Bank of Canada governor says so; former Liberal Finance Ministers Bill Morneau and John Manley also say so. Examples of waste abound:

- The new passport design cost \$300 million.
- Global Affairs spent \$126 million on a "Creative Export Fund" but the Parliamentary Budget Officer can't find any records of how it was spent, except for \$14.5 million for officials to attend the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- Federal public service executives received \$1.3 billion in bonuses at a time of record budgetary hardship for average Canadians; Canada Mortgage and Housing executives received \$75 million in bonuses in the midst of a housing crisis.
- The government "lost" \$32 billion in misallocated COVID funds that will probably never be "found", according to the Auditor General.
- The Canadian Infrastructure Bank has cost \$35 billion so far, funding few projects, none of which are yet complete.



- Canada committed a billion dollars to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, which serves Beijing's interest by (among other things) building infrastructure in competition with Canadian energy. 🍁



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Update from MP Pat Kelly

Parliament resumed this fall at a time when Canadians are struggling with a cost-of-living crisis. The rapidly rising cost of food, transportation, home heating and especially housing affects Canadians in every city and province including here in Calgary.

As your representative in the House of Commons, I have repeatedly raised the issue of affordability, including during the current fall session. I have asked the government to repeal the Carbon Tax that makes necessities of life more expensive, and urged them to take immediate action on the housing crisis.

I remain a member of the Standing Committee on National Defence where we are studying ways to fix Canada's broken defence procurement system. I have questioned Canada's senior military commanders including Chief of the Defence Staff General Wayne Eyre who have stated that Canada's procurement is not carried out with sufficient urgency to meet Canada's defence needs. **The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have an important responsibly to protect Canadians, and an obligation to support our international allies.** The dedicated men and women of the CAF need to be properly equipped and supplied in order to carry out their important work, and Canada's procurement system is far too slow and cumbersome.

On weekends when I return to Calgary I have had the opportunity to see and speak with many constituents at a number of Fall festivals and events. Thank you to all the great community volunteers who make our neighbourhoods such a great place to call home.

I will continue doing my best to demand better from the current Liberal government, to make life more affordable by reducing inflation, doing more to get more homes built, and to make our communities safe. 🍁

Pat Kelly

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IN OUR COMMUNITY



Adding to my book collection at the Citadel Book Sale.



In mid-September I enjoyed the Harvest Fall Festivals in both Tuscany and Hawkwood.



I joined MP Tom Kmiec and MLA Ric McIver at the 6th Annual Canadian Walk For Veterans at South Glenmore Park. This is a great organization that helps fill the gaps for veterans and first responders in the forms of rehabilitation services, support and tools needed to cope after their service to our country has been completed.



At the Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs Autumn Garden Party & Data Base Launch. I grew up nearby and have watched this determined group of volunteer gardeners turn a former freeway setback into amazing gardens and forest. A 100% volunteer community effort.

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My Statement on Access to Housing

"Mr. Speaker, after eight years of the Liberal-NDP government, access to housing is worse than ever."

"In 2015, when Conservatives were in government and the Conservative leader was the minister of housing, rent for a one-bedroom apartment was \$970 a month. Today, the same apartment is \$1,900. A typical family home cost less than \$450,000, with a typical mortgage payment of about \$1,300. Now the payment on that same home is over \$3,500 and the down payment has doubled."

"When the Conservative leader was housing minister, the budget was balanced, inflation was 1.4% and the Bank of Canada rate was half of 1%. After eight years of the Liberal-NDP government, inflation is at a 40-year high and the Bank of Canada rate is at 5%, because the Prime Minister has added more to the national debt than all previous prime ministers combined."

"Canadians cannot afford the government any longer. The Prime Minister is not worth the cost." 🍁

Pat Kelly, MP

House of Commons, Statement on Housing, Sept 26, 2023



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Bail Reform



Since September 2022, 10 police officers have died in the line of duty, some killed by repeat offenders released on bail. Even some Liberal MPs agree that the loosening of bail laws made by Bill C-75 in 2019 has led to increased violent crime. Many Canadians don't feel safe on the streets or taking transit.

Conservatives voted for Bill C-48 this September because it attempts to correct some of the errors of Bill C-75. To be clear, this new law still does not go far enough to reverse the policies that have let repeat violent offenders back onto our streets to cause more crime and chaos. **Repeat chronic violent offenders should remain behind bars while awaiting trial.** 🍁



Under this government over the past eight years, we have seen the reversal of a decades-long trend of lower rates of crime and lower rates of incarceration. We have also seen the emergence of chronic, repeat violent offenders running amok in Canadian cities and burdening local police, who repeatedly arrest the same people. They arrest them over and over again. This bill is, in part, damage control; it is undoing what the government did in its first Parliament.

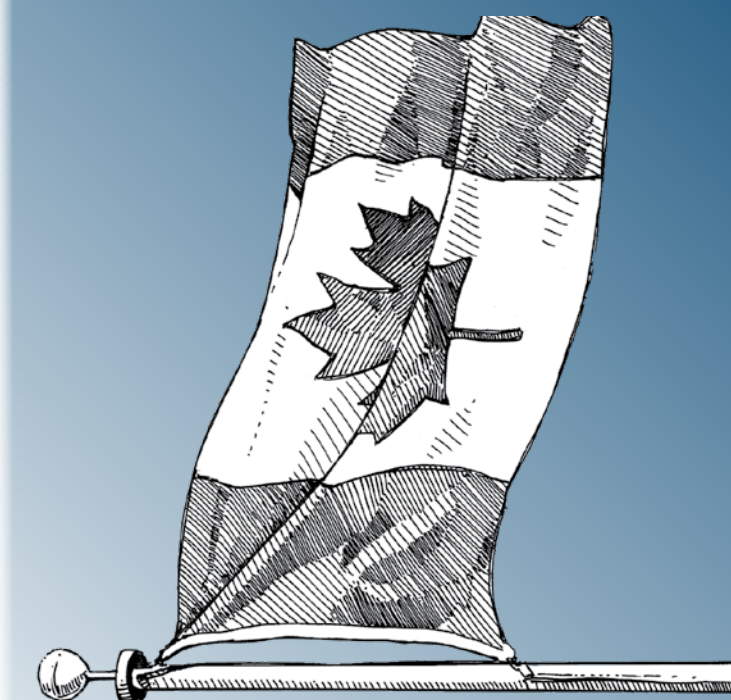
Pat Kelly, MP

House of Commons, Debate on Bill C-48, Sept 18, 2023



Last year, Jina Mahsa Amini was murdered in Iran while in police custody for incorrect headcovering, sparking mass protests in Iran. My MP colleagues Greg McLean, Tom Kmiec and I joined Calgarians at the Peace Bridge to honour all those who have lost their lives at the hands of the murderous Iranian regime, and those who continue to risk their lives for their freedom.

A tree was planted to honour 10 year old Kian Pirfalak, who was fatally shot by the Iranian regime while a passenger in his parents' car. He died before fulfilling his stated wish to plant his own tree.



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