



EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION IN 2023



The role of the Official Opposition is to challenge the government and propose alternatives as a Government in Waiting. Here are some examples of the work done by my colleagues and I in 2023.



Called on the government to extend the federal carbon tax pause to **all** forms of home heating for **all** Canadians.



Forced multiple Confidence Votes pressuring the government to axe the carbon tax on gas, groceries, and home heating.



Pushed the government to introduce a fiscal plan to balance the budget to bring down inflation and interest rates.



Called on the government to address foreign interference in our democracy.



Introduced Pierre Poilievre's "Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy Act" to build homes Canadians can afford.



Introduced a motion to invest in treatment and recovery for opioid addicts and end the so-called "safe supply" program that has resulted in lower prices and easier access to street drugs.



Passed Bill C-280 to ensure financial protection for Canadian produce farmers in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of a purchaser of perishable food.



Passed Bill C-294 amending the Copyright Act to support consumers and small businesses by reducing barriers to innovation.



Passed Bill C-234 in the House of Commons to save Canadian farmers \$1 billion in carbon taxes and thus constrain food prices.



Passed Bill C-318 to deliver EI leave parity for adoptive and intended parents.



Introduced Bill C-323 to remove the GST from mental health services.



Passed Bill C-321 to address the escalating violence faced by health care professionals and first responders.



Passed Bill C-281 to strengthen international human rights by holding human rights violators accountable.



Led the campaign to launch the official Canadian Suicide Crisis Hotline 9-8-8 which went live on November 30, 2023. 🍁



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The Finance Minister herself even admitted earlier this year that her government was going to have to rein in its spending to fight inflation. However, she then tabled a Fall Economic Statement with more spending, taxes, borrowing and deficits, which means more inflation and higher interest rates. 🍁

Pat Kelly, MP - House of Commons, Dec 14, 2023



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COST OF LIVING

Over the holidays Calgaryans continued to talk about the rising cost of living. People are struggling with rising mortgage payments and rent, as well as the increasing cost of home heating, gas, and food. Yet, the Liberal government plans to increase the carbon tax and persist with wasteful spending and inflationary deficits.

Housing: Both mortgages and rent have already doubled under this Liberal government, but in 2024, \$251 billion in mortgages will come up for renewal, and another \$352 billion in 2025. Many families will see monthly payments



Mr. Speaker, the NDP-Liberal government tabled a Fall Economic Statement with \$46.5 billion of interest on the public debt this year and \$52.4 billion next year. That is more than the entire Canada health transfer. That is double the budget for national defence.

This Prime Minister has run up more debt than all previous Prime Ministers combined, and [in November], he piled on another \$20 billion in inflationary spending.

Prices are up. Rent is up. Interest rates are up. Debts are up. Taxes are up. Time is up.

Pat Kelly, MP
House of Commons, Nov 23, 2023

increase by \$1000 or more when they renew at much higher rates.

Groceries: Food inflation has raced ahead of general inflation. For 2024, analysts estimate that a family of four **will pay another \$700**. Statistics show that families are spending LESS on groceries despite the higher cost, indicating that families may be skipping meals, or choosing lower quality foods, in order to pay for housing or heating costs.

Government spending, borrowing and taxes lead to inflation. I will continue opposing the wasteful spending, deficits and higher taxes that drive up the cost of living. 🍁

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The Tuscany Club Residents' Association Holiday Light Up before Christmas.

I spoke to high school student delegates of the Calgary Model United Nations Conference. This initiative to promote diplomacy, engagement and public speaking is 100% youth-led.



Thank you to the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association and community members for organizing the U15 Hockey Tournament.



(Right) I met Director-General Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (Vancouver) Angel Lui during her visit to Calgary. There are important trade opportunities for Alberta and Taiwan.



(Above right) I had the honour to speak and lay a sheath of wheat at the Holodomor 90th Anniversary Commemoration with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Calgary Branch.

AT DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Defending Canada and fulfilling Canada's international treaty obligations to its allies are core responsibilities of the Federal Government.

After eight years of this Liberal government, Canada's armed forces are increasingly unprepared to meet these basic needs. There is a crisis of recruitment and retention of personnel, aging and obsolete equipment, and critically low ammunition supplies. Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, Vice Admiral Angus Topshee has stated that the Navy may "...fail to meet our force posture and readiness commitments in 2024 and beyond."

"... It's hard to watch when the powers that be sit in committees like this or make statements on the news saying that there is no problem and that the budget cuts are not going to create a new problem. Every single day there is something that's broken that we're forced to use or something that's missing that we're forced to pretend is actually there. It's like going through exercises saying "Bang! Bang!" because we don't have enough blank ammunition to go around."

-Sergeant (retired) Christopher Banks, December 5, 2023 at NDDN

Pat Kelly, "... how many 155-millimetre shells are being produced in Canada right now per month?"

General Eyre, "Mr. Chair, first of all, it's not enough. Secondly, it's 3,000."

Pat Kelly, "... Why is there no urgency in getting the production ramped up?"

General Eyre, "You've identified an issue that I am extremely concerned about ... We have not produced one additional round of ammunition since February 2022..."



During the fall Parliamentary session the Standing Committee on National Defence (NDDN) held public meetings to study:

- Military Health System and Provision of Health and Transition Services under the Canadian Health Services Group

- The Impact of Canada's Procurement Process on the Canadian Armed Forces
- Rising Domestic Operational Deployments and Challenges on the Canadian Armed Forces
- Lack of Housing Availability on or Near Bases for Canadian Armed Forces Members and their Families and Challenges Facing Members and their Families When They Are Required to Move Across the Country
- Supplementary Estimates (B) and (C) [spending authorizations]

The committee also received briefings on the War in Ukraine, the Israel-Hamas Conflict, the Indo-Pacific Region, and the Mandate and Priorities of the Minister of Defence.

As a member of the Committee, I regularly question Canada's Senior Military Officers, bureaucrats, industry experts, academics, and the Minister of Defence. Over the past several months the Committee heard that the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has 16,000 personnel vacancies and that 10,000 are undertrained and unfit for deployment. We also heard that virtually every category of heavy equipment, including ships, aircraft, tanks, satellites, and missile defence systems urgently need to be replaced, and that ammunition supplies are critically low and not being replaced. 🍁

"Our NATO high readiness forces asked us to have what's called 30 days of supply. If we were to consume munitions at the same rate that we're seeing them consumed in Ukraine, we would be out in days in some cases, and it would take years to restock."

-Chief of Defence Staff, General Wayne Eyre, September 28, 2023 at NDDN



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