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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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My Office can help with:

- Permanent Residency
- Canadian Citizenship
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Veterans' Affairs
- Canada Child Benefit
- Canada Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Guaranteed Income Support
- Employment Insurance
- COVID-19 Support Programs
- Federal Government Grants

Dear Neighbours,

I returned from Ottawa and kicked off the summer back in Kitchener-Conestoga by attending many different events such as Eid celebrations, the KW Multicultural Festival, The Afro Festival, The Morningside Summer Games, Neruda Arts' Kultrún World Music Festival, and hosted meet and greets in the townships where I had great conversations with many of you. I look forward to attending more events throughout our community and connecting with you this summer.

The summer months are a fantastic time to support our local markets and farms. I have visited many farms in Kitchener-Conestoga over the past months. The meaningful conversations with our local farmers deepened my respect for their hard work and the vital job they have of helping put food on our tables.

The Canada Summer Jobs program provides wage subsidies to employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30. Last summer, the program helped create over 450 jobs, with an investment of \$1.3 million to Kitchener-Conestoga. I am looking forward to visiting and hearing from local businesses and organizations taking part in Canada Summer Jobs over the next few months.

As always, I look forward to hearing your ideas and will continue work tirelessly to support you. I appreciate every opportunity to connect, so please call **519-578-3777** or email me at **Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca**.

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Working for Kitchener-Conestoga

We had a productive parliamentary session in Ottawa, where we tackled important issues and focused on supporting Canadians, protecting our environment, and growing our economy. Your ideas help me to be your voice in Ottawa.

Committee Updates

Committee work is an important part of my job as your member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga. I sit on both the Agriculture Committee and the Heritage Committee. This session we worked on:



Agriculture Committee

- Global Food Price Inflation
- Rising Food Costs in Canada
- Financial Protection for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Farmers Act
- Environment Study of Agriculture
- Soil Health Research
- Protection of Bee Population



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Heritage Committee

- Online News Act
- Tech Giants' Intimidation Tactics
- Safe Sport in Canada
- Hockey Canada
- Online Streaming Act

Legislation

In this last session, we passed **25 pieces of legislation**, including:

- Canada Disability Benefit Act
- Strengthened the Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)
- Improved and streamlined immigration, including family reunification
- Targeted tax support for tradespeople with a labour mobility deduction and doubling of the deduction for tools expenses
- Helping workers by strengthening pensions and working to protect our firefighters from cancer-causing material
- Keeping Canadians safe by increasing support for youth violence prevention, fighting illegal gun trafficking, and increased support for police services and border security



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Our targeted support for families and households includes:

- **Reducing Child care Fees**
- **Canada Child Benefit**
- **Canada Dental Benefit**
- **Interest Relief on Student Loans**
- **Grocery Rebate**
- **Strengthening Public Health Care System**



Private Members Bill

Many Canadians have expressed concern about the export of live horses for slaughter. Other countries have banned this practice, and it is time for Canada to do the same.

This fall, I am tabling a **Private Members Bill** to ban this practice.

I look forward to working on this important piece of legislation with Members of Parliament on both sides of the House.

This summer I want to hear from Canadians, stakeholders, and advocates about this new bill. Contact my office to share your thoughts on this issue.



Musician and advocate, Jann Arden, meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding banning the live export of horses from Canada.