

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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DEAR NEIGHBOURS,

I hope you had a great summer and were able to get out and see all that Kitchener-Conestoga has to offer. Since the end of June, I have spent almost every day in our community hearing from you and learning about what issues matter most to our community.

I enjoyed attending summer events that allowed me to meet with many of you: The Kultrun Music Festival, South Asian Family Sports Day, Tri-Pride, Indigenous Coffee Talks, Somali Canadian Association BBQ, Canada Day events throughout Kitchener-Conestoga, KW Multicultural Festival, Eid Al Adha at the AUD, and Optimist Club Breakfasts – to name a few! These are meaningful moments to me. I look forward to continuing our conversations.

Affordability and the cost of living are top-of-mind issues that I hear from many of you. I understand your concerns and assure you our government is implementing policies and programs that make life better, safer, and more affordable. We have a plan that includes real and tangible steps to help Canadians.

Thank you to those who attended our Affordability Townhall in Kitchener - it was a great turnout. We discussed federal programs and supports that are in place to help make life more affordable for Canadians. It was meaningful to hear your ideas and what is important to you. I will continue to make sure your voices are heard in Ottawa.

With the municipal elections approaching, I encourage everyone to make their voices heard locally by exercising their right to vote. Voting is about strengthening democracy and shaping policies in our community. Get out on Monday, October 24th and vote!

I will continue to listen to your ideas and work tirelessly to support you. Call 519-578-3777 or email me at Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca.

Kim Foi

Summer Events

It was a fun and productive summer in Kitchener-Conestoga. From backyard barbecues to festivals and community events - thanks for the invites and the great conversations!



Had a wonderful time attending Sikh Sports Day at the Gurdwara in Kitchener



Visited Erb Transport's community BBQ: where everyone feels like family



Announced an investment of \$300,000 to enhance the Nith River Pathway in Wilmot



Heard great ideas from constituents at our Affordability Townhall

I had the honour of inviting **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** to Kitchener-Conestoga. During his visit, he announced three key initiatives that will help create nearly 17,000 homes across Canada for the most vulnerable Canadians, which will help make life more affordable.

Prime Minister Visits Kitchener-Conestoga

We hosted a **Housing Roundtable** to hear from stakeholders in our community. They had the opportunity to share their voices directly with the Prime Minister and Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing. Among the local stakeholders was **Jeff Van Gyssel**, who I had the pleasure of inviting to share his vision for an equitable co-housing project in New Hamburg. Jeff has been a driving force behind the grassroots group **Love Your Neighbour Communities**. Their goal is to bring attention to the local demand for affordable housing, which goes beyond city limits and into our townships. The plan includes restoring the historic B-W Feed and Supply Mill in downtown New Hamburg at Peel and Mill streets, which will house up to 30 families.

Hearing from Jeff at our roundtable was an excellent way for our Prime Minister to see firsthand how we can work together to make housing more affordable in Kitchener-Conestoga. It also reinforces that a small group of engaged citizens can make a big difference.

I also invited the Prime Minister to lunch at the **Old Country Restaurant**, located in the heart of New Hamburg, and pointed out the feed mill we discussed during the roundtable discussion. While waiting for our food, we made sure to stop and talk to others having lunch, and I did my share of bragging to him about how proud I am of our community.

I will continue to bring people like Jeff to the table and be your voice in Ottawa.





