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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,

Although the size and scope of our past Remembrance Day ceremonies were diminished due to the pandemic, the importance of continuing these events remains. Thank you to all who kept the tradition of commemorating Remembrance Day.

To honour the sacrifice and dedication of those who fought for our freedoms, I proudly continue to attend ceremonies throughout Kitchener-Conestoga.

As we navigate the economic slowdown that is coming for Canada and the world, the government will continue to be there for Canadians. These supports are responsible and targeted measures that are focused on the Canadians most affected by rising prices. We are enhancing the Canada Workers Benefit, cutting child care fees by 50 per cent, increasing Old Age Security (OAS) pension by 10 per cent for people 75 years and older, permanently eliminating interest on student loans, providing the Canada Dental Benefit for children under 12, delivering a top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit, and lowering credit card transaction fees for small businesses.

I understand the challenging times Canadians face. You are anxious out your future, and concerned about paying bills today. Be reassured that although times are tough, Canadians are strong, and our government is taking measures to help you now.

Kitchener-Conestoga's 2022-2023 Youth Council is now in session! They are a group of young visionaries dedicated to helping their community with passionate and innovative ideas. I look forward to seeing their accomplishments!

I always enjoy joining fellow volunteers of Let's Tree Wilmot to do my part and get my hands dirty. I'm pleased to announce over \$163,000 in federal support to keep this vital work going. Planting trees harnesses the power of nature to cut pollution, clean our air, and make our communities more resilient. What we plant today is for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Whether I am working for you and casting votes in Ottawa, or in Kitchener-Conestoga, know that your voice will continue to be represented. For more information on support and programs for seniors and veterans, please contact my office. I can be reached at 519-578- 3777 or at [Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca)

*Tim Louis*

## Community Update

To help those with upcoming travel plans, our office hosted a **Passport Clinic**. With the help of Service Canada agents, we assisted over 60 residents with their passports. Thank you to everyone who attended, and our staff who work hard every day to help you. Contact us to take part in our next **Passport Clinic**.

Online hate doesn't stay online; hateful speech can lead to hateful acts. We must protect free expression online while making Canadians safer from online harm. Today's children are growing up with the risks and harms of the Internet, and we need to find solutions to prevent online harm from becoming a dangerous reality in our lives. With my neighbouring Members of Parliament, I hosted a roundtable to hear from stakeholders in our region. This feedback will help develop important legislation addressing online radicalization and incitement to violence, which threatens our public safety.

These conversations will help formulate ways to protect free expression online, make Canadians safer from online harm, and reduce the polarization that is becoming more prevalent in society.

To be more accessible to everyone in our community, I hosted **Township Meet and Greets**, setting up mobile offices in Woolwich, Wellesley, and Wilmot. I had many constructive conversations hearing from you. Your ideas are important to me, and I will continue to be your strong voice in Ottawa. I look forward to future **Township Meet and Greets**.



## Ottawa Report



I was proud to vote in support of **Bill C-22**, the **Canada Disability Benefit**. This bill puts us closer to eradicating poverty for those in Canada living with disabilities. Everyone has the right to live in dignity, and too many Canadians with disabilities face physical and financial barriers. Working-age persons with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty as those without, and this benefit will go directly to those who need it most.

As a member of the Heritage Committee, I am strongly advocating for **Bill C-18**, the **Online News Act**. Local newsroom ad revenues have plummeted, and employees are disappearing. Facebook and Google post news content for free, earning 80% of all digital ad revenues. The **Online News Act** will make tech giants compensate local news outlets, to support strong, free, and independent journalism.

## Agriculture in Kitchener-Conestoga

As fall turns to winter, and the fall harvest season comes to an end, it is important to thank farmers who work tirelessly to put food on our tables. My visits to farms in **Kitchener-Conestoga** continually deepen my respect for the hard work and the vital job farmers have.

Last month, Prime Minister Trudeau and I visited a dairy farm in **Elmira**. We met with Ryan and Lori, owners of a 4th generation farm, who invited us to sit and talk at their kitchen table. They also proudly showcased their farm, and we had a meaningful conversation about our farmers' challenges and opportunities.

I invited Agriculture Parliamentary Secretary Francis Drouin to visit Fertile Ground Farm, an organic farm in **Wilmot**. Angie, the owner and farm manager, gave us a tour, and we shared a great conversation about how farmers can feed families while protecting our environment.

I was honoured to attend the Waterloo Federation of Agriculture AGM held in **Wilmot** in October. The evening's highlight was Anne Loeffler's presentation on the Waterloo Rural Water Quality Program and how we can work together to protect our water quality. Presentations like Anne's, and conversations with farmers, help me bring local agricultural issues back to Ottawa, ensuring our farmer's voices are heard. As a member of the Agriculture Committee, I will continue working tirelessly for our region's farmers.

