

Minister Visits



Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau and I hosted a roundtable with farmers and agricultural stakeholders.

We had meaningful conversations and shared ideas about one of Canada's most important economic industries. We discussed environmental issues, supports and the challenges and rewards of growing the food we put on our tables.

We also visited West Montrose Maple Products in Woolwich Township to hear from maple syrup producers in Kitchener-Conestoga. Producers shared how innovative technology is modernizing the traditional way of harvesting syrup.



Minister of the Federal Economic Development Agency, Filomena Tassi and I announced an investment at the Region of Waterloo International Airport of over \$22 million through the Aerospace Regional and Recovery Initiative (ARRI).

This funding will help grow the aerospace industry in our region by investing in its growth and sustainability.

We visited Huron Digital Pathology in St. Jacobs to learn about their cutting-edge technology for the healthcare sector. They develop digital medical imaging solutions with advances in image analysis and image searching for pathology. Our government is providing a \$1 million repayable investment to help them scale up and to create more jobs here in Kitchener Conestoga.

Township Meet & Greets

I hosted Township Meet & Greets in both Woolwich and Wilmot Townships and had many constructive conversations about the issues that are important to Kitchener-Conestoga.

I look forward to continuing the dialogue, your ideas are important to me. Stay tuned for my next township Meet & Greet in your community!



Tim in the Community



Congratulations to Snyder Acres of Breslau, named producer of the year! Great to meet Elmira Maple Syrup Festival representatives at the annual tree tapping ceremony at Hoover's Maple Syrup Farm.



I took the Polar Plunge to support the amazing athletes at Special Olympics Ontario. Thank you to Waterloo Regional Police Services, the participants, spectators, and all who donated to this great cause. Nearly \$46,000 was raised.



Spent a warm and wonderful Family Day gathering in Kitchener at the Bring on the Sunshine African festival! Music, food, dance, and catching up with friends. Thanks to everyone who made it happen!



I was proud to stand with fellow MPs in solidarity with the Ukrainian Canadian community during a vigil for the one-year anniversary of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.



Great music, food, and dance at the Afghan Association of Waterloo Region's Nowruz Celebration in Kitchener. Har Ruz etan Nowruz, Nowruz etan Pyrouz!



Celebrated Black History Month hosting a community town hall with MP Arielle Kayabaga, Marci Ien - Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth of Canada, and Greg Ferguson - Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.



Congratulations to Canada's National Para Hockey Team on a great tournament against Team USA in Elmira!



Thank you to everyone who laced up their skates and attended our Family Day Weekend Free Skate event. We had a great turnout and lots of fun at the Woolwich Memorial Centre!



I am honoured to serve on the Liberal Women's Caucus with these incredible colleagues who exemplify courage, leadership, advocacy and perseverance. They continue to pave the way and inspire future generations.



TIM LOUIS

Member of Parliament
Kitchener-Conestoga

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear Neighbours,

Spring is a time for renewal when families may come together and celebrate. Whether Easter, Ramadan, Vaisakhi, Nowruz, or Passover, may this time with your family be peaceful and joyful. I wish you all a warm and bright spring.

Being accessible and responsive to the constituents of Kitchener-Conestoga is my number one job as your Member of Parliament. To make connecting with you easier and more convenient, I have organized Meet and Greets throughout the riding to engage with residents in their communities personally. I have been knocking on doors and making phone calls to gather feedback from constituents. I stay connected with our communities by attending community events and learning more about Kitchener-Conestoga, which I proudly represent in Ottawa.

Visiting local businesses and farms helps me to understand your perspective on our local economy better. Hosting online town halls provides another opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas and allows me to bring your voices back to Ottawa.

Thank you for your emails, phone calls, and mail-back cards. Your feedback helps me understand what issues are most important to you. Please fill out the attached questionnaire to share your ideas or requests for more information about federal government supports. You can mail it postage free or send it in digitally by scanning the QR code.

My responsibility as your Member of Parliament is to keep you safe, supported, and informed. I am happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

As always, if you would like to make an appointment or need any assistance, please contact our office at (519) 578-3777 or email us at Tim.Louis@parl.gc.ca.

Kind regards,

Tim Louis

Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga

I want to recognize that Kitchener - Conestoga is situated on land that is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People.

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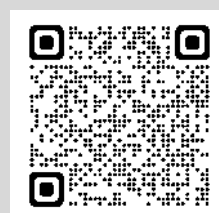
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I also want to bring the following to your attention:

If you would like to submit your response digitally, scan below:



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Ottawa Update

Heritage Committee



Safe Sport in Canada

As a member of the Heritage Committee, I am part of a study to review how we can hold sports organizations accountable for protecting athletes from abuse.

I have heard from athletes, parents, and coaches, all wanting to improve the current systems. We are working on setting up a framework that will make sports safer for all participants in Canada.

As parents, we are as dedicated to protecting our children as they are committed to their sports. Participation in sports provides numerous benefits for children of all ages; improved physical health, socialization, and character development, to name a few. Sports should create a safe and supportive environment that fosters a child's growth, setting them on a path to a healthier and more fulfilling life.



Soccer Canada

In a separate study, we heard testimony from players of Canada's Olympic Women's Soccer Team, including team captain Christine Sinclair.

Members of this gold medal-winning team are looking for pay equity and equity of resources and support. Ahead of the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand this summer, they seek the same backing the men's team received before last year's World Cup in Qatar. The men's team earns five times more than the reigning champion women's team. The Heritage committee seeks to highlight these inequities and advocate for change.

Women athletes inspire and empower young girls by breaking down barriers and challenging gender stereotypes. Women athletes demonstrate the strength, discipline and resilience needed to succeed through their achievements.

A Battle For Local News

In Kitchener-Conestoga, our community stays connected through our trusted local newspapers like the Kitchener Citizen, Waterloo Region Record, New Hamburg Independent, Woolwich Observer and the Wilmot-Tavistock Gazette. These credible news organizations deliver essential information with a local lens that can't be found in national newspapers.

For years, local newspapers have struggled to stay afloat in the digital age as many people turn to online sources for their news. This has resulted in a decline in print circulation and ad revenue for many newspapers, making it difficult to sustain their operations.

Tech giants like Google and Facebook have profited immensely from using local newspaper content on their platforms. By using algorithms to display news articles and related content, Google and Facebook have been able to drive traffic to their sites and generate significant ad revenue.

It's only fair that these tech giants share a portion of this revenue with the local newspapers whose content they use to attract readers. This revenue could go a long way in helping local outlets survive and continue to provide quality journalism to their communities.

Our government has introduced Bill C-18, the Online News Act, to support journalists and level the playing field between digital platforms and news publishers. This legislation will require tech giants to fairly compensate publishers and journalists for the content shared on their platforms.

With Bill C-18, the government does not decide who gets money or how much they get. C-18 promotes voluntary commercial agreements between digital platforms and news outlets. It is not a government bail-out for publishers. Some opponents of Bill C-18 claim it will lead to censorship and restrict free speech. These claims are simply not true. The bill does not restrict access to news content or limit free speech. Instead, it aims to ensure that local newspapers are compensated for their work and that the digital marketplace operates fairly.

In response to this proposed legislation, now being studied in the Senate after passing in the House of Commons, Google has begun restricting access to news in Canada, blocking the news we see online. Facebook says they will block news content in Canada on Facebook and Instagram if C-18 passes. This is unacceptable. Their threats send the message that Google and Facebook would instead prevent Canadians from accessing news than pay their fair share of ad revenue to newspapers for using their content.

News content is not free. Canadian publishers must be adequately compensated for their work as they deliver essential information to benefit our democracy and our communities. Those who financially benefit from Canadian news must also contribute to it.

I will continue to advocate for supports to local news outlets. And I will always support quality, fact-based, independent, and local Canadian journalism.

Ottawa Update

Agriculture Committee

Food inflation remains stubbornly high, and we are all feeling the pinch when we head to our local grocery store. There are several global issues affecting food prices including pandemic disruptions, the war in Ukraine, the climate crisis, supply chain issues and labour shortages.

As a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, we are undertaking a study on inflation in the food supply chain and the cost of groceries going up. Increases in grocery prices are outpacing the overall rate of inflation. Food is the third largest expense for Canadian households, and because food is a fundamental need, households have less flexibility to reduce their spending in this area compared to others.

Our committee has heard from the Competition Bureau about their role in ensuring fair practices in the grocery sector. Prices have shown a tendency to be asymmetric or "sticky," with adjustments to increases occurring faster than decreases. In other words, prices go up fast, and come down slow.

Food prices play a critical role in determining the affordability and accessibility of food, which in turn affects food insecurity and health outcomes. When food prices rise, lower-income individuals and families struggle to afford nutritious food.

We are also working towards a Grocery Code of Conduct - Canada is creating a governing body to oversee the industry and create accountability. This code will add transparency and certainty, and ensure fair dealings throughout the sector, protecting our independent grocers and farmers. Australia and the United Kingdom have imposed similar codes, and Canada is one step closer to joining that list.



Citizen Spotlights



I met Jonard and Benjie at my Family Day Weekend Free Skate at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in Elmira.

They are newcomers from the Philippines, and this was their first time being on skates!

They had a fun afternoon and did not fall once - something they were apprehensive about.

They shared their experience landing in Toronto, seeing the CN Tower, and seeing snow. They also had some wise words about their key to enjoying life: travelling, and trying and learning new things.

Our community has made them feel at home here, and it's nice to make new friends, both on and off the ice!



I met 13 year old Mariana Guerrero when I visited the martial arts dojo she trains in.

Since starting karate at the age of 6, Mariana has competed and won over 15 gold medals.

This past summer she competed in her first international contest for sparring at the Junior Karate Pan American Championships in Mexico. Once again, she stood on the podium with Canada's only gold medal.

To prepare for the PanAm Championship, she trained up to 10 times per week with her new trainer, Canadian karate expert Hamoon Derafshipour.

Mariana's future is bright, whatever path she chooses. Her goal is to be number one in the world. We are already proud of her.

Health Care

As Canadians, we value our universal public health care system. Health care is one of the top issues I hear about in discussions with our community.

I have had many conversations with health care workers in Kitchener-Conestoga who spend their time making a difference in others' lives. I have heard from our students who are passionate about starting a career in health care and the educators who proudly train our healthcare workers of the future. I have heard from people who are waiting for surgeries that have been postponed or cancelled and from families who don't have a family doctor or nurse practitioner.

Our health care system, and the workers who uphold it, are under enormous strain and need immediate action to deliver better care for Canadians. Our federal government has met with all 13 premiers to discuss the issues surrounding our healthcare system. One priority unanimously agreed upon is ensuring access to healthcare based on need, not on the ability to pay.

That's why we are investing almost \$200 billion over the next ten years into improving the healthcare system.

This plan includes: making sure Canadians have access to family doctors and nurse practitioners; supporting the people who power our health care system and reduce backlogs; helping people get mental health care and substance use supports; and ensuring your health information is available to you and your health providers - so you get the best quality care.

Our government will keep working to create a better and safer future that ensures access to health care is based on need, not on the ability to pay - a future where all citizens of Kitchener-Conestoga can access the supports and services for their health and well-being.



Affordability



Canada Child Benefit Tax

Tax-free support to families up to \$5,903 per child age 6 through 17; and \$6,997 per child under the age of 6.



Old Age Security

Increases OAS by 10% for seniors aged 75 and older - up to an extra \$766 this year.



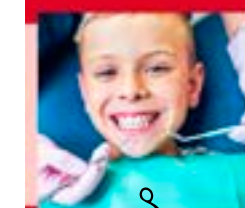
Child Care

Cuts child care fees by an average of 50%, saving families up to \$6,000 per child each year.



Multi-Generational Home Renovation Tax Credit

One-time tax credit provides a 15% tax refund on home expenses up to \$50,000 to accommodate a family member, to a maximum of \$7,500.



Canada Dental Benefit

Gives parents up-front, direct payments totalling up to \$1,300 per eligible child under 12 to help cover the costs of dental care services.



Federal Student Loan Support

Provides upfront grants, cancels interest on student loans, eliminates student loan payments for grads making less than 40,000 a year.

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