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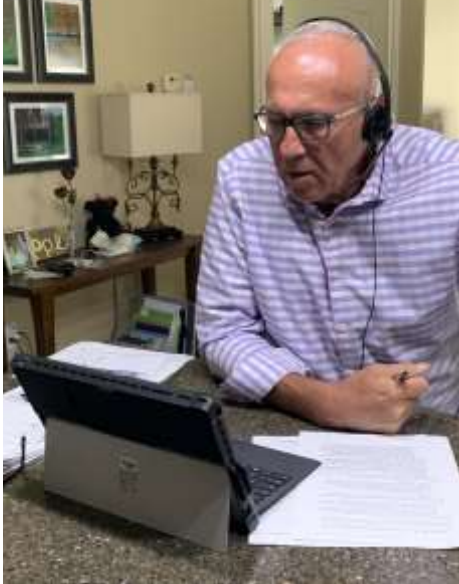
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Participating in one of my many Virtual Townhalls

Virtual Townhalls Proving Popular

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced businesses in every industry to rethink how best to interact with their customers, and a Member of Parliament's office is no different. Normally in the summer I attend many community events, parades, rodeos, festivals, and gatherings which allow me to meet constituents and hear their issues and concerns.

This year, I have taken my tour online, hosting virtual townhalls in communities across Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner. These sessions have been well received and the feedback is important to help me best represent the residents of the riding.

Depending on continued COVID-19 health restrictions, my office will consider further virtual townhalls in late fall, 2020.



Proroguing Parliament Spineless Liberal Move

The escalating twists and turns of the WE Charity scandal reveals the depth of deception the Trudeau Liberals are willing to plunge. Canadians forget.

Influence from the highest levels of cabinet, including the prime minister's office to several top ministers and staff from varying departments, pressured civil servants to carry out a plan to reward WE Charity with a \$43-million of taxpayer funded money. This organization was tasked with managing a near-billion dollar support program for students, which they had absolutely no experience in providing. To think Liberals actually thought Canadians wouldn't be paying attention to such interference is absurd, yet obviously they did.

With multiple parliamentary committees making investigative headway exposing layers of government cover-up and deceit, Trudeau in all his typical arrogance used the power of his office to prorogue parliament. This was done to avoid accountability for a train wreck of his own making. Unbelievably, in the midst of a major health and economic crisis, when Canadians are looking for stability and leadership, Trudeau has given us corruption and chaos and now, a disgusting attempt to make

Fortunately, Trudeau's move to prorogue came a day too late, as parliament's Finance Committee's earlier request for all documents related to the Liberal's WE Charity decision was fulfilled. Over 5,000 memos, e-mails, planning schemes and charming personal notes of platitudes between ministers and the funding recipients, albeit heavily redacted, are now in the scrutiny of the public domain.

Proroguing during a time of crisis can only backfire for the Liberals. By the time parliament resumes on September 23, the meticulous dissection of these government records will be complete. The full context of Trudeau and company's deceptive undertakings will rightly have gained momentum and they will have wished they had faced truth and consequences during the summer calm.

Locking out Opposition MPs, who were working hard to fix this government's pandemic programs, is a spineless move for Trudeau. Hiding will not solve the problems Canadians are experiencing right now. We deserve better.

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WE CHARITY

Liberals Caught in Tangled Web

"Oh what a tangled web we weave when we first practice to deceive." How can one person - a leader of a great democracy no less - get into as many quagmires as Justin Trudeau? Is it intentional for attention? Does he just not think things through? Or, does he actually believe he can do whatever he chooses, without repercussions because of who he is? If his well-documented past misconduct is any indicator, evaporating no matter how grievous, I'm convinced of the latter.

The WE Charity scandal however, rewarding friends and political backers with a taxpayer-funded \$912-million grant project, of which they would be paid handsomely for their efforts to implement, crosses all ethical boundaries. The reciprocal connections between the WE organization and the Trudeau family so blatantly contravene Canada's Conflict of Interest laws, even the most apolitical individual would realize the time-bomb of such a decision.

Much has been publicized about the WE scandal and Trudeau's involvement. He, along with multiple ministers and senior officials have testified before the Finance Committee examining what appears to be a clear picture of corruption at the highest levels of government.

Yet, these leaders are blaming the civil service

tasked with developing the paid volunteer program. How ridiculous! Bureaucrats follow direction. They do not sign-off on billion dollar programs.

Testimony made by many witnesses including the prime minister, is that substantive government action was required during the pandemic. But, it was the Liberals who shutdown Parliament, deliberately curbing debate that would have put the best aid programming options to a parliamentary vote.

The Liberals ignored the fundamental elements, which in the WE Charity case would have curtailed a disaster before it ever gained ground, simply by acknowledging the connection between the organization, Trudeau and his family. The Liberals weren't just blind to this fact, they deliberately ignored the obvious.

During the early stages of the health crisis, many of the government's proposals were impulsive and lacked forethought. It was the Conservatives who forced the Liberals to hammer out critical details before COVID-19 funding legislations came to votes during emergency House of Commons sittings.

Democracy demands accountability. "When governments fear their people, there is liberty. When people fear their governments, there is tyranny." - Thomas Jefferson

CANADA/US BORDER

Border Closure Causes Confusion

Since the closure of the Canada/US border, my office has received hundreds of letters, emails, and phone calls from worried constituents impacted by the ban on non-essential travel. Unfortunately, the government's mismanagement of Canada's border policy has created more confusion for Canadian travelers. On August 14, it was announced that the closure would extend to September 21, 2020. The US Department of Homeland Security has also significantly limited Canadians' ability to cross the border.

While the situation at the border is constantly changing, there are several things we recommend when considering whether to cross:

- Contact the CBP and CBSA at the Ports of

Entry you plan to use for crossing and explain your situation to them

- Have a plan in place for self-quarantining on both sides of the border and be ready to present your plan to officers should you be asked
- Consult the latest travel information from each country for most recent updates

Contact information for both agencies can be found on their respective websites:

CBSA: <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca>

CBP: <http://www.cbp.gov>

If you are affected by the closure, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

OUT AND ABOUT



I was pleased to present a new Canadian flag to the Stubers of Medicine Hat, in preparation for Canada Day.



In Bow Island I participated in the Kids Virtual Summer Camp.



Connecting with the Mennonite community for an interview translated into Low German.



Despite the government's refusal to allow Parliament to sit, I took the opportunity to ask firearms-related questions at June's Special Committee on COVID-19.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Advancing the Needs of Canadians Critical

After the 2008 Global Economic Crisis, there was no doubt that Canada had a recovery plan. The Economic Action Plan was plastered everywhere. Conservatives rapidly shifted spending to get shovels in the ground and put people back to work through economic stimulus.

Having balanced the budget and run a surplus for a number of years, Canada was in a good fiscal position to make smart investments and leave Canada better off in the long term. We expanded ports, invested in energy projects, restored aging infrastructure, paved roads, expanded universities and colleges, and put more money into training and skills development.

All these opportunities require Justin Trudeau to put his ego aside and advance the

needs of Canadians. To date, we have yet to see him do that. So the best plan for all Canadians might be to get a new approach and leadership for Canada – a plan to get rid of Justin Trudeau.

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nities are held up by Liberal policies that suppressed jobs and growth before 2020.

Wasteful spending and huge deficits during economic booms, legislation to destroy our energy sector, and trade barriers to the agriculture sectors could be turned around by reversing the Liberals’ ideological policies. Ending the “No More Pipeline Act” could ignite our massive energy sector, create tens of thousands of jobs, and billions of dollars in new investments.

Ending political blockades of agricultural products in China, India and other countries could help our farmers. Eliminating taxes like the carbon tax and the small business tax grab would put money back into workers and small business operators while lowering costs to Canadians.

GETTING BACK TO WORK

Duties Continue Despite Lack of House Sitings

Like all Canadians, federal Members of Parliament have largely been working in their constituencies since mid-March. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the House of Commons was suspended to protect the health and safety of Canadians. Although the House recently began running less than a third of all committee meetings virtually, this is in no way a replacement for what Parliament can and must do to serve Canadians going forward.

In the meantime, provinces are easing

health restrictions, and residents here in Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner and Canadians across the country are returning to their places of work. So too must the House of Commons.

This is not a partisan issue. This is about whether or not a democratic country like Canada should have a functional Parliament. But the other parties don’t seem to understand that. Justin Trudeau is focused on replacing Parliament with press conferences. He wants an audience, not

an Opposition. That is absolutely unacceptable.

The Prime Minister must not be allowed, as he has tried in the past, to use this crisis as an excuse to undermine the role of Parliament and avoid oversight, accountability and transparency. Parliament is essential and it must be fully restored.

In the meantime, my office remains open serve our residents. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY USED ANY OF THE GOVERNMENT’S COVID-19 SUPPORT PROGRAMS?

- CERB
 CEBA
 Rent Assistance
 CEWS
 Loans/Credit
 Other

HAVE THESE PROGRAMS BEEN HELPFUL?

- Yes
 No, Didn’t need or access help
 Some help, but not enough
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SURVEY RESPONSES

Majority Let Down by COVID Response



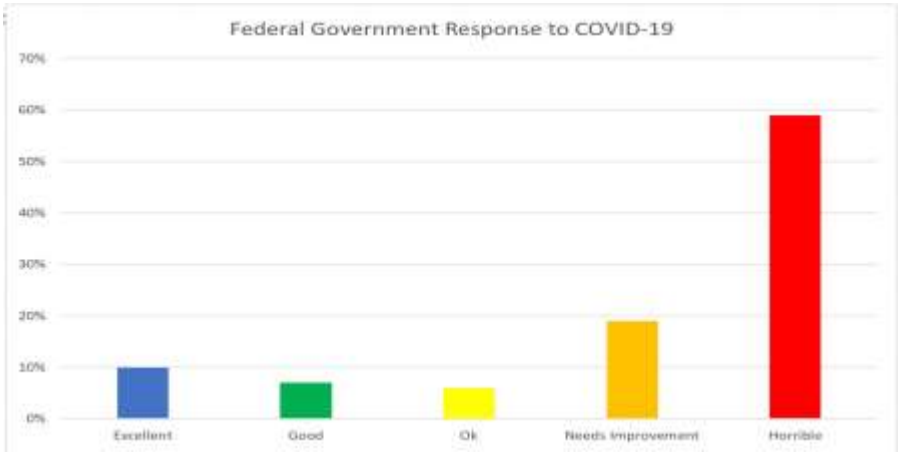
Each newsletter I send out includes a question that helps my team and I focus our efforts on representing your interests and concerns in Ottawa.

Our last newsletter asked the question:

"In your opinion, how did the federal government handle the COVID-19 crisis?"

Roughly 60% of respondents indicated the government had done a horrible job, while only 16% were supportive of the government's response. This is also reflected in the correspondence we've received from constituents who have experienced countless issues in accessing the economic and financial benefit programs that were put in place to supposedly help Canadians weather the pandemic.

In early 2020 we also put out our annual Budget survey seeking to know what our communities need and what I should be pressing for in the Budget. Among the questions included was your expectations for the year ahead and how you and your family were managing under the current taxes, rules and policies of the Trudeau Liberals. These responses from before the onset of COVID-19 and the government-led shutdown of the economy suggested there was limited optimism, and many people were concerned. 77% of respondents were struggling,



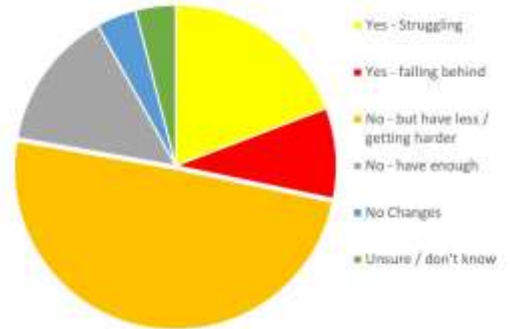
falling behind or had less than before. Nearly half of people before the pandemic thought the year would be worse than last with just one in four (22%) hoping for a better year. It's safe to say that we are all worse off today than a year ago.

Many people were concerned: From the question of whether you and your family were struggling, falling behind or had less than before. When most people were not better off heading into the crisis, it made the road back to prosperity in our communities that much harder.

Entering 2020, most people in our communities were already concerned about the coming year. When asked for their expectations for 2020, nearly half of people before the pandemic thought the year would be worse than 2019.

Across southeastern Alberta, in various communities (rural and urban), across all age groups, Canadians were worse off entering the pandemic. We will keep fighting the Liberal policies that set Canadians back and push for a recovery plan that works for everyone.

Pre-COVID: Are you struggling to pay your bills?



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