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CANADA IS NOT OKAY

As goes small businesses in Canada, so goes our economy. When small and medium sized companies, who make up half of all jobs, start to fail, the domino effect is significant.

The debate in Ottawa for the last eight months has not been about whether to spend, but where, how much, how quickly, and how to do so efficiently.

In opposition, the role is to find the issues and pressure the government to address them. In a crisis, there are many problems all at once and the noise of questions, recommendations and demands blurs from outside. There have been many MPs across all parties bringing the same issues to light. Methods and media may differ, but the challenges our community faces are shared by many other across the country.

Canada is not ok. But it can be.

I won't get into what I saw as a slow and underwhelming response to COVID. Before the pandemic, we had unaddressed issues like poverty, rising crime, drug addiction crisis and ideological new laws that hurt the West. We had falling home ownership, higher youth unemployment, and half of Canadians reported being close to financial trouble.

With that weakened foundation, COVID hit us hard. Industries like agriculture, energy, construction and forestry that sustained us through the 2008 crisis were already decimated. Our lack of manufacturing capacity left us at the mercy of China – a merciless communist regime.

Politicians have been listening – but Ottawa has been too slow to react. Since September, we brought daily pressure and attention to a lack of

rapid testing. Tests that can mean sending children to school with peace of mind, restore businesses to more normalized operations, improve border screening and more. On October 2, the first rapid tests were approved, and millions of shipments have started arriving.

Thousands of small businesses that provide the jobs which sustain our economy are in precarious positions. If we lose these businesses, we lose our economy. The debate in Ottawa has not been if we should spend, but where and how. While some received quick support, others were left unprotected and unsupported. Calls for changes and fixes to programs have finally begun to roll out.

The rent relief program was a disaster – with all power in the hands of landlords. The program was quickly promised, slow to roll out and get going, and left many unable to get the support. The program expired last month and like the emergency response benefit, expired without its successor in place. The promised successor program was only delivered last week and is being reviewed by Parliament.

Chambers of commerce and small business groups have been seeking improvements to address those companies left out. A Conservative motion supported by all opposition parties passed in the House despite the Liberals being opposed, ending CRA's audits of every wage subsidy during the crisis. Surely this is not the time for witch hunts. It also supported calls from business groups like the Chambers to restore the wage subsidy and improve the rent program – companies, especially in hospitality, tourism and travel have seen significant losses. We know employers and workers con-

tinue to need support.

We have learned over the last five years that ideological tinkering with jobs and the economy will not help our long-term growth. Hindering our economic engine does not improve our outlook. There is no green energy sector without our current energy sector.

I hope we have also learned that oppression or ignoring the needs of any Canadians harms all Canadians. Whether it is mental health, poverty, or addiction – the cost of inaction is always greater than action. A government acting for the common good builds-up all communities, families, workers and employers. It does not have to be either / or. We cannot measure policies on stock prices and Bay street judgement alone but need to understand the impacts on main street.

The common good needs to be our mission – the good of our companies, the good of our employees, the good of our neighbourhoods, and the good of our families. It will take the community – this community of business leaders, the community of our great city of Medicine Hat, the community of our riding, the community of Alberta – and the community of a strong and united Canada. As Erin O'Toole recently said in Toronto – "It is up to all of us. The leaders on this call and your thousands of employees – let's re-dedicate ourselves to this country."

In the short term, my priority is the critical jobs that sustain our communities across Medicine Hat Cardston Warner. I will keep fighting for the Canada and for the government our community deserves.

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IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Trudeau Liberals continue to mislead Canadians with their misguided gun ban plan. Ignoring the actual problem – criminals – and targeting law-abiding firearm owners will not make our communities safer. During his appearance at the Public Safety Committee, I asked Minister Blair and the Liberals to be honest with Canadians. The Liberals' plan to protect Canadians is failing. They spend billions more, but the results are terrible: violent crime, shootings and homicides are all up across Canada. Keeping our communities safe requires results – no amount of Liberal spin will make our communities safer. I asked the Minister to stop spinning his wheels and start protecting Canadians.

Here is what my friend, founder of the One-By-One youth program, and former Toronto gang leader Marcell Wilson had to say:

I am a frontline worker in Toronto's most marginalized communities. Everything Mr. Motz is saying is right on the \$\$\$\$. As one of my mentors always stresses "We are not underserved, we are poorly served". I see amazing people and organizations out there who have ideas, solutions and who are trying yet receive no meaningful support. On the other hand, I see people and orgs out here who are getting hand outs from "friends" and doing nothing!! This also happens because they are good at selling the perception of efficacy. Our communities, needed a political champion. What's happening here is Mr. Blair is attempting to blur the lines between gun and gang crime and gun control when



there is very little correlation (the data to back this is astronomical). This has been happening for far too long now, as people in my communities continue to die and the City is held hostage. Thank you Mr. Motz for knowing the difference and fighting for it.

You can watch the videos here:

<https://youtu.be/dktnF1RPIsE>
https://youtu.be/JOIGwqPWk_g

A Stronger, Smarter, More Inclusive Canada

While Canada's Conservatives continue to flex our parliamentary muscle holding the federal government to account on its questionable decision-making, the Liberals persist in making a mockery of our democracy: Proroguing parliament in the midst of a pandemic to stop a deep-dive examination into ethnic failures and corruption is a clear example. Blocking committee work with irrelevant speeches and redacted documents hinders transparency. Declaring a legitimate Opposition motion as 'non-confidence' & risk an election if passed, is unwarranted obstruction, bordering on dictatorship.

With its uncontrolled spending, debt, that will burden generations to come, and with no plan to address unemployment, foreclosures, or any other post-pandemic fallout, the Liberals are a disgrace and are sacrificing Canada's future in exchange for self-preservation. Canadians, however, are increasingly aware that the Liberal spin is detrimental to our country's prosperity and our individual successes. Canada is not okay and Conservative leader Erin O'Toole has thrown down

the gauntlet – a roadmap that inspires hope by getting Canada back on track.

We know that the pandemic has caused unprecedented fiscal and social upheaval. We are facing more than a health crisis. Canada is facing its greatest economic crisis of our lifetime. Difficult times call for unprecedented measures, including deficit spending. This is not new, as during times of war, the Great Depression, and more recently in response to the 2008 financial crisis our government led the charge in rolling out a responsible smart stimulus package. However, it will take much more than government handouts to get Canada back on track. Before the pandemic even hit we know half of Canadian families were just \$200 away from insolvency. Middle-class Canada is struggling. We have been betrayed by elites on every level: political, financial, and cultural - whose values are centered on unchecked globalization and political correctness.

Balance has been lost. Today's power is in the hands of a few corporate and financial elites, happy to outsource

jobs abroad in the name of cost-savings, benefitting shareholders and not Canadian workers. Canada prospered through capitalism and free enterprise. It brought liberty to millions and raised the global standard of living. Conservatives understand Canada is a community, not a corporation. The rate of unemployment is the most relevant economic indicator for the average Canadian family, not GDP growth. Our country needs policies that build solidarity, not just wealth.

Policies focused on the core units of society - family, neighbourhood, and nation. As Erin O'Toole has said, "The well-being of Canadian families is at the core of strong communities that in turn build a strong and prosperous country. Our goal must be the Common Good of all Canadians: The conditions which allow people ... to reach their full potential." Canadians need a government built on certainty and stability. Under O'Toole, Conservatives have a vision for Canada: to "build back stronger, smarter, more inclusively."



Habitat for Humanity Provides New Homes

This past month, Habitat for Humanity broke ground on two new homes for families in Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner. Habitat builds homes through the help of community volunteers, corporate and government contributions, and the “sweat equity” of the family who will live in the home.

They bring the community together to help lift others to better lives. Many volunteers say that helping build the home lifts their own lives as well. The Medicine Hat Re-Store is a major part of this success – making reusable materials available for home projects while generating cash to pay for new homes.

A new home means stability, a reasonable mortgage, and better quality of life for these families. These projects are proof that change is driven – not in Ottawa but in and by the community. Habitat – and many similar charities



I was pleased to join the groundbreaking of two new homes sponsored by Habitat for Humanity for deserving Hat families.

– are a model this Parliament should take to heart – the tweets and Insta-



gram posts in Ottawa do not replace those back home working hard to get the job done.

Volunteers and charities across the riding are supporting many Canadians in this challenging time – and rising to do more – for more people. Thank you to Habitat for Humanity, community sponsors – who are making life better for people in Medicine Hat.



OUT & ABOUT



Filming a segment for Wild TV at my office in Medicine Hat



I celebrated Small Business Week by showing support for the many small businesses that are so critical to our community

CONSTITUENT FEEDBACK

Please mark the answer to the questions below:

What do you think should be Parliament's priorities, and what do you think Parliament should not spend time on?

- Security, Crime, Public Safety
- Jobs & Sustaining our Economy
- Health Care & Seniors Care
- Social Programs, Poverty, Addictions
- Inclusion & Equality
- Rising Costs and Taxes
- Climate Change
- National Defence, Veterans
- International Trade, Access to Foreign Markets
- National Unity, Western Alienation

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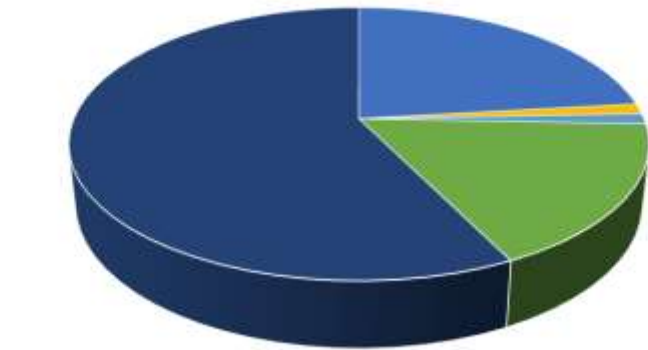
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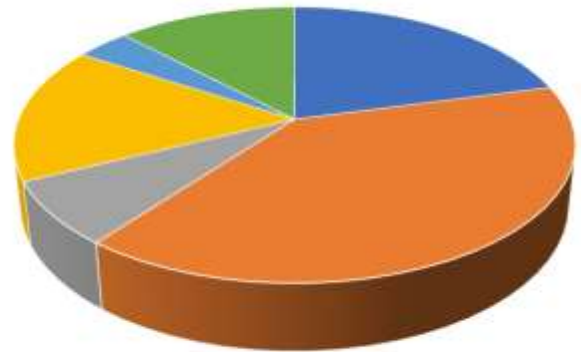
Below are the survey results from our previous questions. These answers help me better represent the issues and concerns of the constituents of Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send me their feedback.

Have you or your family used any of the government's COVID-19 support programs?



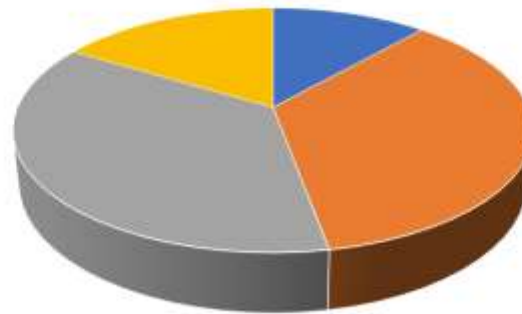
■ CERB
 ■ CEBA
 ■ Rent Assistance
 ■ CEWS
 ■ Loans/Credit
 ■ Other
 ■ No Answer
 ■ No, did not qualify

Have these programs been helpful?



■ Yes
 ■ No, did not need to access help
 ■ Some help, but not enough
 ■ Other
 ■ No Answer

How Effective are Conservatives at Holding the Government to Account and Representing the Concerns that are Important to You?



■ Very Effective
 ■ Somewhat Effective
 ■ Not Effective
 ■ Unsure

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