

What do you feel are the most important issues facing residents in Perth—Wellington?

- Rural issues/agriculture
- Carbon Tax
- Crime/Community Safety
- Environment/climate change
- Cost of living/housing affordability
- Health care
- Other:
- Immigration
- Debt/Deficit

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Your comments \_\_\_\_\_

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*75th Anniversary of D-Day*

*June 6, 2019 will mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.*

*If you know someone who is a veteran of the conflict, I invite you to let me know as there are often special commemorations and events organized to observe anniversaries such as this.*

*I would be happy to keep you informed.*

*Please contact me by telephone at 1-866-303-1400 or email john.nater@parl.gc.ca*

# AROUND PERTH—WELLINGTON

1. Touring BTE Transport in Listowel with my colleague Kelly McCauley, MP for Edmonton West 2. A fun morning judging at the Heart & Stroke Foundation's annual Heartburn Day in Stratford 3. I had a wonderful time visiting with residents at Hillside Manor and handing out roses at their Valentine's Day Wine and Cheese Social 4. Thank you to Lana and Andy for the tour of the new Stratford Perth Rotary Hospice, a much-needed facility for our communities 5. Checking out the Kinsmen Drayton Farm Show 6. Speaking with the grade 12 political science class at Stratford Central-always a pleasure hearing from students who are so engaged 7. Lots of green at the Annual Listowel Paddyfest Parade sponsored by the Kinsmen 8. Raising the Crime Stoppers Flag in Mount Forest



## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

Over the course of the last few months I have enjoyed attending a wide variety of community events, and meeting many constituents who willingly share their thoughts and concerns regarding issues of importance for themselves, their families and their communities.

Through meetings with stakeholders, small businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and many individuals, I know the economy continues to be on the top of everyone's mind. I continue to hear that issues surrounding a shortage of labour, including skilled labour, as well as an uncertain economic future are having a significant effect on families and small businesses.

I was disappointed the recent federal budget did little to benefit the people of Perth—Wellington. Federal budgets have the opportunity to make life better for Canadians. Unfortunately, this budget was little more than a document of distractions. It failed the agriculture community by not addressing the shortcomings of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. What's more, this year's deficit will top \$19.8 Billion, with little to show for it. Canadians were

promised small, temporary deficits to finance infrastructure investments. But after three and a half years, we see limited infrastructure investments despite ever-ballooning deficits.

I continue to focus much of my efforts on securing better infrastructure funding throughout the riding, and I have also prioritized the need for reliable, high-speed internet. Broadband is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity both for families and for businesses.

It is very important for me to hear your thoughts, ideas, and concerns on the many important issues facing you today. I hope you will take a moment to share your thoughts through the response form included in this newsletter.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance on any Federal matter.



### Interim House of Commons Chamber

When Parliament resumed in January following the winter recess, MPs took their seats in the recently renovated West Block, home to the interim House of Commons Chamber. This chamber will be in use while Centre Block undergoes extensive renovations and rehabilitation, estimated to take ten years.

West Block, one of Canada's most significant heritage buildings, opened in 1865 and initially housed the various government departments of the Province of Canada.

The new Chamber sits in the West Block courtyard space, surrounded by the stone walls of the heritage building. The courtyard provided the considerable space needed to meet the House of Commons' functional requirements.

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MP JOHN NATER INTRODUCES PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL  
**Bill C-424: Better Protection for Vulnerable Canadians**

Last year our community was shocked when we discovered an individual who was employed to work with children and people living with disabilities had pleaded guilty to the crime of obtaining sexual services for consideration.

That individual was sentenced to a mere monetary fine and probation. I heard from many constituents who were disturbed by the facts of the case and worried that the most vulnerable people in our society were inadequately protected by the law.

I listened to your concerns and examined a way to address this flaw in our current laws.

On January 28, 2019 I introduced *Bill C-424 an Act to Amend the Criminal Code (sexual exploitation)* in the House of Commons.

If passed, this Bill will increase sentences imposed on individuals found guilty of sexual exploitation of a young person, increase sentences for individuals found guilty of sexual exploitation of a person with a disability, and introduce a requirement that courts consider as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing the fact that the victim of the offence is a person with a mental or physical disability.

Our laws must protect vulnerable Canadians. Anyone who takes advantage of a vulnerable person for sexual purposes must be held accountable.

As your Member of Parliament I will stand up for the most vulnerable in our communities. You can watch my speech introducing Bill C-424 in the House of Commons on facebook and youtube.



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It was an incredible honour to co-host Dr. Donna Strickland on Parliament Hill.

Professor Strickland is the 2018 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics!

She is an amazing inspiration for young Canadians and in particular for young women interested in science!

She also has a local connection: her mom was from Milverton (Township of Perth East)!



**Motion on *Fraud activities against seniors***

I am very pleased to support motion M-203, *Fraud activities against seniors* which was introduced in the House of Commons by my colleague the Honourable Alice Wong. M-203 calls upon the government to (a) recognize the disproportionate effect of fraud activities against the seniors community across Canada; (b) coordinate a national response to fraud activities to ensure that seniors and other vulnerable groups have the resources they need to understand the signs of fraud; (c) establish tangible recourses for victims of fraud; and (d) work with local law enforcement agencies and the Canada Revenue Agency to introduce legislation to combat fraudulent attacks targeting vulnerable seniors.

**Scams targeting seniors: Four of the major scams currently targeting Canadian seniors are outlined below. This information includes warning signs and ways to protect yourself.**

**Prize scams**

Canadian seniors are solicited over the phone, email, through the mail or via social media websites claiming that they are the winner of a large lottery or sweepstake. The Canadian Anti-fraud Centre (CAFC) has received reports where seniors receive a call from an individual who claims to represent "Reader's Digest", or "Publisher's Clearing House". Scammers advise that you have won a prize (cash and car) and in order to receive the winnings you are required to pay a *small* advance fee to cover taxes or legal fees associated to the win. After the fee is paid, no prize is ever received. Scammers target seniors, use their financial information to take over their accounts, which are then used to launder money and proceeds from other mass marketing fraud scams.

**Warning signs - How to protect yourself**

- Legitimate lottery companies will never demand payments before releasing winnings.
- You must purchase a ticket to win the lottery.
- Consumers cannot win foreign lotteries unless they have specifically attended that country and purchased a ticket.

**\*\*\*Beware of counterfeit cheques or other forms of payment the fraudsters will send to help cover fees – such as tax payment, lawyers' fees, customs, etc.**

**Emergency scams**

Scammers use social media, the internet and phones to target potential senior victims with the emergency scam. Seniors receive a call claiming to be a family member or a close friend describing an urgent situation that requires immediate funds. Common themes have been that the family member (e.g. grandchild) was arrested or got into an accident while travelling abroad. Monies are required for hospital expenses, lawyer fees or bail. Usually the potential victim is instructed to send money via a money service business like Western Union or MoneyGram or through prepaid cards, like Green Dot Money Pack, Pay Safe, or other types of gift cards.

**Warning signs - How to protect yourself**

- Confirm with other relatives the whereabouts of the family member or friend.
- Police, judges or legal entities will never make urgent requests for money.
- Never voluntarily give out family members' names or information to unknown callers.

**\*\*\*Always question urgent requests for money.**

**Service scams**

There are a variety of service scams targeting seniors but the most common involves consumers being tricked into having their computer cleaned or repaired.

Scammers call and claim to be a representative from a well-known computer company such as Microsoft or Windows. The scammers will claim that the victim's computer is sending out viruses or has been hacked and must be serviced. The scammer will remotely access the victim's computer and may run programs or alter settings. The scammer will advise that a fee is required for this service and request payment by credit card or money service business. In certain cases, the scammer will transfer funds from the victim's computer through a money service business such as Western Union or MoneyGram.

**Warning signs - How to protect yourself**

- Do not provide personal information on incoming phone calls. Verify the caller.
- Microsoft will not conduct proactive outbound calls for computer repair.
- Never provide unsolicited callers remote access to your computer.

**\*\*\*Request a call back number, verify and do your due diligence.**

**Romance scams**

Scammers steal photos and use dating sites and social media to lure potential victims into sending money for various reasons. The scammer will gain the trust of the victim through displays of affection and will communicate via phone, skype and email for months, if needed to build trust. The scammer will often claim to be working abroad, usually in a lucrative business venture. Eventually the scammer will want to meet with the victim in person. It is at this time that the scammer will inform them that they cannot afford to travel and will ask for money to cover travel costs. Another involves the scammer claiming there is a medical emergency with a sick family member. They will then ask for money to cover medical expenses.

**Warning signs - How to protect yourself**

- Fraudsters want to develop a quick relationship. Be suspicious when someone you have not met professes their love for you.
- Be wary when someone claims to be involved in a lucrative business but needs to borrow money for bills and expenses.
- Be cautious when chatting with an individual who claims to live close but works overseas.

**\*\*\*Do not cash cheques or send the person money for any reason, whatsoever!**

A few of the services with which my constituency office can assist

- ♦ Canada Pension Plan
- ♦ Old Age Security
- ♦ Guaranteed Income Supplement
- ♦ Canada Child Benefit
- ♦ Employment Insurance
- ♦ EI—Maternity/Parental Benefits
- ♦ EI-Compassionate Care Benefits
- ♦ Canada Revenue Agency
- ♦ Goods & Services (GST)/Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)
- ♦ Passports
- ♦ Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC)
- ♦ Legislation before the House of Commons



Government Telephone Numbers

- ♦ Government of Canada Directory (All Departments) 1-800-622-6232
- ♦ Service Canada 1-800-277-9914
- ♦ Employment Insurance 1-800-206-7218
- ♦ Canada Revenue Agency 1-800-959-8281
- ♦ Canada Post 1-866-607-6301
- ♦ Firearms Program (RCMP) 1-800-731-4000
- ♦ Passport Canada 1-800-567-6868
- ♦ Canada Student Loans 1-888-815-4514
- ♦ IRCC (Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship) 1-888-242-2100
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