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AXE THE TAX

April 1st has come and gone, but its ill-effects will be felt for quite some time, like a cruel joke gone terribly wrong.

True to form, Prime Minister Trudeau played a harsh joke on all of us by jacking up the carbon tax by 23 percent.

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Canadians are struggling like never before to make ends meet. They are visiting food banks in droves. Many small business owners have been forced to close their doors due to increased costs, mounting taxes, and the burden of debt. Common sense would say now is not the time for a tax hike.

Every month, my staff and I hear from hundreds of constituents who are struggling to pay their rent, put food on their tables, or fuel up their vehicles. Those living on a fixed income, such as seniors and those living with a disability, are among the hardest hit. People often come into my office with their home heating bill to show me the carbon tax line. The amount is often just as much or more than the actual cost of the natural

gas they used for the month.

Thanks to Trudeau's punitive carbon tax, a typical family of four will pay \$700 more for groceries in 2024 compared to last year. That money could be put toward savings, education, travel, sports, or paying off debt. Instead, it goes to a government that seems determined to punish Canadians for simply purchasing basic necessities.

And it does not stop there. Trudeau insists on going after farmers in a big way. Canadian agriculture is a superpower that sets us apart as a nation that can feed the world, but to Trudeau, producers are simply another source of tax revenue.

While the Prime Minister can pat himself on the back for "doing something" to appease his enviro-activist supporters, he is in fact kneecapping the agriculture

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sector and further punishing Canadians who are already having a hard time feeding their families. Trudeau fails to understand that if you tax the farmer who makes the food and the farmer and the trucker who ships the food, the

tax ultimately lands with the person who buys the food.

It is clear the carbon tax is nothing more than a tax on everything, and the hike is simply an act of selfishness. Politically motivated policies like this are

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crippling Canada's economy and hurting Canadians. The Trudeau Liberals need to axe their attack on farmers and allow them to be the experts in food production so they can continue to feed Canada

and the world.

Trudeau knows Canadians despise the carbon tax, but instead of providing families with the relief they desperately need by axing the tax, the Liberals recently paid consultants to help them "re-brand" it so it would be more palatable.

Canadians waiting in line at a food bank don't care that the Prime Minister wants them to call this useless policy a "rebate" instead of an "incentive payment." They just need their groceries to be cheaper. Talk about out of touch!

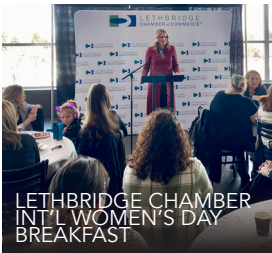
This is just another desperate attempt from the Liberals to distract Canadians

from the misery caused by the current government.

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Only common-sense Conservatives will axe the tax entirely so Canadians can afford to eat, heat, and house themselves.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



LETHBRIDGE CHAMBER INT'L WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST



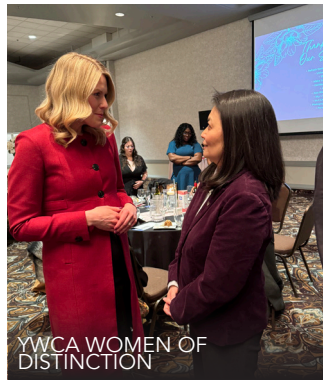
RURAL INTERNET CONFERENCE



MEETING WITH LOCAL DAIRY FARMERS



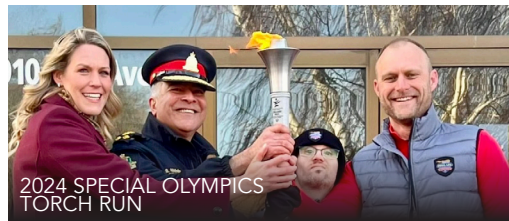
INTERNATIONAL PEACE POWWOW



YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



CONSTITUENT VISIT



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UKRAINIAN FLAG RAISING



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LETHBRIDGE FISH AND GAME BANQUET



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LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE-ADVANCING THE TRADES



BEST OF BUTTE AWARDS BANQUET



FLAG RAISING AT THE LEGION



WELCOME 6th ANNUAL \$10,000 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS



NIGHT TO SHINE



TEAM CANADA 3X3 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM



SCHOOL PRESENTATION

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NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO GOES
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COMMUNITY!

NOMINATE SOMEONE ONLINE
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CATEGORIES:

- YOUTH LEADER
- COMMUNITY LEADER
- BUSINESS LEADER
- NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEADER



NOMINATE SOMEONE BY MAY 17TH

BUILD THE HOMES

Canadians are facing a housing crisis.

Since 2015, the average cost of buying a home has more than doubled. Rather than taking 25 years to pay off a mortgage, people are spending this amount of time to save for a down payment. Meanwhile, rental costs have skyrocketed.

Lethbridge families are paying 10.5 percent more to rent a three-bedroom home than they were a year ago and vacancy rates across southern Alberta are an ongoing challenge.

When it comes to home ownership, young people feel especially desperate and

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are giving up on their dream of owning a home.

It is clear the Prime Minister has failed to fulfill his promise on new home construction. As prices increase and Canadians struggle to access affordable homes,

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he has built bureaucracies that act as blockades, rather than facilitators of this basic need.

The Liberal government promised that their Housing Accelerator Fund would speed up housing construction, but like so many of their failed promises, there is little evidence of progress. Despite the photo-ops and the billions of dollars going to municipalities, the housing minister has admitted that his program "doesn't actually lead to the construction of specific homes," and not a single home has been completed under his leadership.

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To restore housing affordability, Trudeau's own Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation said in September

that Canada needs 3.5 million new homes by the end of the decade, but there is no plan to close this gap.

To move forward, Canada needs fewer government gatekeepers, less red tape, and more shovels in the ground. The solution lies in the industriousness of the Canadian people, not the machinery of government.

Last fall, Conservatives introduced the Building Homes Not Bureaucracy Act, which proposes common-sense solutions to bring down the price of housing in Canada by increasing supply. This would require cities to increase the number of homes being built by 15 percent each year and would tie federal funding to the number of homes cities build. Our plan would also take the GST off home building.

My colleagues and I are committed to fighting for policies that will make affordable housing a reality for Canadians. We will continue to advocate for a common-sense plan to get the gatekeepers out of the way, and start building homes people can afford.

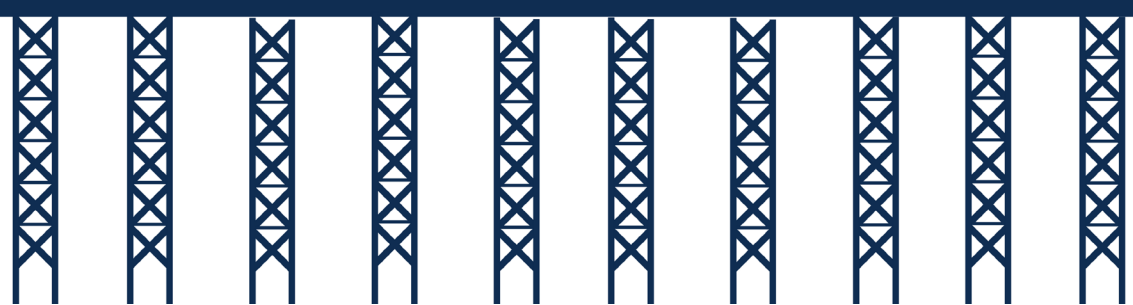
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ON APRIL 1ST THE CARBON TAX WENT UP BY 23%. HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOU THE MOST?

WINTER SURVEY RESULTS

HOW DID YOU CONNECT WITH MY OFFICE THIS YEAR?

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CANADA DAY

SENIORS TOUR

MAIL
EMAIL

HELP W/
FEDERAL AGENCIES

MEETINGS

XMAS OPEN HOUSE

CB AWARDS

PHONE

PANCAKE BFAS

SUMMER PARADES

TOWNHALLS

FIX THE BUDGET

British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, once said “it is good to recall how our freedom has been gained in this country—not by great abstract campaigns but through the objections of ordinary men and women to having their money taken from them by the State.”

Taxation is the government’s only source of revenue. The public purse is filled with money collected from hard working people like you. This is necessary because we have agreed as a society that we value major infrastructure, health care, national security, education, and so forth. It was decided that we would give the government the responsibility of overseeing these provisions.

But what happens when the government fails to rightly steward the responsibility it has been given?

Just as families must manage their budgets to ensure the needs of their households are met, the government must also manage its monetary affairs to ensure accounts are balanced and the country can flourish.

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Whether it is spending \$60 million on the failed Arrive Can App, or devoting hundreds-of-millions of dollars to housing with nothing to show for it, or giving \$150 million to high-priced consulting firms for “strategic advice,” it's clear Trudeau loves to spend your money, but cares little for measuring outcomes. His out-of-control spending has resulted in higher taxes, an enormous debt load, and a massive cost-of-living crisis.

These are real world consequences of Trudeau's reckless decisions. He has no problem spending \$6000 a night on the

most expensive hotel room in London while Canadians struggle to pay their rent.

In eight years, Trudeau has added more to Canada's debt load than all other Canadian Prime Ministers combined. Due to his out-of-control spending, the nation's interest payments are greater than what we spend on healthcare.

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To fix the budget, Conservatives are fighting for two simple things: stop out-of-control taxes and stop reckless spending.

Immediate action is needed. Irresponsible funding and rampant corruption must be stopped. At the end of the day, Canadians are the ones who pay for a broken budget.

The government needs to get out of the way of Canadians and let them keep more of what they earn. Wealth creation and prosperity happen with less government involvement, not more.

Conservatives are committed to fixing the budget by reducing taxes and spending responsibly. We must bring home a country where people can flourish.

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STOP THE CRIME

It seems like every other day another violent crime is making national news. Whether it is a man stabbed on the subway in Toronto, a police officer killed in Quebec, a father stabbed to death in

This catch and release system puts the public at risk. In the eight years since Justin Trudeau took office, violent crime has increased by 32 percent and gang-related murders have doubled.

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Starbucks, or a young mom killed while dropping her children off at school, the stories are endless.

After eight years of Justin Trudeau and the Liberal's catch and release bail system, Canadians feel increasingly unsafe going about their daily lives. My heart breaks for those who have lost loved ones in such senseless acts of violence.

Our communities feel less safe, and the Liberal government is doing nothing to stop it. In fact, they are making it worse. Under the current government, violent

level since 2007.

And while violent crime is by far the most concerning, rural crime continues to intensify, and car theft is out of control. In fact, the federal Justice Minister has had his government vehicle stolen three times in as many years. Car thefts are up 300 percent in Toronto and 100 percent in Ottawa and Montreal. It was not like this before Trudeau. The explosion of car theft is costing everyone—not just those in the major centres. In 2022, for the first time ever, car theft cost the insurance industry more than \$1 billion, meaning everyone has to pay more each month.

What happened to change our once-safe communities into havens for dangerous criminals and operating grounds for

Justin Trudeau's dangerous catch-and-release policies have unleashed crime and chaos in our communities. Bill C-75 allows repeat offenders to be released on bail within hours of arrest, who often go and promptly re-offend. Police are powerless to stop career car thieves. After offenders have been convicted, Trudeau's reckless Bill C-5 allows house arrest for these criminals, even those with a long rap sheet. This means they can just walk out their front door, and immediately be on the streets again, stealing cars and terrorizing our neighbourhoods.

Despite the hard work of law enforcement within our communities, they face the discouraging reality of arresting the same offenders over and over again because criminals get released back onto the streets without due process. This has to change.

A Conservative government will curb this soft-on-crime approach and ensure jail, not bail for repeat offenders.

It should not take the Justice Minister's car being stolen three times to realize there is a problem. The numbers are clear, and they represent Canadians who are being harmed by the result of the current government's failed policies.

It is time to stop the crime and bring home safe communities.

"A recent report by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute found that Canada's violent Crime Severity Index is at its highest level since 2007."

offenders are thrown back onto the streets, sometimes in the same hour as their arrest.

organized crime?



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NEW YEAR**

