



Summer 2016

Dear Constituents,

I was honoured to be elected as your Member of Parliament for Perth—Wellington in last Fall’s general election.

Throughout the campaign I listened to and heard not only your concerns, but also your hopes for yourself, your families, this riding, and the country as a whole.

Since the election, I have continued to seek your input. I have enjoyed travelling throughout the riding from the tip of Wellington North to the corners of Perth South attending events and meeting many of you. I have spoken with parents, small business owners, farmers, seniors, and all nine municipal councils in Perth—Wellington. I have brought your hopes and concerns to the attention of my colleagues on all sides of the House of Commons.

The Spring sitting of Parliament examined and debated many important issues including the 2016-17 Federal Budget, amendments to the *Income Tax Act*, medical assistance in dying, and several private members bills, all of which have the potential to impact the people of Perth—Wellington.



In the riding I have assembled a knowledgeable and experienced team who are all available to assist you. I have two constituency offices located in Stratford and Harriston. If you have an issue with a federal department or agency, please contact one of the offices and my staff will be happy to assist you in any way they can.


I am proud to call this riding my home and I consider it a privilege to serve my constituents to the very best of my ability. As your Member of Parliament I will be working every day to serve your interests and those of the entire riding. I am open to hearing all of your ideas and concerns and I am available to discuss them with you. The more constituents I hear from, the better I will be able to represent your views in Parliament.

I look forward to meeting many more of you this summer as I take in the fairs, festivals and other events throughout the riding.

Finally, I wish everyone in Perth—Wellington a safe and happy Canada Day!

Sincerely,





With my wife Justine at my Swearing-In Ceremony,
November 16, 2015



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<p><u>BUDGET 2016</u></p> <p>The Liberal Government chose to present a Budget which is not only out of balance, but it is also out of touch with the people of Perth—Wellington and of Canada.</p> <p>I conducted pre-budget consultations in my riding. I contacted a variety of stakeholders including, economic and business organizations, charities, service clubs and every elected Municipal Official in my riding. After carefully considering the feedback I wrote a report of my findings and sent it to the Minister of Finance. Unfortunately the concerns of my constituents are not reflected in this budget.</p> <p>Bill C-14 (medically-assisted dying) has generated a great deal of comment and very strong, personal feelings from constituents and medical professionals on both sides of the issue. However, conspicuous by its absence in this budget was any funding to support palliative and long-term care services. Providing the highest quality of continuing care at what is perhaps the most stressful and demanding time for patients and their families is desperately needed and should be a priority for this government. I was disappointed to see this is not the case.</p> <p>The people of Perth—Wellington expected the Government to show restraint in their spending. They do not want massive deficits and they do not want to see runaway increases in the national debt. Yet the Liberal Government has already broken their promise to limit their deficits to \$10 Billion and they have no plan to balance the budget by 2019. Rather than choosing to pay down the national debt they have chosen to add \$113 billion to it over the next five years that Canadians will have to pay back for decades to come.</p> <p>We can invest in the economy without spending into an unnecessary deficit. Wise spending means making targeted investments to bring about long-term economic growth. Such investments in infrastructure and job creation served our country well for the past decade. The Government should take advantage of low interest rates to pay down the debt, not add to it.</p> <p>This government has broken their campaign promise to small businesses. They said they would lower the small business tax rate to 9%. In response to this budget the President of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said "That promise was broken today as it announced the rate will remain at 10.5 % after 2016. This decision will cost small firms over \$900 million more per year as of 2019."</p> <p>Agriculture is another important issue in Perth—Wellington. It was one thing when the current Liberal Government completely left farmers and agriculture out of the Speech from the Throne, but now they have neglected them in the budget. In the entire 269 page budget, agriculture was given two pages, one of which was used only to explain that the Government is continuing Growing Forward 2 as established under the previous Conservative Government. The second page was used to explain designated money for genomic researchers, not farmers themselves. Farm families in Perth—Wellington and across Canada deserve to know what the government intends to do to support their industries. If they intend to do nothing, they should simply admit it.</p> <p>The Finance Minister spoke at length about infrastructure, yet the budget does not contain specifics when it comes to rural Canada. There is no explanation as to how much of the Government’s infrastructure investments will be designated for rural areas and small communities like those in Perth—Wellington. I have already outlined in letters to the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister and the Transport Minister, that Perth—Wellington has significant infrastructure needs, but we have yet to be given any indication as to what federal funding will be available to our communities. I have heard over and over again from Mayors and Municipal Councillors that they want broad federal transfers which give them the power to prioritize their projects as they see fit. We have not heard that municipalities will be empowered to make their own decisions and I worry municipalities will not receive the funding they need unless they obey strict federal conditions.</p> <p>I could not support a budget which does not support or respect our rural municipalities, our manufacturers, our trades people, our farmers, our families, or our future generations.</p>	<p><u>Bill C-239</u></p> <p>I was disappointed with the result of the vote at second reading on Bill C-239, the <i>Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act</i> sponsored by MP Ted Falk and seconded by myself.</p> <p>I was proud to second Bill C-239 and support my colleague from Provencher. This was an excellent bill that would have supported registered charities across Canada. It was a bill Members from all parties should have supported.</p> <p>Currently, federal tax credits given to Canadians for donations to political parties are significantly more generous than tax credits given to Canadians for donations to registered charities. The <i>Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act</i> was written to amend the <i>Income Tax Act</i> to increase the value of tax credits for charitable donations making them equal to those of political donations.</p> <p>If the Canadian Government is willing to give a 75% tax credit for a donation of \$400 or less to a political party, then it should be willing to provide a similar tax credit for a donation to a registered charity which helps the hungry and homeless, fights a terrible disease, or protects the environment. I agree with the Member for Provencher that the current tax treatment of charitable donations does not reflect our Canadian values. Feeding politicians should not be more important than feeding the hungry.</p> <p>There are many excellent charitable organizations at work in Perth—Wellington and across Canada. By enhancing their ability to seek donations, the federal government could support the great work they do.</p> <p>Bill C-239 was defeated by a vote of 209-103.</p> <p>My speech in support of Bill C-239 is available at:</p> <p> /John Nater</p> <p><u>Do You Need to Renew a Permanent Resident Card?</u></p> <p>A permanent resident (PR) card is the official proof (for non-Canadian citizens) that you are permanent resident of Canada. A PR card is required to show you are allowed to enter and stay in Canada when you return from another country.</p> <p>PR cards are valid for 5 years and require the holder to apply for a renewal. Processing times for renewals can be lengthy (a minimum of 65 days) and therefore if you are planning to travel it is advisable that you apply well in advance of your anticipated departure date.</p> <p>Failure to be in possession of a valid PR card could potentially result in airlines refusing to allow you to board a flight or border agents denying you entry back into Canada.</p> <p>For more information and PR Card renewal applications visit:</p> <p>http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/inFORMATION/pr-card/index.asp</p>
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<p><u>Nater's Jobs Tour 2016</u></p> <p>This summer I will be embarking on a summer jobs tour across Perth—Wellington. I will be meeting with business owners, community leaders and students to discuss their experiences with the Canada Summer Jobs program.</p> <p>The Canada Summer Jobs Program not only provides students the opportunity to gain viable skills and work experience, but also to earn money while continuing their post-secondary education.</p> <p>In early May I had the privilege of informing over 90 local businesses and community organizations across the riding, that their projects had been approved. 182 young people will be working in Perth—Wellington this summer due to funding received through the program.</p> <p>I look forward to meeting with many of these business leaders and students over the summer to gather feedback about the Canada Summer Jobs program. On this tour I also plan to discuss skills training, labour shortages and our aging workforce with Perth—Wellington’s business community.</p> <p>A total of 95 Canada Summer Jobs projects were approved for the 2016 summer, representing 182 positions and a total of \$427,373 in funding.</p> <p>The Canada Summer Jobs Program falls under the larger Youth Employment Strategy of the Government of Canada.</p>

Around Perth-Wellington



I enjoy speaking to students of all ages, like this grade 8 class at Mitchell District High School. Always engaged, they challenge me with insightful questions and comments.

It was great to meet with 4-H delegates from across Canada on Parliament Hill. We should all remember the 4-H pledge.

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty
my hands to larger service, and
my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world



Serving pancakes at the Canadian Dairy XPO with MPP Pettapiece



Official ribbon cutting at the grand reopening of the Palmerston Public Library. A good library always feels like home!



Walking “A Mile in Her Shoes” with MPP Pettapiece and St. Marys Mayor Strathdee. It’s time to end violence against women.



Enjoying Remembrance Day lunch with members of the Stratford Legion.



Grand Opening of Stonetown Artisan Cheese. Small business is a pillar of our economy and one of the best reasons to shop locally.



Leading the heifers with MPP Pettapiece and North Perth Mayor Behrns at the Perth County Junior Farmers Autumn Profile

Make your voice heard

I appreciate hearing from constituents and would like to know your thoughts on matters before the House of Commons. Please rank the following issues in order of importance to you and your family. (Rank them 1 to 6, 1 being most important, 6 being least important)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Reform | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Priorities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> The Economy |

Additional Comments: _____

Contact Information:

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City: _____
Postal Code: _____
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Frequently called Federal Government Agencies

For assistance in locating an agency or program not listed here, call toll-free:

1-800-0-CANADA
(1-800-622-6232)

Canada Revenue Agency
GST Credit 1-800-959-1953

General Tax Return Info 1-800-959-8281

Tax Refund Status 1-800-959-1956

Canada Pension Plan &
Old Age Security 1-800-277-9914

Child Tax Benefit 1-800-387-1193

Citizenship and Immigration
1-888-242-2100

Border Info Services 1-800-461-9999

Canada Deposit
Insurance Corporation 1-800-461-2342

Canada/Ontario
Business Centre 1--800-567-2345

CRTC and the
Do Not Call List 1-877-249-2782

Environment Canada 1-416-739-4776

Visiting Ottawa?

If you are planning a trip to Ottawa and are interested in attending a session of Question Period, please contact my office for more details and to arrange passes.



Information on tours of Centre Block and East Block can be found at:

<http://www.lop.parl.gc.ca/Visitors/visit-e.html>



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Congratulatory Messages and Certificates

I would be pleased to arrange for congratulatory messages for constituents celebrating significant milestones. Please note the requirements below and contact my office to make arrangements.

MP John Nater
♦ Any special Anniversary or Birthday

Prime Minister
♦ 25th Wedding Anniversary and up (at 5-year intervals)
♦ 65th Birthday and up (at 5-year intervals)
♦ 100th Birthday and every year thereafter

Governor General
♦ 50th Wedding Anniversary (at 5 year intervals)
♦ 90th Birthdays and up (at 5 year intervals)

Her Majesty the Queen (birth certificate or marriage certificate required)
♦ 60th Wedding Anniversary and up (at 5 year intervals)

Remembering Bill Jarvis

On Thursday May 12, 2016, the flag on the Centre Block Peace Tower flew at half-mast in memory of the Honourable William H. Jarvis, PC, QC who passed away on April 26.

Bill Jarvis was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 as the Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Perth—Wilmot. Following the 1979 federal election, Mr. Jarvis was appointed to Cabinet as the Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations and was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty’s Privy Council for Canada

He was a pillar of our community and served his constituents admirably in the House of Commons for over 12 years. While Bill Jarvis will certainly be missed, we can nonetheless celebrate his legacy of service.

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