

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

- ☐ Rural issues/agriculture ☐ Environment/climate change ☐ Immigration
- ☐ Carbon Tax ☐ Cost of living/housing affordability ☐ Debt/Deficit
- ☐ Crime/Community Safety ☐ Health care ☐ COVID-19
- ☐ Small Business Issues ☐ Other: _____

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HAVE YOUR SAY

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Your comments



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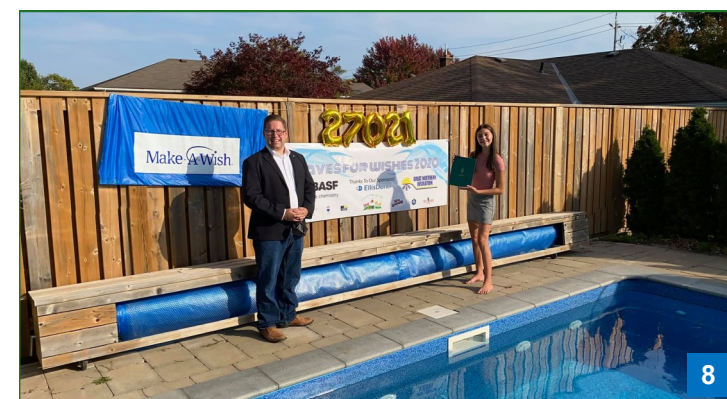
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COVID-19 APP AND SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL



AROUND PERTH—WELLINGTON

1. Thank you to the Li Family and “Help Mask Ontario Initiative” for their generous donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Perth County and its member municipalities **2.** Marking the 75th Anniversary of V-J Day and Victory over Japan in Arthur **3.** Minto Mayor George Bridge and Bob Emmerson joined me to plant one of the maple trees I presented to each of the nine municipalities across Perth—Wellington in celebration of Canada Day **4.** Celebrating National Trucking Week at Woodcock Brothers with Minister Caroline Mulroney **5.** Taking a peek inside Broken Rail Brewing Inc at the old Junction Station in St. Marys where owners Ryan and Erin are preparing to open later this year **6.** McIntosh Farms in Listowel (North Perth) is a great example of local agri-food business owners who pride themselves on selling local products **7.** Mitchell & District Agricultural Society drive-through Pork Chop BBQ! The dedicated volunteers had things running like a well-oiled machine **8.** Congratulations to Julia Notebomer on becoming the youngest person ever to swim across Lake Erie (on her 14th birthday), and for raising \$27,021 for Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario.



FALL 2020



John Nater, M.P. *Perth-Wellington*

Here to Serve



A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

One of my favourite times of the year is late summer and fall as the many agricultural fairs which take place in our rural communities get underway. Sadly we have been unable to come together in person this year to participate in and enjoy these wonderful events.

While we miss the animal shows, baking and craft competitions, musical events, and most importantly, meeting and chatting with our friends and neighbours, it has been wonderful to see how the many agricultural societies and service clubs have organized different events, such as drive-through dinners, fireworks displays, and virtual fall fairs. The dedication of tireless volunteers will ensure that this strong rural tradition will continue in future years.

Over the past seven months we have all experienced the cancellation of not only special events, but also activities in which we used to take part on a daily basis. It is often heartbreaking when important life and family milestones cannot be recognized the way we would like. Births, marriages, anniversaries, and, sadly, deaths are now marked in private or with very small groups.

I want to once again thank everyone who is helping our neighbours and families. I am continually amazed by those who go the extra mile and remind us all that we live in very caring communities.

“Thank you”! Thank you to all the health care professionals who are on the front lines each and every day. Thank you to the first responders who do their duty no matter the circumstances. Thank you to the retail workers, truck drivers, farmers and food processors who are critical to our food and supply chains. And thank you

to each and every person who is doing their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As I have said in the past, there are no perfect solutions to the problems we are facing. I remain committed to working co-operatively and across party lines to do all I can for those affected by COVID-19. One particular priority must be to ensure the widespread distribution of rapid testing. This would be an important step in allowing us to re-open our economy more fully.

I know this continues to be a challenging time for so many people; both economically and socially. Being physically distant from friends and loved ones is not easy and the toll this has had on our local, provincial, and national economies is significant.

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. While my constituency offices have controlled access, please call or email if you require information or assistance.

Take care and stay well.

John Nater

MP JOHN NATER APPOINTED SHADOW MINISTER FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I was honoured to join the Shadow Cabinet under Erin O’Toole’s leadership as Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development. I am excited to serve with him as we present a modern Conservative Party to all Canadians.

Among my top priorities in my new portfolio is rural broadband. Since I was first elected in 2015, I have consistently raised the issue of rural broadband in the House of Commons and directly with the current Liberal Government. Now with COVID-19, reliable high-speed internet is absolutely essential for business, education, healthcare, and keeping families connected.

I look forward to working with organizations, elected officials, and independent internet service providers who are already leading the way in connecting Canadians, and I am proud that many of them are right here in Perth—Wellington.

Infrastructure for rural and small towns is essential for strong communities. We must have formula-based, predictable funding to ensure municipalities are able to invest in the priorities for their communities. This funding must also be flexible so that it can be used for roads and bridges; or water and waste water projects; or any other priority important to the community.

As I have noted since first elected, labour issues, including labour shortages, remain for many local businesses. There must be greater support and resources for small businesses to attract and maintain a viable workforce.



Status of Important Legislation

With the Liberal Government reducing the number of days Parliament was sitting very few bills have been debated or voted on in the past year. As the House of Commons proceeds through the fall sitting in a hybrid-format I look forward to seeing progress on many of the bills that are near the top of the House of Commons agenda.

Bill C-3 - An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code (Sponsor: Minister of Justice) This legislation would enhance education and training for judges on sexual violence and sexual assault law. Bill C-3 is a re-introduction of Bill C-337 from the previous Parliament. Bill C-337 was sponsored by former interim Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose but did not pass the Senate before Parliament was dissolved in 2019.

Bill C-206 - An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (qualifying farming fuel) (Sponsor: Philip Lawrence, MP). This legislation will add natural gas and propane to the list of exempted farm fuels. This would address an issue I have heard frequently from farmers and farm families.

Bill C-208 - An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (transfer of small business or family farm or fishing corporation) (Sponsor: Larry Maguire, MP). This legislation proposes to reduce the taxes and barriers faced by farmers when transferring their farm to a family member.

Bill C-210 - An Act to amend the Canada Revenue Agency Act (organ and tissue donors) (Sponsor: Len Webber, MP). This bill aims to create an option on income tax forms for all Canadians to be included on organ and tissue donor registries. Far too many Canadians die each year while awaiting organ transplants. This is an important step to address this problem.

Bill C-220 – An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (compassionate care leave) (Sponsor: Matt Jeneroux). This Legislation would extend the period during which an employee may take compassionate care leave. It important to provide this benefit to the countless Canadians caring for their loved ones.

BENEFITS

Information on Federal Benefits including COVID-19 benefits, Employment Insurance, pensions and benefits for housing, education, training, family and people with disabilities can be found through the link below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits.html>

Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB): Income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. The CRB is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB): Income support if you must stop work to care for dependents due to closures, high risk and caregiver availability.

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB): Up to two weeks of support if you are sick or must self-isolate due to COVID-19.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS): A wage subsidy for Canadian employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19.

Disability Support: Eligible clients will start receiving payments on **October 30, 2020**.

Shop Local!

Throughout the past few months, it has been encouraging to see new businesses opening their doors all across Perth—Wellington. During the many challenges of COVID-19, this is wonderful news.

Some recent business openings include:

Between the Lines Sports in Listowel

Line-X of Stratford

Lyndsay Bradley RMT, Treasures Thrift and Bargain Shop, and Oranje Grove Dutch Shoppe in Palmerston

Red Express Market in Clifford

And in Harriston, The Café at the Old Post and Real Neat Stuff

In addition to these openings, businesses such as Floral Treasures in Mitchell have been able to expand.

The determination and ingenuity of local entrepreneurs never ceases to impress me!

I encourage everyone to **Shop Local** in order to ensure our small businesses get through this challenging time.



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

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| 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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