



Newsletter November 2023



**Working for You
in Cumberland-Colchester
and on Parliament Hill**

Trudeau backtracks on carbon tax for Atlantic Canadians

The Trudeau Liberals announcement in late October to 'put a hold' on the 16-cents per litre carbon tax on home heating oil for Atlantic Canadians, will be in place until the next election. This change is only a temporary pause to the tax on home heating oil that won't help 97 per cent of Canadians.

As your Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester, I was one of the most vocal voices in the House of Commons calling on the Liberals to Axe the Tax because of its devastating effect on all sectors of our economy. Meanwhile, the Liberal MPs voted to keep the tax on home heating.

The Common Sense Conservative promise is simple. No gimmicks. No temporary measures. We will axe the inflationary carbon taxes for good and bring home lower prices for all Canadians.



Welcome back to my monthly e-newsletter, 'Working For You'. It is a summary of the most important work I have undertaken on your behalf, during October 2023. I hope you find the news items of interest.

Private Members Bill C-323 under study at Finance Committee



My Private Members Bill C-323 to amend the Excise Tax Act, has passed a unanimous vote in the House of Commons and is now under study at the Finance Committee level. Briefly, the bill would eliminate the GST and HST for mental health services administered by psychotherapists and clinical therapists. I am working with my colleagues on the Finance Committee to include an amendment that would add registered massage therapy to the bill.

Full support for lung health lobbyists



I met with Sask Lung President and CEO and VP of Health Promotion and Government Relations in Ottawa. Together, with the Lung Health Alliance of organizations across Canada, we are advocating for a smoke-free generation, and protecting youth against the risks of vaping.

Truth and Reconciliation ceremony held at Millbrook First Nation



More than 1,000 people of all ages participated in the recent Truth and Reconciliation ceremonies at Millbrook First Nation. It was a ceremony for healing, recalling atrocities committed against children at residential schools, dealing with the present, and moving positively toward the future.



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October casework update

Did you know?

Our offices in Truro and Amherst have the ability to assist constituents with a variety of issues, including federal legislative programs. Our team is highly skilled and they work with federal departments to find answers to your questions. Not every case is a solvable one. My guarantee is that the team will work hard on every problem.





Dr. Stephen Ellis
Member of Parliament



Constituency Assistants Holly Miller and Amy Menzies

CASE BREAKDOWN

(open & closed combined)

	Immigration	300		Phoenix Pay System	22		Finance/ Federal Grants	71
	Service Canada	263		Veterans Affairs	36		Federal Complaints	147
	CRA	145		CBSA	8		All Other (Misc)	234
	Passports	62		Health Canada/ Covid-19	118		Total since November 2021	1,406

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They just don't know when to stop

After finally getting out of the misery that was COVID-19, and just as Canadians are struggling to make ends meet, the Trudeau Liberals have once again wasted no time in making you worry about your own health. Watch and listen to the growing number of Canadians concerned about a potential return to mask mandates, as well as the Liberals' senseless war against our natural health products.



MP Stephen Ellis in Cumberland and Colchester



It was a great constituency week with town hall meetings and pop-up offices. Constituents' concerns remain the same: the cost of living, housing and health care! I will take the issues back to Ottawa to fight for you!



Woodlot owner prize hangs on Old Barns tree branch

I had the great pleasure of attending a ceremony to recognize the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables 2023 Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner Award presentation in October.

Woodlot owner Beau Blois and his wife Laura of Old Barns, Colchester County, are this year's winners. The event was held in what is known as Beau's Big Round Barn, a spectacular building that he constructed.

Their property is a mixture of a woodlot that sets an example for sustainable forestry. Beau and Laura also have a black angus beef farm, a rental space for concerts and events, as well as outdoor activities and wildlife habitats.

Forestry is a major economic driver in Cumberland-Colchester and the challenge is to create a renewed industry moving us toward future sustainability, diversity, and innovation. Beau and Laura are perfect examples of this! Well done!



Here I am with 2023 Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Beau Blois.



With me are Natural Resources and Renewables Minister Tory Rushton, left, Woodlot Owner winner Beau Blois and Forester Don Cameron.



Community

It was a pleasure to present ribbons to winners at the recent Cobequid Dog Club Show. One of them was English Bulldog Smooch, who was judged Best in Show, by Canadian Kennel Club's Lee Anne Bateman of Alberta.

The dog handler is Kyle Manuel. Smooch's owner is Sharon Strong of Amherst.

Also with me is my granddaughter Angelina.



Thanksgiving and being together with family is such a wonderful gift!

I had the opportunity this year to spend such a special time with my family. I also hope you had a similar time to spend with your love ones.



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