

*Newsletter December 2023*



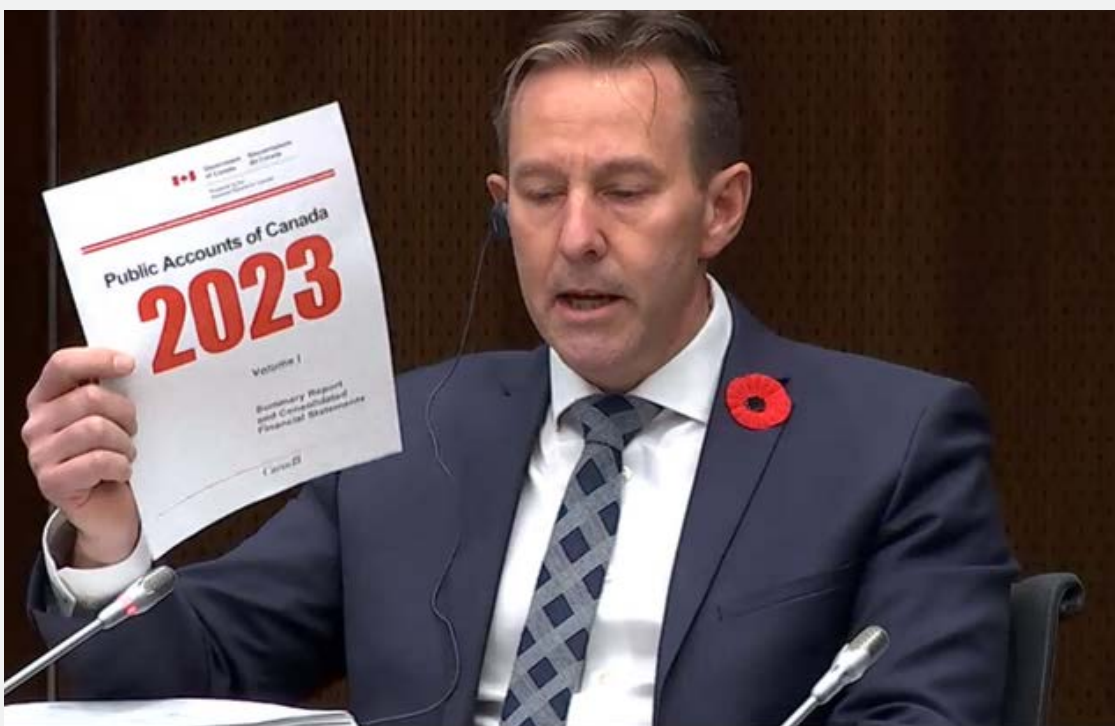
**Working for You  
in Cumberland-Colchester  
and on Parliament Hill**

## **Another day, another Liberal scandal unfolds**

Over the past month, as your Member of Parliament, I have been involved with issues that have cost Canadians hundreds of million of dollars. This is directly attributable to financial mismanagement by the Liberal/NDP coalition.

As the House of Commons Health Committee (HESA) Vice-Chair, I called for and led discussions at an emergency meeting delving into a \$150M loss to Medicago, a company which did not produce any vaccines.

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**STEPHEN ELLIS**

**Cumberland-Colchester, NS**

**Welcome back to my  
regular monthly  
e-Newsletter  
'Working For You'.  
It is a summary of the  
most important  
work I have  
undertaken during  
the past month,  
on your behalf.**

**I hope you find the news  
features and pictures  
to be of interest.**



Drug Overdose - leading cause of death for ki...



Watch on YouTube

# Another scandal

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This procurement contract was never completed – with no accountability for the expenditure.

At issue is the 2020 Liberal/NDP deal with vaccine maker Medicago, partly owned by tobacco giant Philip Morris International. For clear reasons, international organizations refused to accept its vaccine for emergency use in 2022, because it was partly owned by a tobacco company.

Following this development, the company’s majority owner Mitsubishi Chemical Group, announced it was shutting the company down in light of “significant changes” to the vaccine market three years into the pandemic. Not only has the \$150M disappeared, but \$170M in infrastructure costs paid to set up the vaccine delivery system is gone as well!

I have called for the Health Committee to require testimony from the Minister of Health, Minister of Industry and the Auditor General,

I will also seek answers as to why the wasted \$320M is hidden two-thirds into a four-inch thick 2023 Public Accounts Report. The Liberal/NDP coalition knew they were investing in a company that was doomed to fail.

## Drug overdose: Leading cause of death for youth in BC

Canadians are now uncovering the incompetence that exists in our country, as demonstrated by the Liberal government. The Liberals need to decide on what side of history it wants to be judged.

Further, the NDP-Liberal Coalition sponsored drug experiment is the leading cause of death for young people aged 10 to 18 in BC. This is frightful because this is not just in Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal, it’s also in every town and village across Canada.

*Please watch the above video.*



## An apple a day will keep the Grits at bay!



The Conservative Party of Canada Members of Parliament caucus showed solidarity in support of Leader Pierre Poilievre’s TV media interview, where he responded to questions while eating an apple.



## Truro and Amherst

# Foodbanks prepare for Christmas meal needs



I rose in the House of Commons before the Christmas break to speak on Canada's food supply crisis that is smothering the poor, noting the Colchester Food Bank's regular assistance roster has risen dramatically to 1,800 people -- a staggering amount of clients considering the community's size. Across the country, two million people use food banks every month. Canadians are reaching out to all of our offices in record numbers about the fact that they can no longer make ends meet. The carbon tax, out-of-reach housing rental and mortgage costs have seen Canadians unable to feed themselves, house themselves and keep the heat running.



Colchester Food Bank Executive Director Shelly DeViller

In speaking with Shelly DeViller, executive director of the Colchester Food Bank, preparing for the Christmas rush has been softened somewhat thanks to a recent food drive that realized \$74,740 and 17,742 pounds of food. Clearly, this reflects efficiencies of the local food bank, and at the same time we need to recognize that last year 613 Christmas dinner packages were supplied. This season, Shelly expects at least 700 orders, consisting of a turkey and all the trimmings, at a cost of approximately \$60 each, for a total of \$42,000.

The money doesn't go far, and the need for continued support is essential, enabling the Colchester Food Bank and the Amherst Food Bank to make it through the slow donation periods of January and February.

In Cumberland, the Amherst Food Assistance Network Association acts in conjunction with six area churches, providing Christmas Cheer to just under 400 families. That's about 20 per cent higher than 2022.

Executive Director Charlotte Ross tells me the churches have their individual plans, and the food bank supplements them with supplies delivered by Feed Nova Scotia.



Amherst Food Assistance Network Association Executive Director Charlotte Ross, with MP Stephen Ellis

I believe that the people of Cumberland-Colchester are extremely generous. We take care of each other. So, as the Holiday Season nears, I urge all constituents to reach out to support our food banks.

Especially during the Holiday Season, my family and I thank for your support. We are all in this together, working toward making Cumberland-Colchester a better place to live and prosper. I am honoured that you have placed your trust in me.

Thank you.



# Liberals are out of ideas and out of time

On November 21st, the Liberals tabled their Fall Economic Statement and Liberal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and the Prime Minister of Canada for removing the GST and HST from psychiatric services such as psychotherapists and mental health counselors.

The idea was in my Private Members Bill C-323 almost word-for-word, a piece of solid legislation that had received Second Reading in the House and is waiting for study by the Finance Committee.

Clearly, the Liberals are out of touch, out of ideas and out of time.

I wrote in September, “According to Health Canada statistics, the services of a psychotherapist or a mental health counsellor are just as important to the health of Canadians and their families as those of a nurse or family doctor. Bill C-323 would remove the federal tax from those services to relieve some of the financial burden placed on them by the Liberal government.”

Bill C-323 is an excellent piece of legislation, so good that the Liberals recognized a bill that they could reconstruct as its own, figuring no one would notice!

This is the way Trudeau and the Liberals work – by practicing plagiarism!

## Spotlight

# MP Stephen Ellis and the youth connection



I was pleased to meet and discuss about how our country is governed to high school students at the Colchester Christian Academy’s Global Politics class. I was impressed with the group’s insights into Canadian and international politics.

## COMING SOON!



# Opioid crisis is real

The Trudeau government's policy of dispensing free drugs to addicts has created an underground resale drug industry. Monetary profits are being made through sales of these easy-to-access and free opioids.

A Conservative government would immediately put an end to dispensing free drugs, and transfer the money to create addiction centres that would treat drug users.

The Health Committee tried to address the urgency of opioid overdose crisis at the committee level.

*For details, please watch the video.*



# No more MAID expansion

Justin Trudeau is giving away opioids to addicts, free of charge, as his solution to the drug epidemic in Canada.

The Liberals want to extend Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) to drug addicts. It is nonsense to continue to allow the expansion of medical assistance in dying, for a procedure which that was designed for those who had uncontrolled pain and with a reasonable foreseeable death. *For the full report, please watch the video below.*



*I attended four southern Ontario town halls at the end of November, gathering public opinion regarding MAID. There will be a report in the January's e-Newsletter.*



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# Back In The Day



What a great pleasure it was to meet Ulrich and Carol Rath alongside my colleagues MP Jake Stewart (left) and MP Terry Dowdall. The Raths are two of his constituents. Mr. Rath wrote Question Period queries for the late Hon. Robert Stanfield! It was interesting to hear his perspective of what QP was like back in the day! I thought it fitting to have a photo taken in front of the West Block painting of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, who held the office from 1957 to 1963.

# Cumberland-Colchester

## November 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	322		Phoenix Pay System	24		Finance/ Federal Grants	79
	Service Canada	269		Veterans Affairs	38		Federal Complaints	147
	CRA	1515		CBSA	8		All Other (Misc)	246
	Passports	62		Health Canada/ Covid-19	119		Total since November 2021	1,465

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## Ale's well

Two Islands Brewing in Parrsboro celebrated its fifth anniversary recently. I hope congratulations came pouring in.



## Boston Christmas tree stops off in Cumberland-Colchester

Nova Scotia sends Boston a Christmas tree every year, in appreciation for its immediate disaster relief, that brought medical personnel and supplies to Nova Scotia within hours of the December 6, 1917 Halifax Explosion.

This year, the tree came from The Gourley Family of Stewiacke, here in Cumberland-Colchester!

I was pleased to attend a Christmas tree send-off ceremony in Amherst, before the truck embarked on its trip to Boston.

The explosion devastated northend Halifax, killing nearly 2,000 people and leaving thousands more injured and homeless.

## Inaugural Truro Raceway Diamond Classic



It was the last race of the season at the Truro Raceway. I was pleased to present the trophy for the first ever \$50,000 Inglis Jewellers Diamond Classic to Chip of Evil, driven by Corey MacPherson and trainer Eddy Doucette representing the Inarush Stable of Kensington PEI.



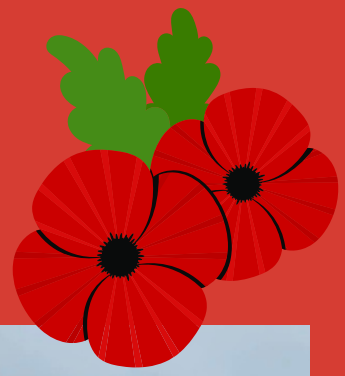
## Coldstream Clear Brewery turns on the taps in Truro

What started as a small Nova Scotia dream has turned into a thriving business of over 120 people. Coldstream Clear coolers the top selling coolers in Nova Scotia.

The business is open in the Truro Industrial Park.



# Remembrance Day in Cumberland



# Remembrance Day in Colchester



JOIN US FOR SOME  
CHRISTMAS CHEER!

# Open House



HOSTED BY: STEPHEN ELLIS  
MP FOR CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER

Monday, December 18, 2023  
Truro Constituency Office  
40 Inglis Place  
Truro NS  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
Amherst Constituency Office  
35 Church Street  
Amherst NS  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

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