

## NEWS FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, CHRIS LEWIS



MP Lewis spearheaded a campaign to thank front line workers. 400 gift bags were assembled and delivered to front line workers. Also, fresh produce was donated by DelFrescoPure to nursing home workers in Kingsville, Harrow and Amherstburg.



Chris Lewis standing with small business owners from Kingsville and Leamington, in a rally on June 30<sup>th</sup>, as they ask for help from the government.



MP Lewis proudly attended the Unifor Local 195 press conference, on June 13th, in support of the great workers of Essex.



### CHRIS LEWIS, MP JULY 2020

Across Essex businesses and workers are returning to work and adjusting to a new normal. Efforts to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic have been largely successful and we can now begin restoring our economy while respecting the public health agency recommendations.

As your Member of Parliament, my staff and I have been working hard, here in our community, to connect constituents and businesses with the various federal support programs over the past few months. Thousands of residents have contacted my office seeking support navigating the various financial and health resources provided by the federal government. Others have contacted me to



express their concerns with shortfalls in the Ottawa Liberals' response to the pandemic and I have worked to bring these concerns forward to the government Ministers and civil servants to ensure that your voice, the voice of proud Ontarians, is represented in Ottawa.

I am inviting you to please send me an email at [chris.lewis@parl.gc.ca](mailto:chris.lewis@parl.gc.ca) with your thoughts on needed changes to the federal government's response to support citizens and businesses in Canada. I encourage you to follow my Facebook page, [\*\*facebook.com/chrislewisex/\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/chrislewisex/) for important updates.

Thank you again for entrusting me with the honour and privilege to represent you in our Parliament.

### What Issues Matter in Essex County?

Protecting Rights for Legal Gun Owners	Repealing the Carbon Tax	Shoreline Protection	Cut Red Tape for Small Businesses
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## SENIORS

## A greater role for non-profits in long-term care

*Canada's political leaders are being forced to seriously rethink how we approach long-term care*

**GARNETT GENUIS, MP**  
JUNE 2020

The NDP have called for an end to private-sector involvement in long-term care, saying that, "It is time to remove profit from the care of seniors." Less private-sector involvement is, of course, the solution to every problem if you are a social democrat.

Beyond the issue of potential market failure, I think the political left are onto something with the idea that we want those providing compassionate end-of-life care to be motivated by goodwill and a desire to uphold the dignity of their patients, not by a desire to earn money. There is something genuinely noble about their stated ideal of sincere and pure motivation.

The problem with this ideal in practise, though, is that there is no reason to believe that socializing services actually changes the motivations of those involved in providing them. People are going to make money providing seniors care, whether those people are private or public administrators. There is no good reason to presume that public-sector workers are inherently more altruistic or civic-minded than private-sector workers. While private operators are constrained by budgets imposed by shareholders, public operators are also constrained by budgets imposed by governments.

## HEALTH

## The coronavirus exposes the need for compassionate palliative care

**JEREMY PATZER, MP**  
JUNE 2020

A critical conversation that needs to come out of the COVID-19 outbreak is the need for quality palliative care. Prior to COVID-19, the Liberal Government presented Bill C-7 before the House, which was intended to determine the safeguards surrounding euthanasia.

One of the many concerns I have with Bill C-7, however, is that it does nothing to address palliative care. COVID-19 has put long-term care and palliative care under the spotlight, with around 80 percent of COVID related deaths coming from care homes. We have all heard the horror stories of what has happened in Quebec and Ontario where care homes have failed to provide patients with proper care and many seniors are left to die with no loved ones at their side.

While some provinces have revised visitation protocols for end-of-life situations, many hospitals and long-term care homes are still

A fully public system would require a lot of money to be spent on senior managers and administrators, who would no doubt be at least partially motivated by the good salaries they are earning. Socialization does not guarantee pure motivation.

Unlike the classical liberal or democratic socialist route, the classical conservative approach to this problem would be to look to history for guidance on how to design a system that upholds human dignity, while building strong communities through voluntary acts of solidarity and goodwill. In that vein, it's worth remembering that most of our health-care system was at one time administered by religious orders that were full of people who had taken vows of poverty. Personal and spiritual factors were the predominant motivations for those who had explicitly sworn off material comforts.

As we debate the path forward, there is a lot to be drawn from both the classical liberal and conservative traditions. I hope to see a broader and deeper discussion around long-term care, in which governments are engaged, but also seek to be constructive partners with non-governmental actors, especially the full range of not-for-profit organizations.

*Garnett Genuis is the MP for Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan.*



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forbidding access to loved ones, even with personal protective equipment. Many people are left wondering why we can crowd around in a Walmart or Canadian Tire, but we are not able to sit in with our loved ones and be with them in the final days of their life.

No amount of FaceTime or telephone calls can replace the physical touch and proximity our seniors need and crave. In fostering an

## RECONCILIATION



## Honour Sergeant Tommy Prince on the new \$5 Bill

**TOM KMIEC, MP**  
JULY 2020

The Bank of Canada has decided to put a new face on the five-dollar bill and are accepting recommendations for great Canadians worthy of consideration. A group of conservative MPs are suggesting Sergeant Tommy Prince—a great Indigenous Canadian who embodies duty, courage, bravery, and patriotism.

After joining the Canadian Army at age 24, Sergeant Prince became a founding member of the elite 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and the Devil's Brigade during the Second World War before going on to contribute to the stalwart defence of Hill 677 in the Battle of Kapyong during the Korean War. Sergeant Prince's eleven medals make him the most decorated Indigenous war veteran in Canada.

Join me in calling on the Government of Canada to make a statement in support of reconciliation by honouring Sergeant Tommy Prince, Canadian war hero, on the new five-dollar bill. Visit [www.HonourTommyPrince.ca](http://www.HonourTommyPrince.ca) and add your voice.

improved quality of life at the end of life, it is important to be with the dying, to share their burden, and to love them.

For these reasons, I urge all provinces to consider implementing less restrictive end-of-life visitation protocols. Everyone deserves the dignity of saying goodbye to their loved ones, even in the midst of a global health crisis.

In the words of New Brunswick's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jennifer Russell, it is possible to "provide compassionate access for loved ones while continuing to protect those at greatest risk." While health and safety must continue to be our top priority as we fight COVID-19, we can do better as a society by adding compassion to care.

In attempting to preserve life, let's not disregard quality of life, as it becomes increasingly clear that the latter can have a significant effect on the former.

*Jeremy Patzer is the MP for Cypress Hills—Grasslands*

# Canada loses bid for UN Security Council seat

TOM KMIEC, MP  
JUNE 2020

Trudeau and the Liberal government recently suffered a humiliating loss at the United Nations by finishing third in balloting for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. It wasn't just a loss for the Liberals, but it was a loss exacted on Canadians.

But let's be frank about what this bid actually was, a vanity project for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government.

When the Liberals were first elected in 2015, they announced to anyone who would listen that Canada was back. Somehow Canada was in darkness or backward, and now it was finally looking forward. Nobody really bothered asking: back from where?

It wasn't clear from the beginning how the UN security council seat fit into Canada's overall 'we're back' message. I never found a clear, concise, or explicit explanation of how the Liberal government planned to use this UN position to further the

interests of Canadians. I also could not see how this Security Council seat would advance Canada's national interests. We lost to Norway and Ireland and we got trounced in the vote totals.

We know this much, the United Nations is a dysfunctional institution rife with corruption and increasingly pushed into absurd policy positions by autocratic states.

Don't believe me? Look at the series of irrational and, in my opinion, often anti-semitic resolutions made against the State of Israel. Israel is often picked out for a human rights violation or perception of one from a crowd of serial human rights abusers. It has gotten so bad at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) that the United States left in June 2018. You need only look at the UNHRC's current membership and leadership to realize the success of most of those nations represented on its governing body must be related to their overall abuse of human rights.

Why would Canada want to take a leadership position at the apex of this dysfunctional organization? To change it from the inside? If this was the reason, why was it never an explicit reason for the bid?

Trudeau and the Liberal government sold out Canada's national interests. There was never an ally we could not offend, or a principled position we would not abandon in the name of securing votes from member states we'd usually be directing terse criticism towards.

Trudeau tried to win a non-permanent security council seat, running solely on Canada's good name and past achievement without offering principled foreign policy based on current global realities. The Government of Canada should be focused on advancing Canadian interests abroad. We have lost precious years in re-establishing our foreign policy objectives and I for one am glad this vanity project and distraction is finally over with.



JUNE 24, 2020: Fitch Ratings stripped Canada of its AAA credit rating citing the poor fiscal outlook and deficit spending.

## FINANCE

# Canada's credit rating downgraded from AAA

*Fitch Ratings downgraded Canada to 'AA+' status*

Fitch has stripped Canada of our AAA credit rating. The ratings agency cited the poor fiscal outlook and deficit spending of the Liberals. The independent Parliamentary Budget Officer has estimated that the Liberal's federal deficit could hit \$256 billion this year. Remember how the Liberals said they would run small deficits of \$10 billion for a few years and that budgets balance themselves?

**CHRIS LEWIS MP** ESSEX **HAVE YOUR SAY**

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**“LEAVING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN I FOUND IT”**



Miracle 27 Food Drive at Wildwood. The food just kept coming! This initiative across Windsor and Essex County brought in over 2 million pounds of food! More than 10,000 volunteers contributed to the efforts! Thank you to the organizers and everyone involved! Once again we have shown how generous and community-minded our region is! Well done!



MP Lewis visiting Jack Miner Migratory Bird Sanctuary to support them in their banding of seven birds and releasing of many others on the foundation's property. PICTURED: Dr. Amanda Everaert, Chris Lewis, MP and Tim Dobson.

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*same beautiful  
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