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AS WE ENTER 2025 WHAT ISSUES ARE TOP OF MIND FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARDS



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES: EQUAL EI BENEFITS FOR EVERY PARENT

Thanks to the efforts of my Conservative colleagues, Rosemarie Falk and Adam Chambers, Employment Insurance (EI) parental leave benefits are now extended to include adoptive parents and intended parents (such as those using surrogacy) on the same terms as biological parents.

development. Whether through birth or adoption, early bonding helps foster trust, attachment, and stability, which are crucial for a child's well-being and lay the foundation for a lifetime of love and support.

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Before this change, parents through adoption and surrogacy faced a significant disadvantage under the parental benefit system. They were ineligible for the 15-week maternity benefit, which effectively denied adoptive and intended parents of crucial time for formative bonding and attachment with their new child.

The new legislation provides a 15-week EI benefit for adoptive and intended parents. It also makes the necessary amendments to the Employment Insurance Act and the Canada Labour Code, to ensure that workers in federally regulated industries have the job protection they need while taking this leave.

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Bonding with a new child is essential for building a strong, secure relationship that supports emotional

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about having the necessary time with your new child should not be one of them. This change acknowledges that regardless of how a family is formed, the needs of a child must remain the priority. Secure attachments take time to develop, and this provision ensures parents have the opportunity to create those essential bonds.

By eliminating the gap in benefits and creating parity in EI leave, this legislation ensures all parents who have contributed to the EI program are treated equally. It provides critical financial support while they care for and bond with their new child, strengthening families across Canada.

FALL SURVEY RESULTS

RANK THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

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A FRESH START FOR CANADA 2025: REBUILDING THE PROMISE OF THE NATION

As we step into 2025, Canada stands at a pivotal moment in its history—an opportunity to reset, rebuild, and reclaim the promise of the nation.

We stand at a critical crossroads.

Canada was once a beacon of opportunity on the global stage, a country where anyone could succeed, regardless of their background. Hard work and personal responsibility were the keys to success, and the Canadian economy was a model of prosperity. Jobs were plentiful, wages were rising, and Canadians could afford to buy homes in safe, thriving communities. The Canadian dream seemed within reach for everyone.

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We are not at our best. But it doesn't have to stay this way.

As we usher in 2025, Canada stands at a critical moment in its history. With an upcoming election, we face a choice. One path leads to further decline—continued government waste, rising crime, crushing debt, and higher taxes that drain the life out of the Canadian spirit. The other path leads to the rebuilding of the Canadian dream—a Canada where hard work pays off, where homeownership is within reach, and where streets are safe again.

This is the vision that conservatives are committed to. It's the common-sense approach to getting Canada back on track. It starts by uniting this country.

But today, the promise of Canada is broken.

Canadians are struggling under the weight of a corrupt government. People across the country are finding it harder than ever to make ends meet. Rising rent, soaring grocery prices, and sky-high gas costs have stretched household budgets to the breaking point. Simple pleasures like taking a road trip or going on vacation have become distant memories for many.

While Justin Trudeau has spent his time dividing Canadians—pitting one people group against another, one region against another, one language group against another, one religious group against another—our approach is different. Pierre Poilievre's vision for Canada is one of unity, where we come together around a common hope: human flourishing.

And we will do this by returning to the values that built this country. We

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will champion the hard-working Canadians who make this country run—the electrician who ensures that homes have light, the policewoman who keeps our communities safe, the farmer who puts food on our tables, and the grandmother who looks after her grandkids so their mother can work an extra shift to pay the bills. These are the people we are fighting for.

Like any New Year's resolution, this starts by removing what holds us back. And right now, the biggest roadblock is the Liberal government's endless taxation. Our priority is simple: eliminate the carbon tax so Canadians can afford their gas, groceries, and home heating again.

In the fall of 2024, the House of Commons declared that housing in Canada is in crisis. In Lethbridge, housing prices jumped by 16 per cent in 2024. This isn't an isolated problem;

it's a national issue. A common-sense Conservative government will build homes, not bureaucracies. We will tie federal infrastructure funding to housing construction and eliminate the gatekeepers who stand in the way of new developments. We'll also remove the sales tax on new homes under \$1 million, making homeownership more accessible to Canadians.

But the biggest challenge we face is fixing Canada's budget. Just before Christmas, the Fall Economic Statement revealed a shocking \$62 billion deficit, bringing Canada's national debt to an eye-watering \$1.3 trillion. Trudeau has added more debt than all previous prime ministers combined. And when the government borrows, Canadians are stuck with the bill.

A common-sense Conservative government will cap government spending with a dollar-for-dollar rule, ensuring that every new dollar spent is matched with a dollar in savings. This will help lower interest rates and inflation, bringing financial relief to Canadians who are struggling.

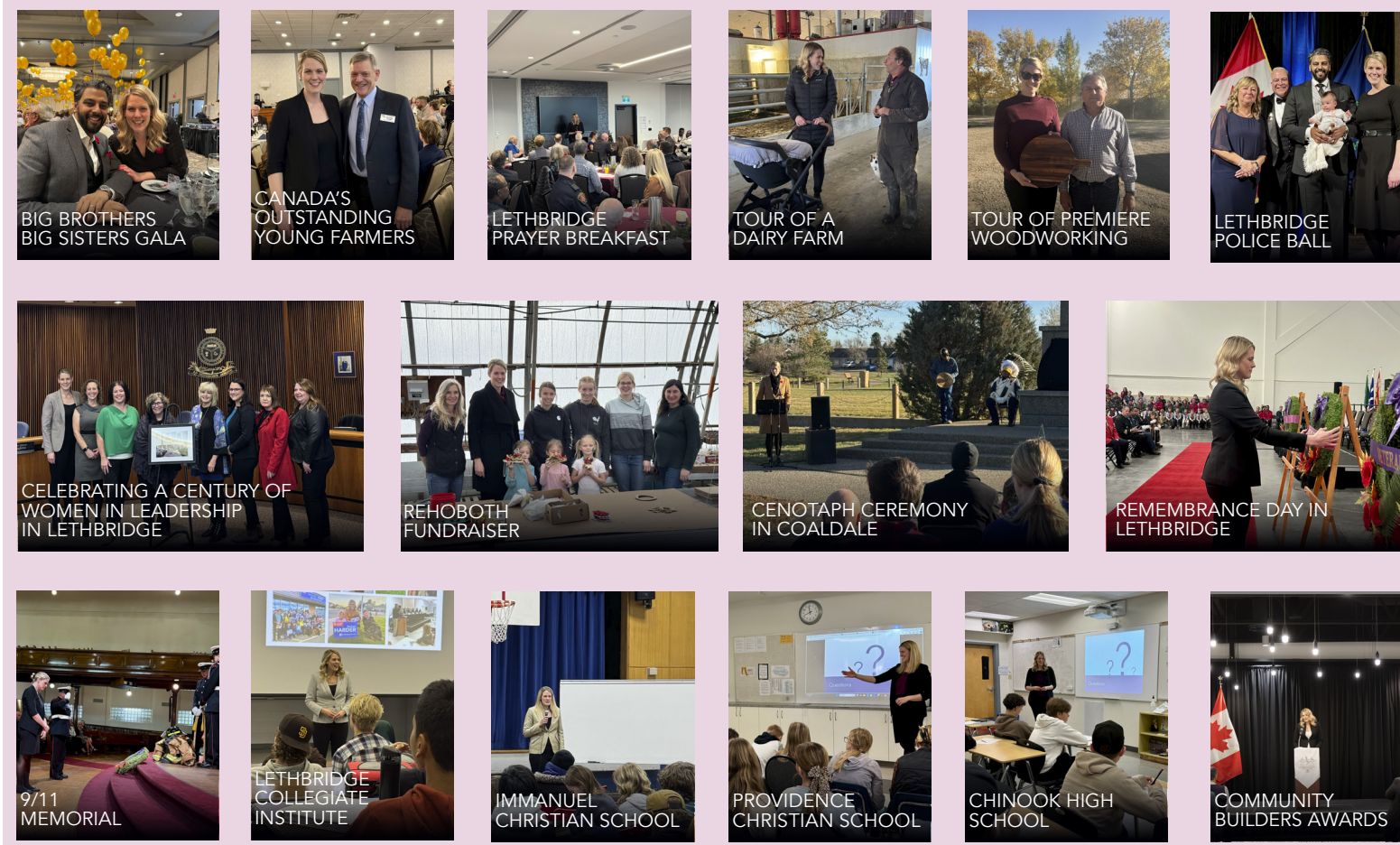
Alongside affordability and housing challenges, we are facing a surge in crime and drug abuse. In December alone, Lethbridge police charged eight people with drug trafficking. Since Trudeau took office, overdose deaths have risen by 184 per cent. This is a national crisis that demands action.

A Conservative government will end the Liberals' catch-and-release policies for drug criminals and reinstate longer jail sentences for those who traffic in drugs. We will also ban the importation of fentanyl precursors to stop the flow of deadly drugs into our communities. This crisis must be addressed. We owe it to our families to make our communities safe again.

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IN THE COMMUNITY



CONSERVATIVE WINS: HIGHLIGHTING KEY BILLS THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

9-8-8 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE: TURNING HURT INTO HOPE

November 30, 2024, marked one year since the launch of the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline in Canada, a major step forward for mental health support in the country.

This achievement is the direct result of years of tireless advocacy, led by Conservatives, with my colleague, Todd Doherty, at the forefront of the effort.

Tragically, Canada is in the middle of a mental health crisis. Every day in Canada, twelve people die by suicide, often because they have nowhere to turn, no one to talk to, and no way of getting help. As Canada's affordability, addiction, and homelessness crisis continue to take a toll on people's mental health, we need to make sure people can access the support they need, when they need it, and with as few barriers as possible.

The 9-8-8 hotline provides Canadians with this vital resource, offering immediate and confidential access to trained professionals in times of crisis. By simply dialing 3 numbers, anyone in Canada can have this support at their fingertips, 24/7, and free of charge.

This initiative represents a new chapter in mental health care, one where barriers to support are reduced and help is only a call away. No matter where you live in Canada, or your socio-economic status, Canadians will be able to access critical mental health services, turning a moment of pain into hope.

As we celebrate this anniversary, Conservatives echo our commitment to improving mental health resources and supporting all Canadians in their time of need. I look forward to championing common-sense solutions like the 9-8-8 hotline which can turn hurt into hope and make a real difference in people's lives.

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However, we didn't get here overnight. Conservatives passed a motion unanimously in the House of Commons, calling on the government to establish the 9-8-8 hotline. Three years after this Conservative motion passed, and after tireless advocacy from Conservative MPs, the hotline was finally launched on November 30, 2023.

CONSERVATIVES HOLD LIBERALS TO ACCOUNT ON FAILED DRUG POLICIES: A HOPEFUL PATH FORWARD

After nine years of Justin Trudeau's leadership, the disastrous Liberal-NDP experiment of decriminalizing hard drugs has only fueled crime, chaos, and tragedy.

Since the Liberals took power, 42,000 Canadians have died from drug overdoses, with fentanyl involved in 82 per cent of those deaths.

In British Columbia, where decriminalization was implemented, drug overdose deaths have soared by nearly 400 per cent. Public spaces are overrun with disorder as taxpayer-funded drugs are diverted to organized crime, and young Canadians are being lured into addiction. Yet, the Liberal government has refused to act, even when local leaders like BC's NDP Premier, David Eby, called for a reversal of key elements of the policy.

A leaked memo revealed the Liberals wanted to decriminalize hard drugs across the entire country.

In response to this national crisis, Conservatives have worked tirelessly to hold the Liberals to account and advocate for a safer Canada. We introduced Bill C-394, the Stronger Sentences for Safer Streets Act, to reverse the damage done by the Liberals' soft-on-crime policies, such as Bill C-5, which eliminated mandatory jail time for drug traffickers

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Conservatives are also calling for a full end to Trudeau's failed decriminalization experiment and the funding of taxpayer-supplied hard drugs. Instead,

we are focused on restoring hope for vulnerable Canadians by investing in recovery programs, not enabling addiction. It's time to end this deadly experiment and bring safe streets and a brighter future back to Canada. Only Conservatives will put an end to this crisis and fight for the safety of our communities.

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