



WORKING TOGETHER



Colombo Lodge members Costante Munegatto, Joe Stella and Joe Caputo were on the front lines themselves lately, serving up 900 free meals over three days to front-line workers at Royal Inland Hospital and other health-care facilities.

Colombo cares for Kamloops

I paid tribute Monday in the House of Commons to the Colombo Lodge and Italian Cultural Centre, in commemoration of Italian Heritage Month.

Founded in 1914 as a way to celebrate and keep Italian heritage alive in Kamloops, the lodge continues to play a vibrant role in the community today.

They gave away 900 meals over three days in May and June to front-line workers in health and seniors' care, to recognize their tireless efforts through this pandemic.

The Colombo Lodge is also continuing its tradition of offering take-home dinners once a month,



Colombo Lodge manager Roberta Moroni and volunteer Giulia Moroni package up meals to be given away to front-line health-care workers.

with \$5 per sale going toward a featured non-profit.

Last month, "Colombo Cares" proceeds went to Mount Paul Community Food Centre, and June's recipient is Colombo Lodge's Community Granting Program.

Time for a fiscal statement

The Prime Minister's excuses for not being able to provide a fiscal statement are wearing thin.

We need to understand the state of our economy, particularly given the massive spending on programs since the COVID-19 outbreak.

Yet Justin Trudeau and the Liberals assert they can't make an accurate projection of where things are at due to the changing variables of the currently volatile economy.

I disagree. And so does the Parliamentary Budget Officer, who sees no good reason for withholding a fiscal update.

Kevin Page pointed out in a CBC interview on Saturday that the British government has been giving monthly updates since March when it tabled a budget, New Zealand provided a budget in May, the Bank of Canada is able to put together economic forecasts, so why can't the Government of Canada?

No shareholders would allow a company to run this way, nor should the citizens of Canada accept such a lack of financial accountability from their leadership.

It's time to get back to business with a fiscally-accountable, sitting Parliament.