



**WORKING TOGETHER**



*Photo courtesy Peter Olsen*

**TALK ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER!** The Rotary Food Drive in Kamloops surpassed all expectations on Saturday, collecting 70,000 pounds of food for the Kamloops Food Bank. The record-setting volume collected in this annual event will provide food for six months for those in need and filled seven sea cans. Way to go, Kamloops!

## Canada.ca: your go-to tool

Whether you are an individual, business owner, senior or mom-to-be, the best resource for information on federal government programs, funding and current stats on COVID-19 is [canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)

This up-to-the-minute playbook is a powerhouse for constituents with questions of all kinds.

There is a COVID-19 self-assessment tool, a way to sign up for email updates, quarantine guidance, and descriptions of all the financial supports presently being offered by the Government of Canada, including those I outlined in recent newsletters: CERB and CEWS. I encourage my constituents

to get familiar with this solid source.

I had a **resounding response to last week's quest for groups and businesses offering essential services who were in need of a Canada Summer Jobs student. Thank you to all who reached out!**

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## Modified Parliament resumes

Parliament would have normally begun sitting again on April 20, but with the continued need for social distancing to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, a modified spring session is happening.

During this crisis, it is critical that Parliamentary oversight is maintained but also imperative we respect public health directives. I would have preferred a system like the UK: three days with a small group of MPs in the House and the rest joining virtually. However, the current government and opposition parties voted on a different model for Canada.

Thirty-two of the 338 MPs will meet in person on a rotating basis every Wednesday in the House of Commons, with up to two weekly virtual sessions available for members to ask questions of government.

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