

THE WARBURG BUGLE



Village of Warburg A 2020 Review From Mayor Kevin Maine

I would like to start with a big thank you to the citizens of the village. When this pandemic started, I believed you, the people of the village, would come out stronger through your kindness and generosity. As the pandemic became part of our everyday lives, I saw neighbours helping neighbours, checking on each other, buying groceries, picking up mail, and many other random acts of kindness. The community came together in a time of need and continues to help in the fight against Covid.

When we rang in the new year of 2020 we were not prepared for how our world would change so much in such a short time. On New Year's Eve 2020, we celebrated in our homes with friends and families or went out and celebrated in large crowds with total strangers or maybe just an intimate dinner with a loved one. However you rang in 2020, I'm sure your 2021 celebrations were not the same. Many events were cancelled or put off until 2021 but we still had some great things happen in the village in 2020.

With the cancellation of seniors week it was decided to still host our annual dinner with a few changes. We went from holding this event inside with entertainment and socializing to a drive through meal with COVID protocols in place and door prizes handed out. This event was well attended, which proves, as a community, we are able to adjust no matter what comes our way. Other events moved from in person to virtual and some were held in

smaller groups. Canada Day was celebrated with a drive by parade.

We renovated the village office basement and welcomed a nurse practitioner into the village. This was made possible by a Warburg/ Thorsby doctor attraction committee, the Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network, Village of Warburg and Leduc County. The village supplies the office space for her to use, the Care Network supplied the nurse practitioner, and pays her wage through a provincial grant program, and a big thank you to Leduc County for supplying financial support to hire an administrator, this allows her to see more patients. This has become a great success and a great asset to the village. Michelle is in Warburg on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the feedback has been nothing but positive.

With the help of a splash park fundraising committee, the Pioneer Ag Society applying for grant money, and a large donation from a local, long time resident, the splash park was opened. The village looked after overseeing the building of the splash park, comfort station and an 18 stall, full hookup, 50 amp breaker RV park. Money was taken from our recreation and village enhancement reserves and pooled with grant money and donations to make this project possible. When the restrictions are lifted we will have a grand opening for the Mike Gidosh Spray Park, and the nurse practitioner office. We installed a sign at another park that recognizes another longtime citizen of the village.

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-  Senior Safety Line: 1-866-200-1011
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The Legacy Project: Let's Create Your Personal Narrative

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Open to seniors residing within Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta, and rural Leduc County. No referral necessary.

- **Dates:** Fridays, Feb. 19 and 26
- **Time:** 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Location:** online via Zoom
- **Spaces available:** minimum of four registrants, maximum of 15
- **Technology needed:** participants will require internet access by computer, tablet or smart phone
- **Register:** please register by Feb. 5 by contacting Carla at **780-955-4554** or **carla@leduc-county.com**.

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All services are at curb side on the newly constructed & paved 56th Avenue.

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Land is located west of Martin John Deer and Buck Mountain Gas on 56th Avenue.

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Warburg Museum - CLOSED due to COVID-19.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst Branch: Has **Cancelled** the General Meeting that was to be held Jan. 11, 2021. No Bingo's at this time. No Social's at this time either. All due to, you guessed it... Covid. Call: 780-935-6281

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID.

"Sew Heavenly Quilters" meet every Thursday at the Warburg Cultural Centre, from 10:00 to 4:00. Everyone welcome to join. Call Peggy Lunde @ 780.789.2545 for more info.

Parent Link - Stay 'n Play held every Thursday from 9:30 am - Noon at the Warburg Village Office. Join us for some play time with your child!

Breton Crib Tournaments will be held every Saturday at the **Breton Golden Age Centre** - Starting January 5th at 12:30 p.m. except July & August.

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Treasures Thrift Shop -IS NOW OPEN! (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN again - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. We are accepting donations.

Winfield Public Market Call text Carla for info 780-621-1285.

Leduc Public Market runs every Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mall (furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Warburg Family and Community Support Services (FCSS): Tami Tubbs 780.848.2828 or email fcsc@warburg.ca

Warburg Village Office: 780.848.2841 ore email village@warburg.ca

Village of Warburg Bylaw Enforcement: 780.983.2096 or brasch@gmail.com

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00 pm 780-270-7903.

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Warburg Bloomin' Buddies Meetings - Please contact Linda McLaughlin @ 780 848 2916 for information re meeting dates and times.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Cente - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

WORSHIP

Community United Church - 5112 - 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the



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WORSHIP

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

Community Bible Church – Alder Flats. Pastor Samuel Hayford 780-388-3926. Sunday Service & Sunday School at 11 am. 780-388-0018.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Thorsby Mass Every Sunday 9:00 am, Father Arun Rodrigues. For more information call 780-987-2858 or visit www.olvtorsby.wordpress.com.

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship Service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

FACILITY RENTALS

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.

Warburg Pioneer Ag Society & Hall– hall rental \$300, phone 780-848-2841 (non-smoking, 350 capacity), Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection – no exceptions!

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Bruce @ (780) 898-9636.

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. **Call Pat at 780.696.2056**

Camp Barvnok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

Funnell Community Hall - Christine Burton @ 780-898-6598 for bookings Hall Rent - \$50/day.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion #246 Rentals Call: Marie 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre: 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

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Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-789-2423 / 780-719-7124.

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We have formed a park and trail committee, to put in place a plan to develop the George Broadbent Park along with the other undeveloped parks in the village. If you wish to become a member of this committee stop at the village office for details.

We continued with our capital plans by paving and upgrading the roads and sidewalks in our village core.

Through the help of the Coal Transition Grant, we have developed a plan for a light industrial park on land next to highway 39. If you are interested in details you can pick up a copy from the village office. We are also working on an Economic Development Plan for the village, recently there was a survey sent out in your water bills for your feedback on the direction you would like to see the village proceed in.

Another project that came to completion in 2020 was our toboggan hill. The hill has been greatly received, we just need Mother Nature to cooperate and supply a little more snow. This project was made possible by three parties, the Black Gold School Division supplied the land, Border Paving supplied the time and equipment to build it, and the village supplied the dirt. This project was done at no cost to the taxpayers, just the time and generosity of others.

We have continued our great partnership with Leduc County, as I mentioned earlier, the County has supplied the money for the nurse practitioner administrator. We have come to an agreement on a Regional Subdivision Appeal Board in 2020, and are in talks with the County and the municipalities within the county, to develop a Regional Emergency Plan. We are also in discussions with the County on how to better our fire department to best serve the County and village.

We did finish the year on a high note, Christmas Eve, Santa took time out of his busy schedule to tour our village before continuing on his journey to deliver happiness to the rest of the world.

Looking forward to 2021, I would like to be able to greet people with a handshake and a smile. I would like to see our sport facilities filled with parents and grandparents watching their children and grandchildren compete. Be able to go to a concert or sporting event with total strangers and holler and cheer. Sit in church and belt out a hymn, whether you can sing or not. Visit your neighbours just to catch up and have a coffee. The big one for a lot of people is to be able to hug a loved one, visit a person in the hospital or visit our seniors in their homes. Back to normal, not what certain people are pushing as our new normal, their new normal is causing way too much underlying pain and is causing our society long term effects.

In 2021, as Mayor, I would like to see the second phase of the arena put in place. If this phase was tied into the curling rink with upgraded equipment, I believe the long range savings would be endless. It would cut costs for both facilities and extend the curling season, also I believe it would improve the ice in the arena with the new technologies out there.

I would like to see us continue with the trail system and develop another one of our parks. We are looking for ideas. A few of the suggestions that have come forward are; outdoor skating rink, BMX track, off leash dog park, and skate park. If you have ideas, contact the village office.

You may have read recently in a newspaper article that the village was strapped for cash. That is not true. Compared to other communities of our size we are above average. The village has no debt, and each year we add to reserve funds. The reserves are set up for emergencies and long term, larger projects. When approached by organizations to fund projects we ask them to exhaust other means of funding, such as grants that are available, that the village cannot access, also look for sponsors and donations. With this process, it helps the village to maintain reserves, but allows us to leverage taxpayer dollars, because a lot of grants are matching grants.

You may have heard that the provincial government is hiring a total of 500 new positions to help with rural crime. These are more boots on the ground with extra RCMP and more administrative

staff so those officers can spend more time in the field. Something you may not know is that a portion of this cost is being passed down to smaller communities. We, as the village, already contribute to an extra administration position in the Thorsby detachment and we have also contributed to a school resource officer.

We may have to take a look at how we allocate our police funding. As of January 1, 2021 we will be required to pay \$14,000.00 towards the new provincial program. The cost goes up in 2022, 2023, and by the year 2024, our portion of cost will be \$60,000.00. The provincial government is also talking of cutting our MSI funding by 25%. The MSI is funding that the provincial government gives municipalities to help with capital projects. At present, we put our MSI money in reserves. It takes 4 years to get enough money to do paving and sidewalk projects. A 25% cut will put our ability to do capital projects even farther out. With this in mind, we, as council, need to find ways to continue with our 5 year capital project plan, maintain the village services, continue giving cost of living raises to our staff, and add another \$60,000.00 to an already tight budget, all without making huge tax increases.

The province has also changed how municipal elections are ran, you can now put your nomination papers in as of January 1st. This allows you to campaign for 10 months. The village is always looking for village citizens to run for council, the last two terms we have not had an election. If you have a vision on where you would like the village to go, run for council, fresh minds are always welcome. Another discussion has been on how the Mayor is elected, right now the public votes in the council and the council votes in the Mayor each year. If you would like the public to vote in the Mayor, contact the village office and voice your opinion for or against. 780/848/2841

On behalf of the Council and village staff, I would like to thank the citizens of Warburg for their continued trust and support in us, and your patience with COVID.

Happy New Year and may 2021 give you good health and prosperity.



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Our House Rocks

From Kevin Maine

Just a short update on the curling rink.

The club is looking at a refund to the loyal members based on days played and days that would have been played. The refund will not be returned until the end of March, at which time one cheque will be made out per team.

The curling club has a cash raffle running which will end at the end of March. Three cash prizes: 1st \$2000.00 2nd \$750.00 3rd \$250.00. Tickets are available from any curler or the Warburg village office.

When teams come to get their refund cheques, please return the tickets. I will be contacting the team name on our records when this will be done.

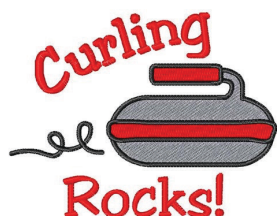
Some good/sad news Kelsie Cygan and Ethan Chung qualified for the fourth time to go to Mixed Doubles Provincials. These two young athletes have qualified 4 times and are only 17, they have a great future if they continue down the road of curling.

Alberta Curling had organized a bubble at Sylvan Lake, then 2 weeks before the event, the province changed the restrictions and they were cancelled.

The Brier, Scottie's and Mixed Doubles are still a go at this time, so we may get a curling fix then.

Thank you for your continued support of the Warburg Curling Club and we looking forward to getting back to our old lives soon.

Kevin Maine



Library Chatter

From Gail O'Neil

By the time this Bugle is out, and you are reading this article, the Province will have determined (Jan 21), if Library's will be allowed to reopen to in person use.

The Library is still able to offer curbside pickup of items by calling 780-848-2391. WPL is closed Saturdays until further notice is heard from the Province.

A new year and a resolution to declutter and organize? WPL has a book for you....The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up, the Japanese art of decluttering and organising by Marie Kondo

Fiction: All the Colors of Night by Jayne Ann Krentz or Bone Canyon by Lee Goldberg.

Junior Graphic Novel: Animorphs, The Invasion by K.A Applegate.

Picture book Non Fiction: Cool Trucks, Past, Present, Future from Scholastics

Young Adult Fiction: Until I Die and If I should Die by Amy Plum, Poisoned and Step Sister by Jennifer Donnelly, Deepfake by Sarah Darer Littman.



Family and Community
Support Services

WARBURG FCSS NEWS

from Tami Tubbs 780.848.2828

Warburg Community Guide

We are currently working on an updated Community Guide and business/services directory! This will be a valuable resource for newcomers to the community, as well as a one stop shop for information on services, clubs, organizations and contacts. If you own or are a member of a business/club/organization in or are servicing the Village of Warburg and would like to be included in the Community Guide, please let us know! Only businesses with a current business license to operate in the Village will be added. Please email Tami at fcss@warburg.ca

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Recruiting Firefighters in Thorsby Area

From Leduc County

Applications accepted until Jan. 31, 2021

Leduc County Fire Services is recruiting paid on-call firefighters in the Thorsby Fire District.

We need individuals living and/or working in the Thorsby area to join our team of dedicated firefighters by Jan. 31. This is a great opportunity to develop life-saving skills, gain valuable hands-on experience and give back to the community in a meaningful way, all while getting paid for it. Keven Lefebvre, fire chief

Paid on-call firefighters get professional-level training to respond to emergency calls — including residential, rural and industrial fire calls, vehicle collisions, medical calls and airport response — in the Thorsby Fire District and in surrounding areas through mutual aid. They get paid to attend weekly training and respond to emergency calls.

To become a paid on-call firefighter, you must meet the following requirements:

- live/work within 19 kilometres of the Thorsby Fire District Station (4836 49 Ave.)
- be at least 17 years of age
- have a valid driver's license
- provide criminal record check and driver's abstract

See full eligibility requirements and learn more at leduc-county.com/recruitment

The Thorsby Fire District includes property east of Range Road 22 and west of Range Road 275, including the Town of Thorsby; this district is home to roughly 2,805 people.

Cadet program

In an effort to attract more individuals to this opportunity, we are launching a cadet program in the Thorsby Fire District to attract high-school students.

Successful applicants between 17 and 18 years of age will be trained to professional standards and must attend weekly training nights as cadet firefighters. When they reach the age of majority, they will become a firefighter and will be able to respond to emergency calls.

Black Gold's third annual 'Girls In STEM' Day: "Pushing the Limits, Like a Girl"

From Black Gold School Division

Nisku, Alberta (January 18, 2021) - Black Gold School Division is excited to host its third annual 'Girls In STEM' Day on January 29, 2021.

This virtual event engages students in Grades 7-12 in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-related (STEM) topics and highlights the vast career opportunities in these fields.

This year's theme is: "Pushing the Limits, Like a Girl." Through hands-on learning experiences and interaction with STEM female role models, the girls will gain confidence in their interests in STEM subjects at a particularly important time in their educational careers.

Please RSVP to Tarynne Cable at tarynne.cable@gshare.blackgold.ca to request a Zoom link to access this event.

You can also join us at 8:45 a.m. on January 29 for our keynote speaker, Dr. Shawna Pandya - a Canadian physician, aquanaut, and scientist-astronaut candidate with Project Polar Suborbital Science in the Upper Mesosphere (PoSSUM) - for her talk "Pushing the Limits" on our YouTube Page:

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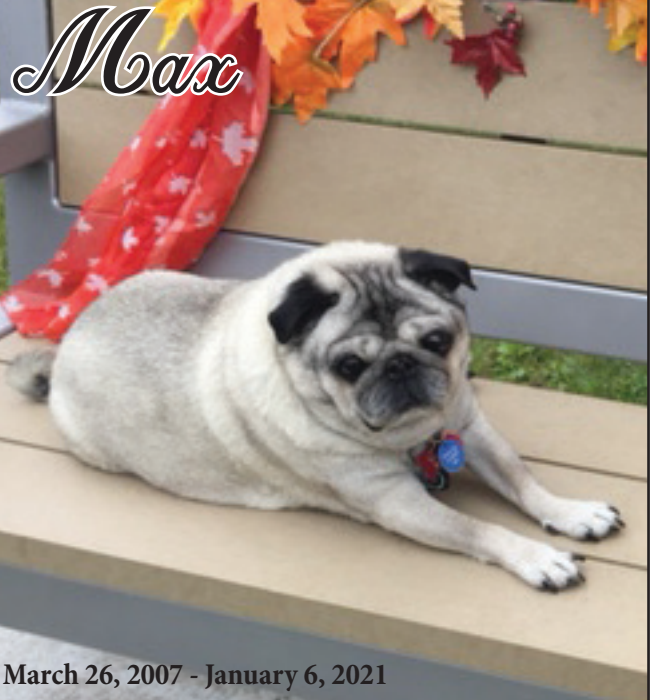
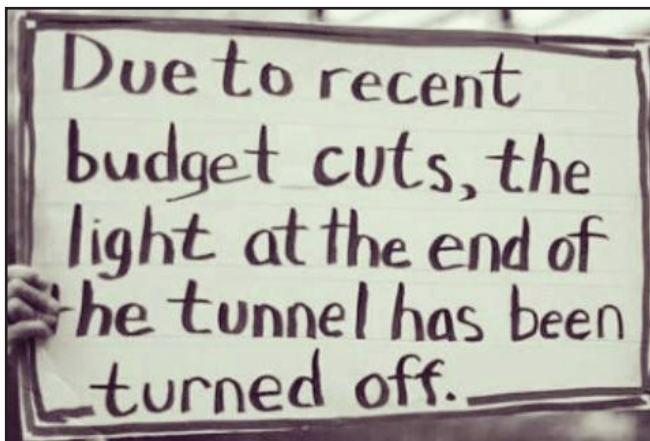
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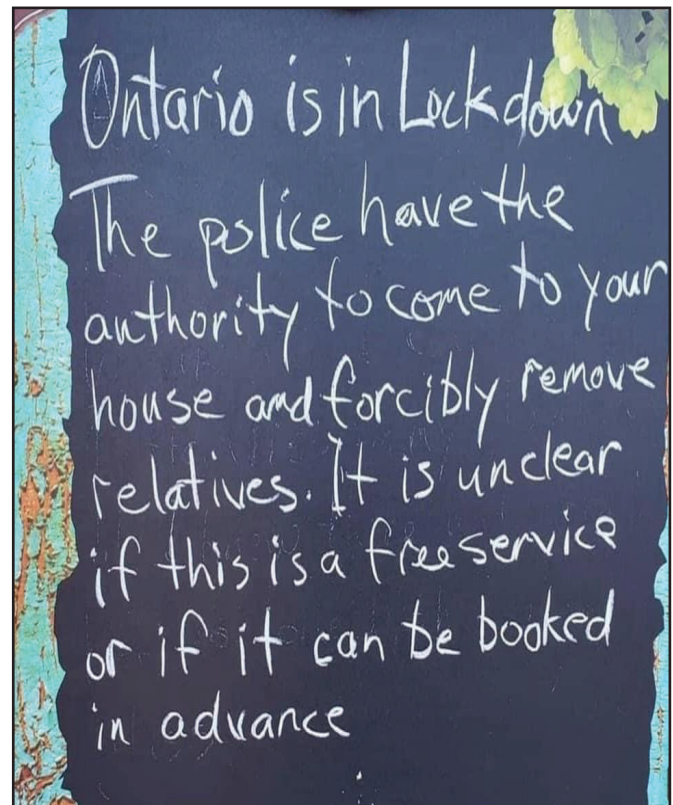


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MLA REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith,
Member of the Legislative Assembly
for Drayton Valley - Devon

Our Canadian parliamentary system of democracy is the result of a series of long struggles between ideas, powerful kings, the people and the exercise of political power. Through it all we have evolved a system of government that pursues ordered liberty. These two words would appear to be in opposition and yet the balanced combination of these two critical democratic values are foundational to protecting our way of life and will help us to live peacefully together. Unrestricted liberty results in societal anarchy only when individual freedom is bound by reasonable restrictions will all individuals in the wider society have true freedom. Ordered liberty is articulated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms when it says,

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

Freedom is the foundational value in a democracy and in our Charter of Rights. Placing restrictions on our democratic freedoms should never be done lightly, yet it is sometimes necessary. When our freedoms are restricted those restrictions must meet the standard of reasonableness for a free and democratic society.

Recently, some constituents exercised their rights as engaged citizens and taped a series of posters of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and a series of messages all over the front of the Drayton Valley-Devon Office in Drayton Valley, the Town Hall of Drayton Valley, and the Brazeau County offices. They believe that the recent pandemic restrictions placed on Albertans and their businesses are an unreasonable restriction of their Charter Rights and they exercised their right of free speech to send their

message to me, their MLA.

So this begs the question, is the government acting unreasonably when it places Covid restrictions upon Albertans?

During this Covid pandemic the Alberta government has argued that it has a duty to protect both the lives and the livelihoods of Albertans. For me, the ordering of these two duties is important to recognize for it speaks to a hierarchy and to when a government can reasonably place restrictions on people. The primary reason I supported the latest round of temporary restrictions was to protect life, by temporarily placing restrictions on Albertans being able to congregate. It was regrettable that we had to temporarily enact these restrictions but it was, in my view, reasonable because we had to protect the lives of all Albertans by safeguarding their access to emergency care.

Are Albertans split on this issue? Absolutely, in this constituency I have had conversations and correspondence that represents all positions on this issue. For those Albertans who disagree with the Covid restrictions you are right to be concerned any time government unreasonably restricts democratic freedoms. Are these temporary restrictions unreasonable or do they meet the standard of reasonableness? I believe they are reasonable but I will also support your right to disagree with that conclusion. Good people can disagree but that disagreement needs to remain within the boundaries of the law and maintain our ordered liberty.

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