

SURVEY

Do you agree with the government buying the Trans Mountain pipeline?

Yes No Unsure

Do you have more to say on this issue?:

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Bob has been a frequent and fierce critic in Parliament of the Liberals' mismanagement of the energy portfolio.

A RECORD OF DEFENDING ALBERTA'S INTERESTS

Review Bob Benzen's record in Hansard and a trend quickly emerges: Bob dedicates many of his opportunities to speak in Parliament to holding the Liberal government to account for its mismanagement of the energy portfolio.

From major speeches to questioning ministers, Bob has several times this session stood to defend Alberta's energy and resource sectors against wrongheaded Liberal decisions that are costing the province investment and jobs, and hurting its oil and gas industry workers.

Bob has taken the government to task on the Trans Mountain expansion obstruction, for the regulatory fiasco that led to the Energy East pipeline cancellation, and spoken against the ill-advised west coast oil tanker ban, to name a few.

Bob has also taken aim against Liberal tax changes that targeted small-business, since revised, as well as Liberal changes to political financing rules and access to information law.

In members' statements, Bob likes to shine the spotlight on his home city of Calgary and its special places and interesting people. He has spoken in the House of Commons about local features and attractions, such as Heritage Park and the Calgary Zoo, of special organizations such as the Cantare Children's Choir, and before Christmas last year he made a heartfelt exhortation for the safety of all Canadian Forces members and Canada's first responders.

A video archive of Bob's speeches and statements in the House of Commons can be viewed online at Facebook.com/BobBenzen. Follow him on Twitter—[@BOBBenzen](https://twitter.com/BOBBenzen)—for real-time updates from Ottawa and from the constituency.

WORKING FOR YOU, AT HOME AND ON PARLIAMENT HILL

1 Bob greets veterans after Remembrance Day observances in Calgary 2 Bob meets with the leader of the Conservative Caucus, Andrew Scheer 3 Touring the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association training centre 4 Bob and Shadow Minister for Energy Matt Jeneroux learn about the research into reclamation and alternate extraction technologies connected to Alberta's oil sands being done at the University of Calgary's Schulich School of Engineering 5 Bob was keynote speaker at the W.I.S.E. (Wildlife, In Trust, Safeguarding, Education) Foundation Awards 6 Bob hosts an open house with representatives of Service Canada to assist constituents with their Canada Summer Grant applications 7 In speeches and statements in Parliament this session, Bob has defended Alberta's energy sector, taken the government to task for changes to political financing rules and access to information, and promoted his home city of Calgary 8 Bob helps to officially open a new Rejuvenation Clinic site in his riding of Calgary Heritage.



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A MESSAGE FROM BOB

Greetings, and welcome to the long-awaited summer months! I hope you find time for relaxation, family, friends and fun over the warm weeks ahead.

It was a busy session of Parliament that has just closed for the summer break and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the work I have been doing on your behalf in Ottawa and in our constituency. This newsletter highlights some matters of special interest to Calgarians that arose

during the Spring sitting. I look forward to any feedback you have to offer on any issue and urge you to send back the reply card included in this publication.

With best wishes for a warm, safe summer!

Bob Benzen
 Bob Benzen, MP
 Calgary Heritage



CANADA'S CONSERVATIVES ARE STANDING UP FOR OUR RESOURCE SECTOR AND ITS WORKERS



Members of Parliament's Conservative caucus are pictured with their leader Andrew Scheer at the Member's Entrance to the House of Commons.

Pipelines—and specifically the challenges lined up against their development in Canada—pictured largely in the political discourse in Parliament during the recent session. In the space of less than a year, we have seen dramatic interference and government mismanagement of the energy portfolio that has resulted in real-world consequences for the men and women employed in Alberta's resource sector in particular, but also for Canadians across the country whose own jobs depend on energy.

Clearly, the Liberal government's mishandling of the energy portfolio has now resulted in an unfortunate state of affairs within the sector that sees Canadian taxpayers paying to complete projects which private sector businesses had previously been willing to fund.

The Liberals' nationalization of the Trans Mountain expansion is the case in point. Either unable or unwilling to stand against the interest groups and activists opposing the project, the Liberals opted instead to force all Canadians to fund it in a last-ditch, desperate attempt to get it built.

Liberal government policies are the obvious reason for the flight of energy sector investment capital we've been witnessing. In just two years, the government vetoed the approved Northern Gateway pipeline and killed the Energy East pipeline with last-minute rule changes and a regulatory standard that doesn't apply to any other sector of the Canadian economy, or to foreign oil imports.

In addition, the government introduced an oil tanker ban, a carbon tax, a ban on new oil and gas leasing in Arctic waters, and new regulations that penalize Canadian oil exports, which has severely damaged investor confidence in the Canadian energy sector and forced companies to reconsider

future projects.

By contrast, Conservatives in Parliament pressed from the start for the completion of this project.

In February, our Conservative party used an Opposition Day motion to call on the Prime Minister to prioritize the construction of the Trans Mountain expansion project and use all tools at his disposal to mitigate damage from the current interprovincial trade dispute. Liberal MPs, including those from Alberta, voted against this motion.

In addition, an Alberta Senator put forward Bill S-245, An Act to declare the Trans Mountain Pipeline Project and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada. This exercises sections of the Constitution Act, 1867, to exert Parliamentary supremacy over works of national interest, which the Liberals had recourse to do.

Four pipelines were built under our previous Conservative government without spending a cent of taxpayers' money.

A future CPC government will set conditions for success—low taxes and fair regulations—so projects like Trans Mountain get built without burden to the taxpayer.

We will reverse job-killing Liberal policies that are dissuading private investment.

Over the coming months, Conservatives in Parliament will continue to work to convince Canadians that this Liberal government's policies have failed and that a vote for a Conservative government in 2019 will be a vote to reverse and repeal such bad measures, and to move Canada in the right direction.

LIBERALS' FIREARMS LEGISLATION NEEDS TO TARGET CRIMINAL GANGS, NOT HUNTERS AND RANCHERS

The Liberal government's new firearms legislation reverses the important balance achieved under the previous Conservative government, says Member of Parliament, Bob Benzen.

Conservatives put the rights of law-abiding Canadians and victims of crime ahead of those who use firearms for violent means, says Benzen. That's why mandatory sentences for serious gun crimes increased under the Conservatives and the reason why the former government abolished the Liberal firearms registry—because it was costly and ineffective.

Instead of using Bill C-71 to introduce new measures to combat gang violence and the increase in crime rates in our rural communities, Benzen says the Liberal legislation only targets firearms owners who already follow the law. It amounts to little more than a thinly-disguised attempt to bring back a firearms registry.

"Conservatives believe that the safety of Canadians should be the number one priority of any government," says Benzen. "Unfortunately, this legislation does nothing to combat gang violence and escalating crime rates in rural areas."

"This legislation creates a burdensome back door" firearms registry through a new requirement for merchants to maintain long-standing records of their inventories and sales," he adds.

Benzen supports concrete actions to focus efforts on the criminal element behind firearms violence. But he cannot

Bill C-71 is a regulatory bill that does nothing but target law-abiding firearms owners.

—Glen Motz, Conservative MP for Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner and 35-year police veteran



support legislation that seeks to cast suspicion on law-abiding firearms owners, or that establishes another wasteful and registry.

"Liberals should go after criminal gangs, not law-abiding firearms owners," Benzen says. "The words 'gangs' or 'criminal organization' didn't appear once in the original text of the bill."

Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms, has passed Second Reading and was before committee as of this writing in June 2018.

SERVICES FOR YOU AT CONSTITUENCY OFFICE



The Calgary Heritage constituency office hosts town hall meetings, open houses, ceremonies and other public events.

As your Member of Parliament, I offer constituency services that help residents navigate the sometimes complex corridors of federal bureaucracy. Staff at the Calgary Heritage riding office, located at 10201 Southport Road SW in Calgary, can assist with issues involving immigration, Employment Insurance, pension and the Canada Revenue Agency, for example.

In addition, the riding office is a space where I host community meetings, awards ceremonies, constituent meet-and-greets, guest speakers and other events.

In recent months I have hosted Service Canada representatives to assist business owners and community

groups with their Canada Summer Jobs grant applications. I brought in Conservative shadow ministers Pierre Poilievre (finance) and Marilyn Gladu (health) for town hall meetings on matters connected to their portfolios. And in the autumn I will host MP Kelly Leitch, who has a private member's bill to amend the Canada Health Act.

Watch my website for updates and follow me on social media for notices of upcoming events and guest speakers. The constituency office can be reached at 403-263-7990 if you require assistance with a federal matter.

THE OIL TANKER BAN

"The bill's inherent unfairness is clear. It is unfair to coastal communities in northern British Columbia, excluding them from even the possibility of oil pipeline projects as a means of economic development and local job creation. This bill is unfair to those aboriginal communities in B.C. that support and seek responsible pipeline development to the west coast as a means to achieving economic independence for their communities. There are many more of those communities than the Liberals care to admit. In fact, according to the Assembly of First Nations, 300 of the 630 First Nations across Canada are open to pipeline and petroleum development on their lands. The bill is also unfair to the energy companies that take all the risks and make all the investments and do all the work that we require of them to meet our world-class regulations, only to discover at the end of the process that it all means nothing when a political, unbalanced unfair outcome results. This bill is not balanced. It favours environmental interests and their activists while marginalizing economic stakeholders."

→ Bob Benzen, Calgary Heritage
House of Commons speech, Oct. 4, 2017



MP Bob Benzen is pictured with his wife Sue, daughter Michelle and sons Matt, right, and Paul, left, in the foyer of the House of Commons.



ON THE ELECTION ACT

"The Liberals are retroactively attempting to find political cover for a problem they created. Bill C-50 is before us because the Liberal Party was selling cash for access at events where tickets were up to \$1,500 per person. Many speakers before me on this issue have detailed the ins and outs of the cash-for-access scheme and the instances in which the Liberals benefitted from it. Suffice it to say, the Liberals now want to legitimize the practice because they depend on it. The numbers have been crunched and they do not look rosy for the governing party."

→ Bob Benzen, Calgary Heritage
House of Commons speech, Feb. 7, 2018

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