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PETER JULIAN MOST ACTIVE MP IN PARLIAMENT

Peter Julian the most talkative MP

By Jennifer Moreau, Burnaby Now, May 14, 2013

According to Samara, a non-partisan think-tank, Burnaby-New Westminster MP Peter Julian is the most talkative MP in the House of Commons.

Burnaby-New Westminster MP Peter Julian runs the fastest mouth in Ottawa, according to Samara, a non-partisan organization that analyzes politics.

The charitable think-tank counted words spoken by MPs in the House of Commons last year and found that Julian was the most verbose, with 226,027.

“Since I’ve started in Parliament, I’ve been on the most-active list regularly,” Julian told the NOW. “Being most active in the House for

2012 is an honour, but I just think it’s also just part of the job. We’re elected to speak out on behalf of constituents.”

Julian, the NDP’s energy and natural resources critic, spent a lot of time speaking against the takeover of Canadian energy company Nexen by CNOOC, a state-run Chinese oil company. Julian was also a regular critic of the Conservative’s budgetary measures.

“One of the things I found most interesting is the NDP has a third of the members in the House of Commons but nearly half of the activity,” Julian said, “which shows me we are doing what we were asked to do by our voters.” The projections were based on analyses of 54 days of debate in the House of Commons over three periods in 2012.

Samara also created an infographic, equating MPs’ word counts with books. Julian would be on par with Rohinton Mistry’s *A Fine Balance*.

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EI home visits target struggling families

You can learn a lot about the character of a government by looking at whom it chooses to trust. Take the Canadian Senate—an institution that offers its members hundreds of thousands of dollars each year without demanding verified documentation.

Even though several senators are under investigation for claiming illegitimate expenses, the Senate works on the “honour system.”

Can you imagine the Conservatives affording ordinary Canadians that kind of trust? Not if you’re a jobless Canadian receiving Employment Insurance.

Home interrogations for Canadians



on EI under the Harper government have intensified. Imagine the stress of a surprise visit in the middle of a difficult job search. Or being confronted as a new mom—forced to prove your child’s identity to keep your maternity benefits.

The bottom line is that the Conservatives have no solutions for hundreds of thousands of Canadians who’ve

been thrown out of work. Instead, they are punishing the victims by restricting access to EI—and criminalizing those who do receive benefits.

It doesn’t have to be this way. What struggling families need is peace of mind on the road to finding new work—not to be treated like criminals. That’s why New Democrats are working to reverse these devastating changes and restore fair access to Employment Insurance.

New Democrats have a better plan. We believe in the working Canadians who make our economy tick. So we’re fighting to jumpstart job-creation. And fighting to make sure you can access EI benefits when you need them. ■

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Call for full public consultations on port coal expansion

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Like many Burnaby-New Westminster constituents, I am deeply concerned by the consequences of the possible expansion of the coal export capacity at the Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) to go forward.

I want you to know that we are united in our concerns relating to the application by FSD to Port Metro Vancouver (PMV) to expand their coal export capacity. The increased coal traffic in the residential areas is having adverse effects on the health of our community.

As your MP and as the Official Opposition Critic on Energy & Natural Resources, I have written to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and to Port Metro Vancouver calling for a halt to the coal terminal expansion pending an in-depth review concerning the impact on health the expansion will have on the surrounding area.

I have asked the federal government to require Port Metro Vancouver's Authority to conduct meaningful, inclusive public hearings and, take into account the threat to our health and community from the presence of coal dust in the air. I have called on Port Metro Vancouver asking them to halt the expansion as none of the evaluations conducted by PMV addressed the issue of coal dust. We know what coal dust does in terms of heart disease, lung disease and cancer.

Local residents impacted by the expansion have a right to be heard.

The community has the right to a thorough, transparent assessment of the health and safety consequences resulting from the expansion of the coal export capacity at the Fraser Surrey Docks. While Port Metro Vancouver has conducted evaluations regarding health and air quality, public consultation by Port Metro Vancouver authorities was clearly limited. Residents living near the terminal were not adequately informed or even consulted prior to the decision to expand. Port Metro Vancouver has neglected to directly address the impact of coal dust in these evaluations.

I thank you again for sharing your concerns with me and I will continue to give voice to the community on this issue. Thanks to all those who attended my community town hall meeting on the proposed coal terminal expansion, held in partnership with M.P. Donnelly, New Westminster MLA-Elect Judy Darcy and the City of New Westminster.

In the House

PRESENTING PETITIONS ~ in support of fair remittance rates for bank transfers

"Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present petitions signed by dozens of residents of Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa region. They are concerned about the overcharging on remittance fees. Many banks are charging up to 25% on remittance fees that are being sent by new Canadian families to their loved ones and family members overseas. This is an overcharging that hurts lower income Canadians, particularly new Canadians. The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to introduce legislation that would put into place caps on the types of remittance penalties and remittance fees that are presently being paid by new Canadians and lower income Canadians.

I would like to thank the volunteers from ACORN Canada for their work in getting involved, talking to people about this issue and making sure that Canadians can have their voices heard on the floor of the House of Commons."

— Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby-New Westminster

In the House

MEMBER'S STATEMENT ~ Conservative backbencher speaks out on untrue statements

"Mr. Speaker, once again there is trouble in the Conservative caucus. This time, the member for Edmonton—St. Albert is blowing the whistle on the PMO.

During an interview with Global News, the member offered Canadians something they rarely see from Conservatives; the truth. When asked if he would be repeating the carbon farce lies of Conservatives in the House of Commons, he responded "I will absolutely guarantee you that I won't be talking about the carbon tax", because he does not like these untrue statements.

The member went on to give a first-hand account of the tyranny rained down on backbenchers from the "kids that work over in Langevin Block". The member even recalled pressure put on him by PMO staffers to censor his blog on his MP website.

Fortunately, Canadians will have a clear choice in 2015. New Democrats will offer honesty, openness and strong MPs who truly stand for their constituents."

— Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby-New Westminster



In our community

1 Peter with students and activists from Byrne Creek Sustainability Council and Raj Chouhan, MLA (Burnaby-Edmonds); 2 Peter's 2013 Annual Citizenship party; 3 Visit at Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia (ISSBC) in Burnaby - Many thanks to all the hardworking counsellors for their great service to the community! 4 Queen Diamond Jubilee Award Recipients; 5 Visit to Canadian Motion Picture Park with President, Alex Fatalevich & VP Wolf Isachsen; 6 Members of the NDP Caucus present United Sikhs Board Members Sukhwinder Singh, Ranbir Singh and Hardayal Singh with certificates for their accomplishments and services to humanity; 7 Meeting with local spiritual assembly of the Ba'hai of New Westminster; 8 Tour of ASCO Aerospace Management with Jasbir Sandhu, MP (Surrey North) & Don Davies, MP (Vancouver Kingsway); 9 8th Annual Disability Tax Credit Seminar.

Conservative budget 2013 disappoints ~ Where is the missing \$3 billion?

My New Democrat colleagues and I are deeply disappointed by yet another Conservative budget that disregards the priorities of most Canadians. The Harper government failed to make the concerns of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples a priority focus of Budget 2013, and to commit to action on treaty implementation and full and meaningful consultation on legislation that affects the rights of Aboriginal Canadians.

At a time of restraint, the Harper government is scaling back youth employment initiatives, cutting back renewable energy programs & support while wasting millions on advertizing their economic action plan that was already completed. Meanwhile the Auditor General reported that the Harper government could not

account for \$3.1 billion in spending on public security & anti-terrorism.

Instead of tackling the serious socio-economic challenges facing Canadians, the Conservatives are continuing to attack vital public services and programs that we count on and gutting environmental protections. Stephen Harper promised he wouldn't cut transfers to provinces or individuals, but he's ploughing ahead with cuts to pensions, healthcare and EI while ignoring the serious threats facing our economy.

This budget locks in the Conservatives' plan to raise the retirement age to 67. That means Canadians will have to work two years longer to receive some \$13,000 less in OAS benefits. The Con-

servatives should not be trying to balance Canada's books on the backs of working Canadians. Especially when experts like the Parliamentary Budget Officer insist that OAS is financially sustainable right now, without making these cuts.

Today, veterans who served after the Korean War are finding themselves excluded from long-term care services offered by Veterans Affairs. But instead of righting that wrong, Ottawa is still moving to cut as much as \$210-million from veterans' health care. At the same time, the Conservatives are going back on their promise not to increase taxes. Minister Flaherty told Canadians that there would be no new taxes in this budget, but Budget 2013 actually increases

taxes on Canadians consumers and retailers by nearly \$8 billion.

Instead of listening to mayors and community leaders, the Conservatives slashed \$4.7 billion over four years from federal infrastructure funding, costing tens of thousands of jobs in cities and communities across the country. Canada is now the only G8 country with no national transit strategy.

Even though there are 300,000 more Canadians unemployed now than at the beginning of the recession, the Conservative budget pushes ahead a job-killing austerity agenda that will have real consequences for Canadian families and will only make matters worse. ■

I want to hear from you

What are your priorities for this Parliament?

- Health care
- Child care
- Electoral reform
- Pollution and climate change
- Post-secondary education
- Affordable housing
- Other
- Please send me regular e-updates

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Your comments

Subsidies for fossil fuels or investment in a sustainable economy?

End Stephen Harper's billion-dollar big-oil give-away

End the billion-dollar big-oil giveaway

A billion dollars is a lot of money. A billion dollars could lift every Canadian senior out of poverty, with plenty left over to invest in renewable energy, clean technology and energy-efficiency.

But Stephen Harper would rather hand \$1.3 billion every year to the fossil fuel industry—a subsidy that discourages investment in lower-emission energies. Therefore, we call on the Government of Canada to end more than \$1.3 billion in subsidies every year to already profitable oil and gas companies and instead invest in building a more sustainable economy.

The Prime Minister has broken the clear commitment he made at the G20 meeting in 2009 to phase out these reckless subsidies.

At the same time, his government has gutted environmental legislation and withdrawn Canada from the Kyoto climate-change treaty.

These subsidies create perverse incentives for high-emission energy sources, discouraging investment in greener, renewable alternatives.

This money could create thousands of green jobs and help fight climate change if it were invested in renewable energy, clean technology or energy efficiency.

New Democrats have a better plan. We're ready to stop this billion-dollar big-oil give-away, and start investing in the sustainable economy Canadians deserve.

The choice is clear.

We could go on pumping a billion dollars into fossil fuels each year—money this profitable industry doesn't need.

Or we could use that same money to create thousands of green jobs and jumpstart a transition toward lower-emission energies for the future.

Here to serve you

My team can help you with inquiries relating to federal programs and services such as immigration, Employment Insurance, taxation, Canada Student Loans, and federal pensions (CPP and OAS/GIS).

We can also arrange special messages for occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries. And we'll do our best to support initiatives that enrich our community.

I am here to ensure that you have a strong voice in Parliament. Please don't hesitate to write, phone or email me your views on policies affecting our community.



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