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# The House of Commons Launches Renewed Web Presence and Social Media Accounts

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The Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons, is pleased to announce the launch of the renewed House of Commons website and a new social media presence.

The objective of the website renewal is to improve navigability and create a modern gateway to the extensive content provided by the House of Commons. The renewed website ourcommons.ca also builds on the House of Commons' mobile web presence and features design and content that is further adapted to mobile devices. The website renewal provides a solid foundation for continuous improvements, such as dynamic content, infographics and videos.

In addition, the House of Commons is launching its social media presence on Twitter and Instagram. These official accounts will complement the website and provide access to information about parliamentary activities and proceedings, as well as facilitate the sharing and reuse of such information.

## Quote

"The House of Commons is committed to improving and expanding access to information about the work of Members and the institution through dynamic digital communications."

- Hon. Geoff Regan

#### **Quick Facts**

### Renewed web presence

- Features include:
  - o an integrated parliamentary business calendar;
  - a live view of House proceedings;
  - enhanced navigation and quick access to site content;
  - o a gateway to visitor information and educational resources;
  - o improved access to open data; and
  - o a single page to access all House of Commons social media accounts.

# New social media presence

- Follow the Speaker and the House of Commons on Twitter:
  - @HoCSpeaker The official Twitter account of the Hon. Geoff Regan,
     Speaker of the House of Commons, with information about the activities of the Speaker and the work of the House of Commons and Parliament.
  - @HoCChamber Regular updates on proceedings in the House of Commons Chamber.
  - @HoCCommittees Information about the work of House of Commons Committees. Track the activities of specific committees using a hashtag and the four-letter committee acronym (e.g. #FINA for the Finance Committee).
  - @OurCommons General information about the work of the House of Commons, the House Administration, arts and heritage, as well as news and announcements to the media.
- The Speaker and the House of Commons are also on Instagram hocspeaker and ourcommonsca.
- The House of Commons' social media presence will continue to evolve in the coming weeks and months.
- The <u>Social Media Terms of Use</u> are available.

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