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Dear Constituent,

Last week the government presented its 2023 federal budget. As stand-alone items, there were some things that I would consider supporting in normal times. But we are not living in normal times. Canadians are dealing with record inflation, which has been caused in large part by the continued reckless spending of the government.

When the Liberals came to power the budget was balanced. Every year since then the present government has run a deficit, including the two largest ones in Canadian history in which the country was not at war or in a recession. Now, some programs during the pandemic were needed, but they went on too long and a number were misguided entirely. But the pandemic is over, and the challenge now is affordability. Endless deficits do have consequences. So do policy decisions like carbon taxes. Canadians are experiencing the consequences of these choices like never before with record inflation hurting many families.

Food bank use is at record levels. Businesses are going under. Seniors – who got only a couple dollars a month OAS increase – are spending hundreds more a month in order to eat and just as much to heat their homes. Anyone who had renewed a mortgage is likely paying thousands more a year for the same house. Some people – not all – are in really tough financial situations. These are all consequences of the government's fiscal management policies.

But government can help if it wants to. It can start by at least pausing any tax increases. Full on cancellations would be even better. I think most people have come to realize that the carbon tax “refunds” that we receive don't even come close to covering the costs we pay. It is especially true when you factor in the increase in gas costs, home heating fuel, and the staggering increase in the cost of groceries. In fact, the Parliamentary Budget Officer agrees. He says the carbon tax increase will cost the average Canadian family \$402 to \$847 more in 2023, even after the “rebate.”

You see, transport companies who bring us food, and the manufacturers and farmers who produce it don't get carbon tax rebates. So, the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they pay in carbon taxes get added to your grocery bill. Multiply that across the country and it is a huge driver of inflation, and again, it is directly linked to government policy. Even a temporary elimination of the carbon tax would help ease inflation. But the Liberals refuse

to act. In fact, the government benefits from inflation because it makes more tax dollars on higher prices. If a government likes to spend, then inflation is hugely beneficial to its bottom line.

But the spending needs to stop. The government is running a \$40B deficit this year. There is no plan to balance the books at all. That's unacceptable. The government needs to prioritize affordability over any other initiative at this time. It is not. As such, I am unable to support the budget.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Dowdall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Dowdall  
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

### **RIDING EVENTS & NEWS**

We all know generous individuals who enrich the lives of others everyday through selfless volunteer work. If it wasn't for these volunteers, our communities would not be what they are today. MP Dowdall was honoured to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Simcoe—Grey MP Volunteer Awards at a private luncheon this past month. The contributions these volunteers have and continue to make to their community is astonishing.

The nominations for the 2023 Simcoe—Grey MP Volunteer Awards have come to a close. Winners will be announced during Volunteer week April 16-22, 2023



MP Dowdall with 2022 Award Recipients  
Dr. Karin Euler, Carolyn Wilson and Sylvia Wilson

## 2023 AgKnowledge Forum

Nottawasaga Futures hosted the 2023 AgKnowledge Forum this year at the remarkable Windrush Estate Winery. MP Dowdall was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Simcoe—Grey and the Federal Government. MP Dowdall discussed the importance of promoting agriculture in anyway possible. He also noted that as a country we need to make sure we have food security and that we continue to ensure Canada is competitive worldwide in order to maintain our export markets.



MP Dowdall with John Pennie and Marilyn Field, owners of Windrush Estate Winery



MP Dowdall bringing greeting to attendees of the 2023 Agknowledge Forum.

## New Horizons for Seniors

New Horizons for Seniors Program is a federal grant that supports community-

based projects that are designed by seniors for seniors. MP Dowdall is pleased to announce that there were two successful recipients of the funding in Simcoe—Grey this year; Breaking Down Barriers in Collingwood and Contact Community Services in Alliston. Both facilities provide seniors a wide variety of assistance from access to communication tools like tablets, to support programs like community and financial information, exercise programs, or just check-in and chat programs.

(Pictured right) MP Dowdall with Tracey MacLeod, Independent Living Skills Coordinator and Lucille Dalziel, Communications and Volunteer Coordinator of Breaking Down Barriers.

Tracey and Lucille outlined all the fantastic programs BDB provides for seniors in the community with the funding received through the New Horizons program. To find out more information they can be contacted at 705-445-1543 or visit 234 Ste. Marie St. Collingwood, ON



(Pictured above) MP Dowdall with representatives of Contact Community Services Emily McIntosh, Executive Director; Brenda Pufek, Engagement and Development office; Joleen Hanson, Community Engagement Coordinator; Judy Breckles, Director; as well as gnome painting program participants. Gnome painting is one of the many programs offered through the New Horizons for Seniors Funding. MP Dowdall was pleased to be presented with his own St. Patty's Day gnome for his office.

## **RIDING CELEBRATIONS**





MP Dowdall with Dorothy Fraser of Collingwood on her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Dorothy shared with MP Dowdall that her secret to looking as great as she does at 99 was to always keep smiling and to keep active.

### **BUSINESS VISITS**



MP Dowdall with Graeme Foers and sister Ayla Foers, co-owners, and operators of Lost Meadows Apiary and Meadery. Lost Meadows is an Agri-Tourism business located at 6084 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Egbert, ON and is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 5 pm. They have lots of new and exciting plans for the coming months.

It was interesting to learn about the challenges and hard work involved as well as what factors contribute to the variations in flavours of their meads and honeys.

**Congratulations** to Greekery Bakeshop located at 223 Mill St. Unit 4 Angus, on your one-year Anniversary!

Greekery offers a wide assortment of traditional Greek pastries as well as a variety of hot and cold beverages.



**Congratulations to the Kaumi family** on the Grand Opening of VK Modern Kitchenware located at 45 Victoria St. East, Unit A in Alliston.

VK Modern Kitchenware sells imported and personally designed kitchen wear at affordable pricing.

### **SIMCOE-GREY'S NEW CANADIAN CITIZENS**



MP Dowdall with Arash Safari Fard



MP Dowdall with Debbie Marie Zeidman



MP Dowdall with Svetlana Khanukay





MP Dowdall with Anastasiia Strelnykova

### **PASSPORT CLINICS**



MP Dowdall held his second passport clinic in Alliston this past weekend. (Pictured left).

The next passport clinic is being held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 from 11am to 2 pm, at Legion 281, 202 Marsh St. Clarksburg. For more information on upcoming clinics, contact the constituency office at 1-866-435-1809.

### ***How can we help?***

My offices are open to help the constituents of Simcoe—Grey with any questions about any new announcements on programs, funding, and services. If you have any issues with the CRA, Employment Insurance, Pensions, Passports, Veteran Affairs or Citizenship and Immigration, my staff and I are here to assist you. My offices in Alliston and Collingwood are open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. We are located at 503 Hume St. Unit 4, Collingwood and 452 Victoria St. East, Alliston. You can call any time at 1-866-435-1809.



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