



February 2023



Dear Constituent,

Happy New Year. I hope that you had some time to rest and recharge over the holiday season and that you were able to spend time with friends and family. I enjoyed the many community Christmas celebrations across the riding and have kept myself busy into the new year attending as many events as I can. Last week I returned to Ottawa for caucus meetings in preparation of the return of the House of Commons this week. It promises to be an eventful parliamentary session.

Continued Challenges of Highspeed Internet

Highspeed internet continues to be one of the top priorities for residents of Simcoe—Grey. I was proud to be one of the Members of Parliament who pushed the government hard to increase financial support for broadband by hundreds of millions of dollars and to increase the timeline for connecting 95% of all of Canada to highspeed internet by 2025.

Since that time, we have seen hundreds of homes in Simcoe—Grey get connected to highspeed internet. Vianet is one of the smaller companies making that happen. We had a good discussion about the progress being made and how we ensure that there are no gaps in service. I will continue to be active on this file pushing for all residents to have access to this much-needed service. To learn more about the Broadband Fund, click [here](#).



MP Dowdall with Brian McCullagh & Luke Gastierger of Vianet

General Richard Rohmer's 99th Birthday



Canada's most decorated living veteran lives here in Simcoe—Grey and he just turned 99 years old. It was an honour to present The Honorary Lieutenant-General Richard Rohmer a certificate on this achievement at his home in Collingwood. General Rohmer is a veteran of D-Day, the Battle of Normandy and the Liberation of the Netherlands. Called “one of Canada's most colourful figures of the past half-century,” General Rohmer has been a lawyer, author, politician, and a volunteer for numerous causes. He has been awarded the Order of Canada as well as other notable honours from Canada and the highest Orders of France and Belgium. He is an exceptional individual who I enjoy speaking with as often as possible.

Meetings with new Town Councils

With every municipal election comes a new council with new priorities, so I have tried to meet with each of the new councils in Simcoe—Grey to understand their needs and priorities. It is always a pleasure to meet with newly elected councillors and mayors who bring new ideas and priorities, but also to learn from returning representatives about what is working and what will be continuing.



*MP Dowdall with Clearview Mayor Doug Measures and Council
Clearview Townships first council meeting
for 2023*



***MP Dowdall with Mayor Richard Norcross at
New Tecumseth's first Council Meeting for 2023
MP Dowdall with Adjala-Tosorontio Mayor Scott Anderson
and Council at the first council meeting for 2023***

Collingwood Mayor's Levee and Order of Collingwood Ceremony

Always a fun event, the Collingwood Mayor's Levee and the Order of Collingwood Ceremony are both a great way to meet with Mayor and Council, but also to get to know those Collingwood residents who are recognized as making a difference in their community.



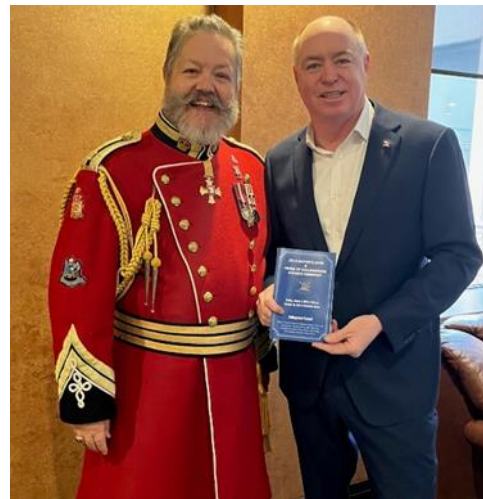
***MP Dowdall with Reverend
Sharon Johnstone***



Traditional Indigenous Healing Dance



Collingwood Town Council and Order of Collingwood Recipients



MP Dowdall & Collingwood Town Crier, Ken Templeman

Meeting with CFB Borden Leadership

Everyone knows the important role that CFB Borden plays in our region. Its members contribute much to the community and the base itself is a big employer of many non-enlisted people in surrounding communities. We also know that if disaster strikes, we have Canada's best ready to help. I always like to maintain a good relationship with leadership on the base, so it was great to welcome Base Commander Col. Michaud and Base Chief Wilcox to my office. We had a great discussion about what the base can do to support the community and what the community can do to support the base.



Base Chief Wilcox, Base Commander Michaud & MP Dowdall

Angus Legion Levee

As always, it was great to stop in at the Angus Legion Levee, a fun event with a focus on fundraising for much-needed causes. Thank you to the Legion for inviting me.



MP Dowdall with Peter Matthews, Howie Hipwell and Garry Vanberghe

Business Visits

As many of you know, in my travels around the riding I always enjoy stopping in and supporting new and existing businesses. It is important to speak with the workers and the owners to hear about the challenges they face and to learn what more the federal

government can do to ensure they thrive. If you run a business, please invite me to stop in and I will do my best to swing by when I am in the area.



Left: MP Dowdall with Natalie McCartney owner of Grazeland Eatery & Market, Stayner

Right: Madda Lena Magro and Lindsey Polhill, owners of Bar Burrito Tottenham with MP Dowdall



Left: MP Dowdall with owner Sabrina Iaboni of Sabrina's Home Kitchen located in Everett

New Canadian Citizens

Finally, I personally try to meet with every new Canadian each month to congratulate them on becoming part of our Canadian family. Their stories are always so interesting; and sometimes heartbreaking. Many of them did not speak the language when they arrived, but have learned English, often took training, and worked to create a better life before applying to become a Canadian. They are always so grateful to now be Canadian. It speaks volumes about how fortunate we are to live here.



MP Dowdall Gregory Marshall and Sandra Masters-Marshall



MP Dowdall with Antonio Ricciardi-Barshitto



MP Dowdall with Robert Bowen



MP Dowdall with Ines Ango



MP Dowdall with Anyia Maor



MP Dowdall with Omri Amar



*MP Dowdall with Mohammad Kham
and Mekuish Abbas*



MP Dowdall with Adil Nezirovic



MP Dowdall with Roberta Markauskaite

Professional Women's Hockey Players Association Showcase



I enjoyed participating in the Professional Women's Hockey Players Association event held in Collingwood. Showcasing the best women hockey players in the world - including 44 Olympians - it was an honour to be invited to drop the puck at the game. Thank you to the Collingwood Girls Hockey Association, in partnership with the Town of Collingwood for hosting the event.

OJHL All-Star Celebration in Collingwood



Continuing with some more great hockey in Collingwood, I also enjoyed attending the Ontario Junior Hockey League All-Star Celebration, which featured the best players from across Ontario as selected by the league's competition committee. Players Cam Eke, Marcus Loughheed, and Antonio Cerqua represented the hometown Collingwood Blues. Thank you to the Dairy Farmers of Ontario for sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the event went to the OJHL Foundation which focuses on delivering the First Assist Program to aid players with Mental Health and Life Skills Training.

Contact Me

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Sincerely,



Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey



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