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Dear Constituent,

As I indicated in my previous e-newsletter, the government recently unveiled its 2023 Federal Budget.

With its \$40B deficit, lack of impactful support for seniors or the Armed Forces, and zero tax reduction for the middle-class, the 2023 budget has been met with almost 100% rejection from those who have contacted my office.

I will be voting against it.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, I rose in the House of the Commons as one of the first members from the Opposition to outline my thoughts in the budget.

You may watch my speech [here](#).



## **C-11**

In other Ottawa news, we also saw the passage of C-11, which many of you have written to me about with grave concerns.

While I can understand the need to update the Broadcasting Act and to ensure that Canadian voices and Canadian survive in a world dominated by 'Big Internet,' there were serious issues raised by the Opposition and by many eminent Canadians with the powers being given to the CRTC to regulate what is viewed online in Canada.

The CRTC claims it will be rather benign with the powers, but the fact is a Commission appointed by the government now has the power to regulate content you see online.

That should be concerning to everyone, even those who generally support the government.

## **OTTAWA MEETINGS AND RECEPTIONS**

Recently as well, I had the opportunity to meet with some good organizations doing great work to help people living in Simcoe—Grey. I was pleased to meet with the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders, of which Alliston's own Cystic Fibrosis advocates Beth and Madi Vanstone are members. I also attended a breakfast sponsored by Celiac Canada, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about Celiac Disease. Several constituents who suffer from the disease wrote to me asking me to attend, which I was happy to do.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

As part of this committee, we continue to work on matters to improve issues relating to veterans. We are presently putting our finishing touches on a report about the transition process out of the Armed Forces and another about the contracting out of veterans' services. We have also begun an in-depth study on the Experience of Women Veterans. So, if you are a female veteran who lives in Simcoe—Grey and has something to share, please reach out.

As always, I am here to help. Please contact one of my offices or respond to one of my newsletters. I read all the replies and try to call as many of you personally as possible.

Sincerely,

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

Terry Dowdall

## RIDING EVENTS & NEWS



MP Dowdall met with Brenda Pufek and Emily McIntosh of Contact Community Services. Brenda and Emily shared new services that are being offered to increase community support initiatives and the challenges they face including the importance of funding opportunities to ensure they can continue to provide the remarkable support services for residents of all ages throughout New Tecumseth and surrounding communities. For more information on one of the many services offered by Contact, phone 705-435-4900 or email [contact@contactcommunityservices.ca](mailto:contact@contactcommunityservices.ca)



MP Dowdall with Kate Robichaud, Krista Tomini and Caitlin Kavander of **Beauty Counter**.

During the meeting they shared with MP Dowdall their goal to have the mandatory labelling of ingredients on certain products that are currently not required to be listed as they fall under categories such as scents, fragrances, or trade secrets. Therefore, allowing consumers to make fully informed decisions on their product purchases.

## RIDING CELEBRATIONS



MP Dowdall bring 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes to Adjala-Tosorontio Resident Muriel Hackett.



MP Dowdall with Jean Johnson on her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Jean is a long-time resident of Wasaga Beach.



(Left) MP Dowdall presenting Essa Township residents Ina & Ray Lawson a celebratory certificate on their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## **BUSINESS VISITS**





MP Dowdall with **MEDATech** Engineering President Rob Rennie and Team. MEDATech, located in Collingwood, ON discussed with MP Dowdall some of the challenges it has come up against with the production of battery-electric engines for off-road mining machinery including Transport Canada regulations. This technology is first of its kind and needs the support of Transport Canada and I am working to obtain it.



**Congratulations** to Cassidy Lemoine, Joe Little and their team on the Grand Opening at their new location located at 78 Victoria St. West Alliston

**Cassidy and Joe** have been in the Real Estate industry for over 10 years. The atmosphere in their new location is a testament of the care and attention they provide to their client's needs.

MP Dowdall with **T & Y Jewellery** owners Tai and Yen Pham.

T & Y Jewellery is located at 77 Hurontario St. Collingwood, ON, and has been in business for over 35 years



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



MP Dowdall with Harleen Kaur



MP Dowdall with Deborah Bullock



MP Dowdall with Yuri Oliveira Martins



MP Dowdall with Marvin & Norcela Velasquez

MP Dowdall with Pawanpuneet Singh  
& Vishavdeep Kaur

## **PASSPORT CLINICS**



Our third passport clinic was held at Legion 281, Clarksburg in the Town of Blue Mountains. (Pictured left).

Passport processing has just resumed thanks to the strike. If you have questions or want us to review your application for completeness, please don't hesitate to 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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