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Dear Constituent,

After a long and very hectic session, the House of Commons wrapped up last week with voting taking place overnight Wednesday until XX Thursday morning. Lots of legislation was forced through in the past weeks by the Liberals, with the support of the NDP.

However, one key Bill that I have received a lot of correspondence in support of was left to languish: C-22, the Canada Disability Benefit Act. My fellow Conservatives and I have supported this Bill at every step and called on the government to bring it forward for final approval – as it is the Liberals who control what gets debated every day in the House. They decided not to bring it forward despite knowing it would pass. So those who would benefit for this Bill will have to wait even longer now for support.

Another Bill many of you have written to me in opposition to is C-21, the latest firearms legislation. No matter if you support C-21 or not, we can all agree that it has been a mess from the get-go. Back door amendments which were tabled and then withdrawn, the prime minister and the minister in charge contradicting one another in public while also being publicly embarrassed when they said certain hunting rifles were not being banned when they were. Nevertheless, the Liberals (again with the support of the NDP), managed to push this through the House with substantial opposition. However, since the Senate only has a couple sitting days left before it rises for the summer, C-21 will almost certainly languish there at First Reading.

If you have any other questions concerning legislation and its present status or anything else going on in the House of Commons, you can always check on the parliamentary website: <https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bills?chamber=1> or email my office. I do my best to keep everyone updated with key Bills, but there is a lot happening so don't be shy to ask.

While the work that all Members of Parliament do in Ottawa is important, I always welcome the opportunity to return home to Simcoe—Grey. As a riding with strong agricultural and tourism components, the summer is a very busy time with many meetings and events to attend. You will see me covering all parts of the riding all summer as I get out there to meet as many of you in person as I can.

The unofficial kick-off to summer for many people is Canada Weekend. Canada Day falls on a Saturday this year, so I expect the celebrations will be even more boisterous than normal! I will be attending the events in Adjala-Tosorontio, Collingwood, Essa & Wasaga Beach. If you see

me there, come by and say hello. As always, I look forward to meeting as many of my constituents as possible and hearing about your priorities.

Sincerely,



Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

RIDING EVENTS & NEWS



Through the efforts of its Smile Cookie campaign, the Beeton Tim Hortons presented a cheque for \$7,855.78 to Our Town Food Bank.

Our Town Food Bank is located at 18 Queen St. North Tottenham and serves both the Beeton and Tottenham area. On the day of the presentation, representatives from the Food Bank shared how difficult the summer months are to keep the stock up.

If you are looking for more information on how you can help, please contact the foodbank at (905)936-6293.

Tottenham Tim Hortons presented Help the Kids Play (HTKP) with a cheque for \$23,821.23 from their Smile Cookie Campaign.

HTKP provides children with the funding to participate in recreational activities when their parents or guardians are unable to do so.

For more information on HTKP please visit their website at [Home - Help The Kids Play](#)



On Tuesday, June 13th, The Town of New Tecumseth in partnership with the County of Simcoe, Focus Employment Services and the Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board hosted the Welcome Week Community / Job Fair.

The biggest issue for newcomers to any area is knowing about all the different social services, financial supports, clubs, resources, teams, and volunteering opportunities that may be available to them locally for themselves and their children.

New Tecumseth had the largest increase in immigrants' migration in the County of Simcoe between 2016 and 2021. In the 2021 Census, 8,400 residents living in The Town of New Tecumseth identified that they were born outside of Canada.





The 5th Annual Wasaga Beach Seniors Expo was a huge success. This event is hosted by the Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee who volunteer on behalf of Wasaga Beach's town council to assist our older adults in the community. The event had over 70 exhibitors that participated this year and included live music, health and wellness information and a BBQ.

Seniors are a tremendously important population here in our region and they are always a top priority. Events such as this are quickly becoming a must every summer, especially as our senior's population grows. What is positive is that as it grows, we are seeing more and more people step up to help.

RIDING CELEBRATIONS



MP Dowdall presenting Collingwood resident Mildred Thompson a 90th Birthday Celebratory Certificate on behalf of the Constituents of Simcoe-Grey and the Government of Canada.

Mildred spent her day surrounded by many friends and family. Her secret to MP Dowdall for staying so young looking at 90 was to never stop.



MP Dowdall was pleased to bring greetings and best wishes to Manfred Leimgardt of Stayner, in honour of his 90th Birthday. Manfred is known as a hard working and respected member of the community, which was evident by the large turnout to celebrate his special day.



MP Dowdall was not present in the riding for Ken Miller's actual birthday, but happy to catch up with him at a later date during one of Essa Townships Sunday breakfast meetings, to bring congratulations on behalf of the residents of Simcoe-Grey and the Government of Canada.

This month Sam Boggia and his daughter Carla (pictured right) celebrated 50th year in business for their Salon, LaModa.

At the age of 27, Sam and his wife Dianne opened their salon in Collingwood. Originally the salon was located on Hurontario and shortly after re-located to its present location at Saint Marie St. Collingwood.





Congratulation to Catulpa Community Support Services on 50 successful years! Pictured left is Stephan Rumball, Communications Manager & Vicky Schenk, Director of Services.

With offices both in Collingwood and in Alliston, Catulpa provides two important points of contact for so many residents seeking assistance. Catulpa delivers invaluable support to children, youth and adults with special or unique needs, as well as to their families.

What started as Tamarac Treatment Centre in Orillia in 1973 with a focus on mental health supports for families has grown into a large and multifaceted organization, all without losing the personal connections and the focus on each individual and family.

Congratulations to Raluca Mackenzie Real Estate on the Grand Re-Opening of your newest location 180 Parson Road, Unit 1B, Alliston

Our region continues to be one of the fastest growing parts of the country. In fact, Simcoe—Grey is the most populated one in all of Ontario.

With that in mind, we need more places for people to live, and we need good local real estate agents to help get people into them.





Good Samaritan Seniors' Living Complex in Alliston celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 21st. Good Sam's at it is fondly referred to as locally, provides excellent care and services to many seniors in our riding.

The complex is a combination of a retirement lodge as well as a long-term care facility, that provides health and well-being for its residents. For more information on Good Sam's visit their website at <https://www.goodsamseniors.com/>



After 6 months of renovations, the Craigleith Heritage Depot has reopened its doors. The Depot is a branch of The Blue Mountains Public Library and a historic railway station. The Depot received \$406,250 of funding through joint programs from the Federal and Provincial government.



This week the Sugartones, a women's a cappella chorus group, celebrated the retirement of Jan-Ake Westin. Jan has led the Sugartones since its inception in 2013, and since that time they have become such a great part of the musical heritage of our area.

From Christmas Carols to Canada Day, and from Girl Guides to Seniors' Homes, under Jan's leadership, the Sugartones have raised spirits, enchanted ears, and introduced many people to their beautiful all-female four-part harmony in the barbershop style.

Stories like these speak to the community spirit we have here in our region. And people like Jan and the Sugartones symbolize – or should we say “vocalize” – each and every day.

The Sugartones were also pleased to introduce the new director of the Sugartones, Jeanette Martin. Jeanette brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her, being owner along with her husband Doug of Music in Motion located in Angus.

CONGRATUATIONS SIMCOE-GREY GRADUATES

It gives me great pleasure to continue to support the graduating students in each of the high schools in the riding with the Terry Dowdall, MP Youth Award. The award is made available to one student in each of the high schools living in Simcoe—Grey, who plans to pursue post-secondary education in a Trade, College or University and has continuously demonstrated exceptional academic study, leadership within the school and volunteerism within the community.

Students are the leaders of tomorrow; and graduations are a celebration of achievements and transitional moments. It is a pleasure to acknowledge and support the on-going development of dedicated students who choose to pursue their academic and career goals in a meaningful way.

Thank you to the schools and staff for your continued hard work to organize these Graduation Ceremonies.

Congratulations to all Graduates of 2023, you should be proud of your accomplishments. Have a fantastic summer best wishes as you embark on the next chapter. Congratulation also to the following students on being the recipients of this years Terry Dowdall, MP Youth Award.

Banting Memorial High School – Mikalya F.
Collingwood Collegiate Institute – Henry C.
Our Lady of the Bay Catholic High School – Julianna F.
Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School – Trevin D.
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School – Isabella F.
Stayner Collegiate Institute – Kaitlyn S.

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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