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Dear Constituent,

The House is back in session and we in the Opposition are pressing the government hard to cut taxes and to help reduce the cost-of-living for all.

It has been good to meet up with members of Caucus again in order to raise policy ideas and to hear feedback from members from across the country. Some issues may vary from coast to coast to coast in Canada, but the key ones are consistent across all regions.

By far, the top three issues identified by Simcoe—Grey constituents in my last survey were: cost-of-living/inflation, taxes/carbon taxes, and seniors/pensions. This is consistent with what other MPs are reporting as well.

While there are issues which pop up in the news or the House of Commons which deserve our attention, you will continue to see my colleagues and I prioritize issues like these.

This government may rather talk about other issues. But we will remain focused.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Sincerely,

Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

RIDING EVENTS & NEWS

The Grand Parade

It was an honour to participate in the “Grand Parade”, hosted by Contact Community Services. The event was well attended and supported by many local councillors, MPP Brian Saunderson, and Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Minister Raymond Cho.

Many seniors in our communities have been experiencing difficulty making ends meet with the significant increases in the cost-of-living and have struggled with isolation and loneliness over the last few years. Fundraising events such as this allow Contact to support seniors with housing services, grocery needs, transportation, communication, and free community programs to keep them engaged.

Congratulations to everyone involved on surpassing their goal of raising \$20,000 and thank you to the event organizers, the many volunteers, sponsors, participants and donors for making this event a huge success. And a special thanks to Rory McKinnon on leading the opening of the parade with his amazing piping skills.



Breaking Down Barriers Official Ribbon Cutting & Open House

Congratulations to Breaking Down Barriers Independent Living Resource Centre on your official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House! The great work this organization does enables people to live their lives to their full potential with dignity and respect. They are continuously striving to improve their programs, support and services that positively impact the residents in our communities. From those living with diverse disabilities and challenges, to helping seniors stay connected and engaged. For more information on the great work that Breaking Down Barriers does, please visit its website at <https://breakingdownbarriers.ca/>



Great Northern Exhibition

It is a pleasure each year to be invited to participate in the Opening Ceremonies of the Great Northern Exhibition. I always enjoy touring the many exhibits afterwards and seeing familiar faces.

The GNE has been in existence since 1865 and thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Collingwood Agricultural Society's team of organizers and its many volunteers, this year it celebrated 166 years!

The theme this year was Bounty From Our County. Each year this amazing event showcases the importance of agriculture in our communities. I am always surprised how it continues to outdo itself with every passing year. If you have never been, I encourage you to mark it on your calendar for next year, you will not be disappointed!



Local Youth Representing Canada on International Stage



I had the great pleasure of accompanying Harry Lawrenson, National Director of D.A.R.E. Canada to present Alliston Grade 9 student Leora Harwood with a Canadian Flag and Congratulatory Certificate on behalf of the Government of Canada and the residents of Simcoe—Grey.

Leora was selected as Canada's Youth D.A.R.E Representative. She will also be one of two Youth Advocacy Board representatives for D.A.R.E. International, travelling to Cape Town, South Africa, in October for the Global Alcohol Policy Conference. Congratulations Leora!

Fresh Food Weekly Fundraiser

Fresh Food Weekly is a charity that helps low-income families get access to fresh food. It was a pleasure to meet with Founder Leah Dyck.

The Harvest Dinner Fundraising event held at Christ Church St. Jude in Ivy was a big success. With thanks to Reverend Bill Welch & Cherrie Banting-Wrobel for hosting and Leah Dyck for your initiative and hard work. (Pictured right)



Hospice Georgian Triangle Annual Fundraising Gala

Hospice Georgian Triangle provides compassionate care for individuals and families dealing with life-limiting illnesses living in The Town of Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, and Clearview Township. Its fundraising efforts, including its Annual Gala, help support the invaluable services it offers.

The 2023 Care Gala was another huge success. Thank you to the Hospice Board of Directors, volunteers, sponsors, and donors for everything you do to provide meaningful impact and support to those in need.



RIDING CELEBRATIONS

40 Years in Business

Congratulations to Brisco Furniture & Appliance on achieving 40 years in Business!

It was with great pleasure to present Ken and Heidi Brisco with a certificate in celebration of this remarkable accomplishment. The store is still serving the residents of Simcoe—Grey from the original location where Ken’s parents opened in 1983, at 43 Victoria St. West in Alliston. The event was well attended by family, friends, and many customers.

Brisco’s offer a variety of home furnishings and appliances. And although Ken shared the many changes the business has gone through over the years to meet the needs of their customers, if you listen to the stories shared by their long-time customers, one thing has never changed, their extraordinary customer service!



Readers Choice Award Winner



Congratulations to the Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce on receiving the Diamond Readers’ Choice Award for Farm Market and Business/Career Training & Development.

This is a well-deserved award. President Robyn Caruana and her team provide remarkable business resources & support to businesses in the community.



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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