



September 2023



Dear Constituent,

I have had a busy and enjoyable summer attending many events and meetings all over the riding.

But as summer comes to an end, it's time for all of us to get back into a routine. The kids are heading back to school next week and shortly after that I am looking forward to getting back to Ottawa as there is much work to be done.

Over the summer months I have had many conversations with constituents who are concerned. They're concerned about heating bills this winter. They're concerned about mortgage payments. They're concerned about groceries and school lunches. If they are seniors, they're concerned about paying bills on a meagre pension. If they're youth, they're concerned about paying rent their entire life. If they're workers, they're concerned about the price of gasoline. And if they own a business, they're concerned about looming CEBA loan repayment deadlines.

These are the concerns I hear the most. I will bring them to Caucus and to the House when it resumes on September 18th.

HAVE A GREAT LABOUR DAY WEEKEND, DRIVE SAFE, AND BEST WISHES

Sincerely,

Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

RIDING EVENTS & NEWS

As always, it was a great time participating in the Annual Alliston Potato Festival parade.

The festival is held each year prior to the fall potato harvest to celebrate the community's Agricultural Roots that date back to 1972.

There were over 60 decorated floats and thousands of people lining Victoria Street to show their support.



Thank you to the many organizers, sponsors, and volunteers for all your hard work. Thank you also to the vendors and those that come out to show your support to make this a successful and fun weekend for the community each year.

A special thanks to Trillium Ford for the ride in the parade!

I was happy to show my support for S.H.I.F.T. by signing up for their dunk tank at the Alliston Potato Festival on Saturday. S.H.I.F.T. provides safe, overnight accommodations, meals and supports to those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity in South Simcoe. Fundraising events such as the dunk tank are integral to ensuring it can continue to offer the much-needed programming and support services.



Congratulations to all the members of the Heritage Community Church congregation on the church's designation by the Town of Collingwood as a Heritage Site of Historical & Cultural Significance.

With the assistance of Carolynn and Sylvia Wilson, signage was developed which has been placed at the front of the church, that shares the history of the church and black community.





On National Peacekeepers' Day, we honour and give thanks to the efforts of our Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces personnel who served in support of international peacekeeping operations.

Each year I am honoured to take part in the Annual Peacekeepers Day Ceremony at Peacekeepers Park in Angus. This year is special as we are celebrating 75 years of Peacekeeping. An incredible milestone.

It was pleasure to join the Friends of Utopia Mill & Park at their Raiše the Roof Mini Golf Tournament.

All proceeds raised from the event are going to repair the roof of Bell's Gristmill, Essa Township's historically-designated building, located within the Utopia Conservation Area.



Congratulations to Tim Horton's, Hume St. location owner Jan Trude and her team on another successful year at their Charity Golf Tournament.

All proceeds from each annual tournament goes directly back into the community. This year's tournament proceeds will be donated to the Eat Well to Excel Program. This program provides Simcoe County school age children with nutritious foods in the schools as well as educational programs to encourage nutrition and healthy eating habits.



The Ethnic Mosaic Alliance (EMA) in partnership with Barrie Persian Association (BPA) and Barrie Film Festival (BFF) celebrated its Persian Mosaic Nights Festival for the first time in Alliston at Riverdale Park.

The festival featured a free outdoor screening of the feature-length film **Tehranto** by director Faran Moradi about Persian culture, set in Toronto, Canada. The sights, sounds and aroma of the Persian culture was on full display with performances from dancers, musicians, and artists. Vendors also included clothing, crafts, naturopathic care, jewellery, art, cosmetics, and food and beverage.

Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who were crucial to the success of this event. The Persian community is a growing and vibrant community within Simcoe—Grey.



The Tottenham Artisan and Farmers Market has wrapped up for another year. It ran each Sunday for 9 weeks at the Keogh Park in Tottenham. This year the Market was well attended, averaging 400-600 attendees each week and over 1000 on its final week last weekend.

Thank you to Tottenham & Beeton District Chamber of Commerce President Robyn Caruana and your team, as well as the many vendors, and all who made this summer event a success!



Thank you to the Tottenham Sunday Music in the Park Series, under the direction of Dayne Gerous of We Love Sound, which showcased local talented musicians and singers much to the enjoyment of all who attended!



The weekly event featured many local artisans, local farm produce & meats, baked goods, wine, food trucks, children's activities. Make sure to check them out next summer!



Get out and get your tickets to support the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's annual raffle.

The Auxiliary team will be out at community events selling tickets with chances to win in early bird draws; with the main draw taking place in November 2023.

Tickets for the annual raffle can also be purchased at the SMH Auxiliary Treasures & Treats Gift Shop at the hospital.

Thank you to Stevenson Memorial Hospital for the opportunity to join you as you celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Fracture Clinic and orthopaedic care unit.

In 2013, the Hospital Foundation along with community support, raised funds to purchase equipment needed for orthopaedic surgeries and care. Dr. Syndie Singer (pictured right), orthopaedic surgeon, was also hired and has been facilitating the Clinic and providing orthopaedic consultations and surgeries for the past 10 years.



CONTACT Community Services is constantly looking for new ways to assist seniors in our community that are in urgent need of support.

The **Grand Parade** is being held at Banting Memorial High School Track on September 16th, starting at 11am. My Team and I will be there! The funds raised from this family friendly event will go to assist seniors in the community through financial crisis, transportation issue's, free community programs and learning seminars.

To sign up or to donate go to [Alliston \(Contact Community Services\) - The Grand Parade 2023](#) or call CONTACT at 705-435-4900

RIDING CELEBRATIONS



The Banting Family came together for a big celebration of not only Brian and Anna's 60th Wedding Anniversary, but each of their own 80th birthdays which are weeks apart!

Congratulations to long time Essa Township residents Brian and Anna on reaching these milestones.

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Howard and Verna Boucher.

It is always a great pleasure for me to present certificates to constituents of Simcoe—Grey that are celebrating milestones. And a 70th Wedding Anniversary with a couple that looks and presents themselves to be this young, makes me have to ask...what their secret is!

Congratulations Howard & Verna!



While surrounded by many of their family and friends, residents Stan (past Member of Council for Wasaga Beach) and Betty Wells celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

It was an honour to be invited to attend and to bring greetings on behalf of the Federal Government and the residents of Simcoe—Grey.



As he celebrates his 50th year in business at Templeman's Family Hairstyling, Ken Templeman is also celebrating his retirement. It was an honour to attend Ken's retirement celebration.

Ken is also known very well in the Collingwood area as the Town Crier. Although settling into retirement, Ken plans to continue to be the Town Crier, something he has been doing for over 25 years. As the Town Crier he has cried at many birthdays, anniversaries, retirements and even introduced brides and grooms at weddings.



I was pleased to help celebrate the tremendous achievement of the Thornbury - Clarksburg Rotary Club on its 85th Anniversary. For 85 years, these Rotarians have contributed so much to our local region. In just the last couple years, they have planted 300 trees in the Town of the Blue Mountains, distributed 2500 lbs. of potatoes to those in need and contributed \$25,000 to build a preschool.

Congratulations to everyone involved and here's to 85 more years! Thank you for all you do.

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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