



November 2023



Dear Constituent,

The House of Commons has been back in session for six weeks now, and it has been a particularly busy time. We have seen the resignation of one Speaker over his office's invite of a former member of the SS to the speech by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and the election of a new Speaker, the Honourable Greg Fergus, MP for Hull—Aylmer.

We also had a major flip-flop by the Liberals on the Carbon Tax. As you may have heard, the Liberals have decided to give Atlantic Canadians a three-year pause on the Carbon Tax on home heating oil. While we certainly welcome a break for anyone from this tax – which has not lowered emissions and only raised prices – it is unfair to give four provinces a break and still punish the people of Ontario, many of whom use propane, natural gas, or oil to heat their own homes. Conservatives will continue to push the Liberals to give all Canadians a break. Conservatives are the only party in the House of Commons dedicated to axing the tax entirely for all Canadians.

Speaking of high prices and taxes, inflation is still running above the Bank of Canada's 2% target rate. At Standing Committee on Finance on October 30th, the Governor of the Bank, Tiff Macklem, said that cutting the Carbon Tax will have an immediate impact on lowering inflation and the cost-of-living. Canadians need any relief they can get. Not a day goes by without someone writing to me worried about how they are going to make ends meet. One woman – a senior – wrote last week to say she only eats vegetables twice a week now because groceries are too expensive. This is not the kind of Canada we built, and definitely not the kind of Canada people who dedicated their lives to building deserve to live in, in their retirement. Things need to change.

As always, I welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,



Terry Dowdall
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

RIDING EVENTS & NEWS

Recently, Wasaga Beach resident David Schindler contacted my office for assistance in locating a sesquicentennial flag that was produced in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017. With the help of Cecilia Burke, owner of The Flag Store in Barrie and Thornton; I was happy to be able to personally hand-deliver the flag to David.

During my visit, David showed me the flag that he received in 1967 from his MP at the time. David was a member of the Peel County All-Star Concert Band that performed at Expo'67 in Montreal. Each member of the Concert Band received this flag. It is something that David holds near and dear to his heart, which you can see by the condition it is in. David proudly flies this flag each year on Canada Day and hopes that this is a tradition that future generations of his family will continue.



Beck Street Medical Clinic Grand Opening

There are many residents in Simcoe—Grey who are struggling to find a doctor. All levels of government need to work together to ensure our residents have the healthcare they need when they need it. The Grand Opening of the Beck Street Medical Clinic in the Town of Wasaga Beach is a good start to help get these necessary services to all residents. Congratulations to Wasaga Beach Council and staff for making this happen.

The Clinic, located at 160 Beck Street, is currently open to residents who do not have a doctor. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, with Nurse Practitioners from the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre offering a walk-in clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Annual Christmas Card Contest

Reminder that my offices are now accepting submissions for my annual Simcoe—Grey Christmas Card Contest until November 3rd at 5:00 pm. Any child aged 12 and under who lives in Simcoe—Grey is welcome to submit a design in person to either my Alliston or Collingwood Constituency Office, or electronically via email to terry.dowdall@parl.gc.ca. The artwork chosen will become my mailer for December. It will be sent to every single household and business in Simcoe—Grey. Below are samples of the previous years' winners! For more details, please visit my website at terrydowdallmp.ca



RIDING CELEBRATIONS

Probus Club of Alliston's 35th Anniversary

I was pleased to attend and present a celebratory certificate to the Probus Club of Alliston in honour of its 35th Anniversary. The Club is geared to active retirees, and it welcomes men and women into an environment which allows them to remain active, learn about local, national, and global issues, and – as I was told – most importantly: to have fun!

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Nottawasaga Inn & Resort. There are often guest speakers who provide the membership with new and exciting information, experiences, and activities that appeal to everyone.



Ruby Thomas, Probus President
being presented the
Congratulatory Certificate



MP Dowdall addresses Probus
Members.



Bill Braden, joined Probus in 1961
and is the Club's longest living
Member.

Sir Frederick Banting – Nobel Prize 100th Anniversary

It was my honour to attend, at the Banting Homestead, the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Sir Frederick Banting being awarded the Nobel Prize for the discovery of Insulin.

The Banting Homestead, located in our very own riding, is remarkable. It is an educational facility and historic site located at 5116 Sir Frederick Banting Road in Alliston.

Prior to the celebration, I had the pleasure of meeting with Sir Frederick Banting Legacy Foundation President Debra Walker and Vice-President George Scott. We discussed the financial struggle the Foundation is up against to preserve the legacy of this historic site. The Foundation is determined to keep this historic site alive. In doing so, it will honour Frederick Banting's discovery of insulin, which continues to make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world each and every day!

For more information on how you can help, please go to the Foundation's website at <https://bantinglegacy.ca/>





CANADA'S GIFT
 100 YEARS:
 INSULIN
 1921 - 2021
 NOBEL PRIZE
 1923 - 2023
 SIR FREDERICK
 BANTING
 OUR ALLISTON HERO



Collingwood First Baptist Church 150th Anniversary



On October 15th, Collingwood First Baptist Church celebrated its 150th Anniversary. The Church was established in 1873, when the original thirteen Charter members gathered inside a stable in Collingwood.

It was a pleasure to attend the event alongside Collingwood Mayor Yvonne Hamlin, Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer, and Members of Council.

On behalf of the residents of Simcoe—Grey, I thank all who have worked so diligently over the years to preserve this rich history and to maintain this Church in our community.

Welcoming New Canadian Citizens to Simcoe—Grey 🇨🇦



Congratulations
Catarina Nagatoshi ! 🇨🇦



Congratulations Ieva
Lagzdina! 🇨🇦



Congratulations Kumar Amit!
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Congratulations Karik Hill! 🇨🇦



Congratulations Richard West! 🇨🇦

On the Hill



Constituent Shauna Levy, Owner of Madge and Mercer Modern Apothecary, along with Ashley Wilde and Tanner Stewart, members of the Cannabis Council of Canada

Constituents Stan Reljic and Greg Callahan, and William Ballard of the Canadian Real Estate Association.



MP for Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte, Doug Shiple, constituent and President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture Keith Currie, and CFA 1st Vice President Todd Lewis.

On October 19th, I rose in the House of Commons to share my frustrations about the impact that the Carbon Tax is having on constituents and small businesses here in Simcoe—Grey.

Click [Here](#) to view my Statement.



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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