



February 2025

Dear Dave,

While the House has been prorogued since January 6th and hasn't sat since December 17th, there has been a lot happening at the federal level since my last note to you. As I am sure you are aware, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his intention to resign following the conclusion of the Liberal Leadership Race on March 9th. For now, he remains Prime Minister.

As I am also sure you are aware, Donald Trump was sworn in as US President again. He has said he will impose 25% tariffs on many Canadian products going to the United States unless Canada takes action on certain files. The situation is in flux as deadlines and his priorities shift. The Canadian government and provincial governments announced their own retaliatory measures. Fortunately, President Trump delayed the tariffs for one month as the government announced some measures to tackle the fentanyl problem and increase border security.

Trump has also indicated his desire to make Canada the 51st state. I do not support this. An overwhelming majority of Canadians of all political views do not. Canada is not for sale and we will always stand up for ourself. Canada first. Canada last. Canada always.

The proposed tariffs have also put a renewed focus on the need to reduce interprovincial trade barriers. I encourage you to have a look at Pierre Poilievre's plan to do this: <https://x.com/PierrePoilievre/status/1886400496727966089>. Pierre's plan to secure the border is here: <https://x.com/PierrePoilievre/status/1886470100313891061>.

Lost in the news surrounding tariffs were updates on two items that many constituents have reached out to my office about. The first is the proposed Capital Gains Tax hike, which the government proceeded with even though it was not approved before the House was prorogued. Thanks to lots of public opposition, the government announced that it has delayed the hike until January 1st, 2026. I assume this means it intends to pass it first, then implement it on that date.

The second is the government's plan to amend the Income Tax Act to extend the deadline to February 28th, 2025, to make donations eligible in the 2024 tax year. This too never passed, but CRA has said that it will proceed anyway and legislate it at a future date. It does warn that if there is no future legislation, then it is on the taxpayer to re-file to ensure compliance with tax law.

As always, I welcome your views on all matters. Please fill in the reply card and let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Dowdall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Terry Dowdall  
Member of Parliament for Simcoe—Grey

### **RIDING EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Grand Opening of Empower Simcoe's EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Thornton**

This is the third EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Simcoe County. The new Thornton location which opened on Monday, January 13th, is located at 4171 Innisfil Beach Rd., at the corner of County Road 27. It provides families and caregivers with children from prenatal stages through to age six, a variety of free core services designed to enhance their parenting journey.

During the opening we heard from families who have benefited directly from the inclusive support and services that are offered to enhance their families' lives.

Thank you to Empower Simcoe, the County of Simcoe and everyone involved in the opening of this incredible resource that will provide valuable support to the residents of Essa Township.

For more information on EarlyON Child and Family Centre visit [Empower Simcoe Opens Thornton EarlyON Child and Family Centre](#)



## **Town of Collingwood Mayor's New Year Levee and the Order of Collingwood Presentations**

This years Mayor's Levee and the Order of Collingwood Presentation was held at the beautiful Bear Estate, located at Living Waters Resort. Always a great event celebrating the Town's accomplishments from the previous year, as well as celebrating the New Year and learning what the Town has in store. It is also a pleasure to be able to recognize those Collingwood residents who are making a difference in their community.

My sincere congratulations to this year's recipients of the Order of Collingwood; Murray Knowles, Dr. John Miller, Naomi Paterson, and Hella Sandberg, who through their diligent and continued volunteerism were given this prestigious award.

Thank you to Mayor Yvonne Hamlin, Council and Town staff for your hard work and dedication to continuing this event year after year.



## **Salvation Army Collingwood Community Church Christmas Kettle Volunteer Appreciation**

The Annual Christmas Kettle Campaign is one of Canada's largest and most recognized annual charitable events. There are more than 2,000 kettle locations across Canada that support a wide range of Salvation Army programs and serve over 1.8 million people in Canada.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, this year The Salvation Army Collingwood Community Church raised \$127,000. These funds are raised locally and stay local.

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time this year at one of the kettles in the community and a special thanks to Kettle Coordinator Anne Wiley and Major Collins for the work they do to keep this program running each year.

For more information on the Salvation Army Collingwood Community Church and the great work they do visit [Home - Collingwood CC](#)



## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Clearview Business Awards**

Operating a small business involves countless hours and dedication; many are also huge supporters of their communities. Simcoe—Grey is home to many remarkable small businesses.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, I joined Mayor Doug Measures, Clearview Council and the Clearview Chamber of Commerce as they hosted Clearview's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards. The evening recognized the achievements of many of the local businesses.

It was a great event spotlighting business and entrepreneurs celebrating their great accomplishments over the past year. Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees, well deserved.

There is always great pride to see our communities and their business grow!



Awarded Best Presented – Torn Pages



Awarded Industrial Excellence –  
A & D Bird Seed & Country Store



Awarded Contributions to the Arts –  
Kat's Meow



Awarded Business Community Advocate – Bakery By the Bay



Awarded Food, Tourism & Hospitality – Kitch'n Savvy



Awarded Business of the Year – Creemore Coffee Company



Awarded Grower of the Year – True Food Farm



Awarded Young Entrepreneur of the Year – Rough Ride Automotive



Awarded Retail Leadership – Creemore Home Hardware



Awarded Service Provider of the Year –  
The Keep Refillery Creemore



Awarded New Business of the Year –  
Stayner Family Pharmacy

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sunnidale Winterama

Sunnidale Winterama, fondly known as *“the greatest little show on snow,”* has been the celebration for winter activities in the village of New Lowell since 1975! This year Mother Nature did not disappoint, providing ample snow for this season. It was a fantastic fun-filled weekend for all ages; and as always well attended and supported by the community.

Thank you to Mayor Doug Measures and Council for inviting me again to join you on the Township float and be a part of the Opening Ceremony of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sunnidale Winterama.





## **BUSINESS VISITS**

One of my favourite things to do while in the riding is visit constituents, businesses and organizations throughout the riding. This last month, I met with the team at Oetiker Ltd to discuss their concerns the proposed tariffs will have on their business.

The tariffs will impact a number of businesses across the riding. Please contact my office to set up a call or meeting to discuss your concerns.



It was a pleasure to meet with owners of Fish & Sips, Paul and Tanya, to congratulate them on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Collingwood location. The family collectively has been in business for more than 70 years.



Located at 206 Hurontario St., Fish & Sips uses fresh, locally sourced ingredients in their restaurant. They believe that “when you support local business and farms, you can feel good about what you are eating, and how it was prepared”.

Wishing Paul & Tanya many more years of success!

It was a pleasure to meet with Ray and Amid, owners of Taps & Tunes Bar & Grill located at 18 Huron St. in the heart of Downtown Collingwood.

This friendly local establishment has brought music and entertainment back to this iconic bar and to the downtown. The line-up of entertainment includes live music nights, comedy nights and open mic night sessions.

Taps & tunes is open Tuesday to Sunday from 5pm to 2am and have a great variety of menu items to choose from.



### **UPCOMING RIDING EVENTS**

Veterans deserve to be recognized and to be thanked all year-round!

Together, let us show these real-life heroes who have proudly served our country our appreciation by sending them a Valentine's Day card.

For more information on how to send a Valentine's Day card to a Veteran click on the link: [Valentines for Vets - Get involved - Remembrance - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)



This year's Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event is being held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in communities across the country. It is a family-friendly walk, in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness. By walking in the cold, you will feel just a small hint of the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness.



Click on the link below if you are interested in joining a team, entering a team, donating, or to find out more details about the events being held in our nearby communities of Alliston and Collingwood.

[Home - Coldest Night of the Year 2025 Canada](#)

Come out and enjoy some laps around the rink and a hot chocolate at my Free Public Skate being held on Family Day, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Wasaga Stars Arena located at 544 River Rd. West.

To register please call my office at 1-866-435-1809 or by emailing [Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca)



### ***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. Regular office hours for both my Collingwood and Alliston Constituency offices are 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.

**NOTE: Do you work out of town or require assistance after hours? Please contact my office and we can discuss scheduling an appointment outside of our regular office hours to assist you!**



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