



June 2022,

Dear Constituent,

This past May has been exciting as the government attempts to get legislation passed before the House of Commons rises for the summer recess. With the Liberals and NDP engaging in a supply and confidence agreement, it has been much more difficult for opposition MPs like myself to impact and improve the Liberal government's legislation.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I paid tribute to the four RMC cadets who passed away a few weeks away from graduation. You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COF3XcFQL6g>

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, I gave a speech recognizing the work of outgoing MPP Bill Walker, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors, you can find it here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/house/sitting-66/hansard#Int-11665392>. I would also like to congratulate our new MPP Rick Byers in his recent election win.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, I asked the Liberal government to release documents pertaining to Canada's response to the Afghan refugee crisis, the question can be found here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/house/sitting-70/hansard#Int-11683375>. I also tabled a motion on the Special Committee on Afghanistan to request these documents for inclusion in a report due back to the House of Commons for June 8<sup>th</sup>

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, I asked the finance minister why Canada charges an excise duty on wineries and cideries as they struggle to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. My question can be found here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/house/sitting-81/hansard#Int-11732331>. I'd note it's my understanding an exemption has now been granted for our cideries.

This past May on the Special Committee on Afghanistan ([AFGH](#)) we continued our study on the situation in Afghanistan in order to complete our June 8<sup>th</sup> report. We heard from many witnesses including: the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of National Defence, and former Afghan interpreters.

Despite being moved from the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities ([HUMA](#)) to the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians ([NSICOP](#)) at the end of May, I am proud of the important work I was able to contribute to in improving government legislation and address key issues while on the HUMA committee. Our focus areas this past May included: the impact of COVID-19 on seniors, labour shortages, working condition, and the care economy, the Housing Accelerator Fund, and certain divisions of Bill C-19 (the Budget Implementation Act). It was an honour to serve

on the HUMA committee as some of the most pertinent and impactful legislation was put forward and amended there.

Thank you again for reading my newsletter, and feel free to contact my office if you have any federal concerns.

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Member of Parliament  
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

**P.S. Remember to get in your nominations of worthy recipients for my Queen's Platinum Jubilee Coin prior to 30 June!**

## Monthly Survey Question



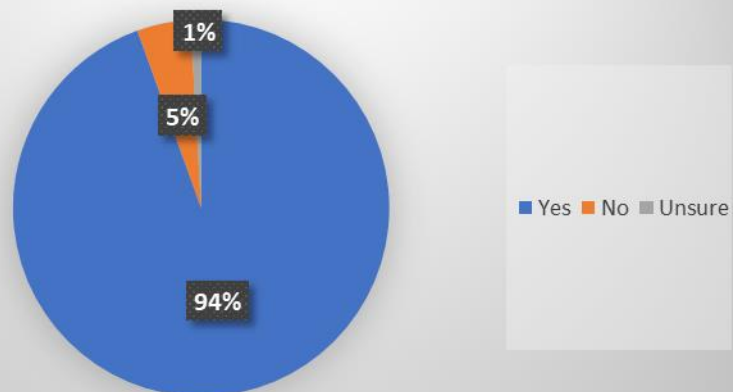
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This month's new question is:

**Should the federal government suspend the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collected on gasoline and diesel to address the cost-of-living crisis?**

### Last Month's Response:

Should the federal government do more to address the illegal smuggling of firearms across our borders by gangs and criminals vice targeting law-abiding firearms owners?



# Alex in the Media



To check out my interjections in the House of Commons, other videos, and local news, click [here](#).

2022-05-27 [Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff To Recognize 70 Local People For Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#)

2022-05-27 [CFOS Open Line](#)

2022-05-30 [Ruff Asks For Release Of Afghanistan Review Documents](#)

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To view all my interjections in the House of Commons, [click here](#).




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# Community Outreach



Meeting with the Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound (2022-05-10).

	<p>Meeting with Duxbury Cider regarding the excise duty starting July 1<sup>st</sup> on cider and wine (2022-05-10).</p>
	<p>Visiting former Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Murdoch at the Bognor Village Ranch helping Outdoors Adventures with the Kids Fishing Day (2022-05-14).</p>
	<p>Attending the weigh-in for the Lures N Lines Wiarton Spring Trout Derby (2022-05-15).</p>
	<p>Meeting with the Chicken Farmers of Canada/ Chicken Farmers of Ontario discussing trade agreements, grocery code of conduct, labour shortages, Canadian Food Inspection Agency control zones and access to limited chick supply in the US (2022-05-19).</p>
	<p>Meeting with Boating Ontario regarding the proposed Luxury Tax on boats (2022-05-26).</p>



Joining those who supported the victims of the Hanover fire (2022-05-27).

## Additional Resources



### Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Coin

In honour of 70 years of service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Alex Ruff, MP, will be receiving nominations for constituents you feel are worthy of being recognized with a Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Coin.

#### How to Nominate an Individual

If you know an individual that you feel is deserving of recognition for their community work with a Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Coin, please nominate this individual.

Nomination forms are available here: <https://www.alexruffmp.ca/platinumjubilee>

Email: completed form with the subject line: 'Platinum Jubilee Recognition Nomination' OR  
Mail to the constituency office:

Platinum Jubilee Recognition Nomination  
Office of Alex Ruff, MP  
1101 2nd Ave E, Suite 208  
Owen Sound ON N4K 2J1

Deadline: June 30, 2022

### Age Well at Home

This grant program offers funding to organizations/projects that help seniors stay in their homes longer. There are two application streams:

- [In-Home Support Pilot Projects](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/seniors-age-well-at-home-in-home-support.html) which funds organizations that offer eligible volunteer-based services to seniors. Eligible services could include meal preparation or delivery, light yard work, snow removal and home visits. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/seniors-age-well-at-home-in-home-support.html>. Organizations can receive up to \$800,000 in funding; and,

- [Scaling up for Seniors](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/seniors-age-well-at-home-scaling-up.html) which funds eligible organizations to help them expand services that have shown positive results in Canada. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/seniors-age-well-at-home-scaling-up.html>. Organizations can receive up to \$2 million in funding.

Organizations can visit the Funding Programs page to learn more about the two funding streams and to submit their project proposals online by 3:00 p.m. EST on July 22, 2022.

## Passport Canada Service Standards

Due to the high volumes of requests, passport processing times are higher than usual, check expected wait times here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports.html>

## Canada Greener Homes Loan

Complete major retrofits to your home through an interest-free loan of up to \$40,000.

Before you get started:

- You need to be approved for the grant before applying for the loan. Only homeowners who are eligible for the Canada Greener Homes Grant can apply for the Canada Greener Homes Loan.
- You must have a pre-retrofit evaluation done and have your renovation upgrade report.
- You must be approved for the loan before you start your retrofits. You cannot apply for any retrofits you have already commenced.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-grant/canada-greener-homes-loan/24286>

## Youth Innovation Component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is looking for dynamic youth who want to demonstrate leadership and a commitment to their communities. Through this process, youth volunteer their time to build a more accessible Canada.

Applications open from June 3, 2022, to October 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-youth-innovation.html>



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