



August 2025

Dear Constituent,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and taking time to explore and take in the beautiful scenes right here in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. Over the summer, I have had the opportunity to meet with hundreds of constituents at local celebrations, events and meetings, gathering feedback for the upcoming fall session in Parliament.

Alongside community engagement, my Conservative colleagues and I have been working hard on the policy front—most recently by pushing for much-needed bail reform. Led by former Crown prosecutor and Conservative Shadow Minister for Justice and Attorney General of Canada, MP Larry Brock, Conservatives are calling on the Liberal government to:

1. Amend Canada's Criminal Code to make bail more restrictive for repeat violent offenders, particularly those charged with firearms offences, intimate partner violence, and serious violent crimes;
2. Repeal Bill C-5 which eliminated mandatory minimum sentences for serious violent crimes;
3. Repeal the so-called principle of restraint enacted by Bill C-75 which requires judges to release accused offenders "at the earliest possible opportunity" under the "least onerous conditions";
4. Support law enforcement and victims' rights advocates by ensuring the justice system puts public safety first and provides real consequences for violent repeat offenders;
5. Work with provinces, territories, and Indigenous communities to ensure consistent and effective bail policies that protect all Canadians regardless of jurisdiction.

If you would like to see how our community has been impacted by crime and the Liberal government's catch-and-release bail policies, I encourage you to read the Owen Sound Police Services Annual Report: <https://www.owensoundpolice.com/media/3jydug4l/2024-osps-annual-report.pdf> and the West Grey Police Services Annual report: <https://westgreypolice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Annual-Report-2024-Final-Doc-2.pdf>.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the 4th Annual Constituency Appreciation BBQ on July 27th. A heartfelt thank you goes to our volunteers, the Chesley Kinsmen, and the Chesley Legion for making this event possible. I look forward to connecting with more of you at upcoming community events throughout the summer and beyond.

As summer winds down, it has been wonderful to connect with so many of you at community events like the Chesley Homecoming and the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular. With Parliament set to resume in September, I look forward to bringing the concerns and priorities of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound to Ottawa, while continuing to stay connected with you at fall events across the riding.

As always, feel free to reach out with any federal concerns or to share your feedback on the policy proposals outlined in this newsletter.

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NOTE: The Constituency Office will be closed on 01 September for Labour Day and will re-open on 02 September.

# Monthly Survey Question

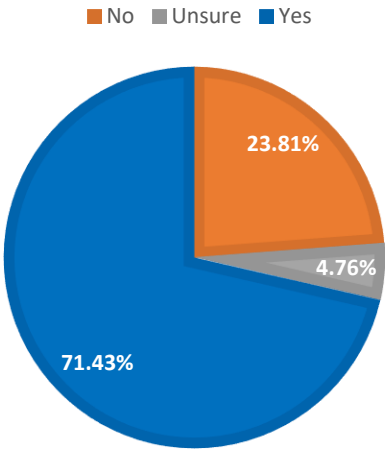


Have your say on my website: [www.alexruffmp.ca](http://www.alexruffmp.ca)

**NEW:** Do you believe updating our laws surrounding bail will make Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound safer?

Last month's response: Do you support Canada's pledge to NATO to meet the recently announced spending of 5% of GDP on defence by 2035?  
[\\*https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics\\_49198.htm](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_49198.htm)

## DO YOU SUPPORT CANADA'S PLEDGE TO NATO TO MEET THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SPENDING OF 5% OF GDP ON DEFENCE BY 2035?



# Constituency Mailbox



Here is a list of some of the issues among many, that I received correspondence on from the community during the past month (in no particular order):

Canada's NATO targets	Support for Farmers
Bill C-5	Bill C-2
Firearms	Seniors on fixed incomes
Liberal ban on gas-powered cars	The Environment
Israel-Hamas War	MAiD
Interprovincial Trade Barriers	US Tariff threats

## Alex in the Media



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

560 CFOS Open Line (31 July 2025): <https://www.893cfos.ca/2025/07/31/the-open-line-with-claire-mccormack-182/>

My website features my previous press releases, videos, and CFOS 560 Open Line podcasts. Check it out [here](#).

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

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# Community Outreach



Celebrating Canada Day from Big Bay to Meaford to Pike Bay to Wiarton to Owen Sound (01 July 2025).



Congratulating Chief Jeremy White on being sworn-in as the new West Grey Police Service Chief (02 July 2025)



Congratulating Judy and Wietse Posthumus on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary (05 July 2025).



Visiting Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians (G.R.A.C.E.) (09 July 2025).

# Environment and Conservation



## Forestry Management in Bruce County

This webpage provides valuable insight about County forests and the Bruce County Forest Conservation Bylaw but also serves as a valuable resource for anyone interested in sustainable forest management:

<https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/services/transportation-and-environmental-services/resource-management>

## Grey County Forest Management Plan

Learn more about Grey County's forest management plan which directs all management activities in Grey County-owned forest properties: <https://www.grey.ca/government/strategic-planning-and-studies/forest-management-plan>



# Additional Resources



## Enabling Accessibility Fund – Youth Innovation Component

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.

Application period:

May 30, 2025, to October 6, 2025, at 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Who can apply:

Youth between 15 to 30 years of age at the time of the application; legally entitled to work in Canada; and, either a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or individual who has been granted refugee status in Canada

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

## New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects (up to \$25,000)

Funding amount: Up to \$25,000

Application period: Open August 6, 2025 to September 17, 2025 at 3:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Who can apply: Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

What this program offers: The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) community-based stream is a federal grant. It supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html>

## Canada Disability Benefit

The Canada Disability Benefit will be a monthly payment for low-income working-age persons with disabilities.

The first month of eligibility is June 2025 and it is expected that payments will begin in July 2025. Further information regarding the benefit can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/canada-disability-benefit.html>

The maximum amount of the Canada Disability Benefit will be \$200 per month, or \$2,400 annually (July to June). The amount someone receives will depend on their income and the income of their spouse or common-law partner.

Eligibility Requirements — To receive the benefit, a person must:

1. Be a resident of Canada for the purposes of the *Income tax Act* determine your residency status;
2. Have been approved for the Disability Tax Credit  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>;
3. Be between the ages of 18 and 64; and
4. Have filed an income tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency for the previous tax year.  
*For example, to receive benefits for the July 2025 to June 2026 payment period, the person must have filed a return for the 2024 tax year.*

#### How to Apply:

- Apply online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/canada-disability-benefit/apply.html>
- Or through Service Canada: Apply by phone, or in person at a Service Canada office near you.
- More information on how to apply and eligibility: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/disability/canada-disability-benefit.html>

## Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

Applications are open. [Eligible Canadians](#) of all ages can now apply for the CDCP.

#### Renewal period

The renewal process for the 2025 to 2026 benefit coverage period has ended. If you haven't renewed and your CDCP coverage ended on June 30, 2025, you can [submit a new application](#).

You can find more information here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/apply.html>



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