



October 2025

Dear Constituent,

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy time with their loved ones this Thanksgiving. Since the last newsletter, the House of Commons has resumed its proceedings in Ottawa. There have been many issues to debate on your behalf from affordability, to justice reform as a result of rising crime rates in Canada over the last decade, to support for our veterans and much more. I've proudly jointly seconded seven Private Members' Bills from my Conservative colleagues. These bills all put forward solid proposals to address crime, transparency and protection of natural health products.

Alex Ruff has indicated formal support by jointly seconding the following private members' bills sponsored by other members.

Bill #	Title
C-246	An Act to amend the Criminal Code (consecutive sentences for sexual offences)
C-242	Jail Not Bail Act
C-240	Offender Rehabilitation Act
C-230	An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (debt forgiveness registry)
C-225	An Act to amend the Criminal Code
C-224	An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (natural health products)
C-221	An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (disclosure of information to victims)

Although not debated, the Liberal Government is moving forward with their Firearms Confiscation Program via regulation not legislation. This program will impact thousands of law-abiding, vetted and trained firearms owners. The Liberal firearms confiscation program is officially described as voluntary; however, it's important to note that individuals who own any of these now prohibited firearms must either turn them in or have them permanently deactivated before the end of the amnesty period, or risk criminal liability for illegal possession. The Government has launched a pilot phase of its compensation program in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and plan to roll out the program nationwide later this fall. According to the Liberals the program will cost approximately \$750 million (independent expert analysis have projected the cost could reach \$1.8 billion dollars), in total. The Liberal Government is costing Canadians billions of dollars and are unfairly targeting law-abiding legal gun owners. Experts project that this program will have minimal impact on violent crime.

On September 26th, I had the opportunity to ask the Liberal Government why they are focused on punishing the most statistically law-abiding demographic of Canadians: legal gun owners. You can watch the two questions I asked here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FpSZak8q00>. I reminded the Liberal Ministers that assault rifles have been

banned in Canada since January 1978. After reminding the government of this fact, the Liberal House Leader had the audacity to respond that hunters don't need a sub-machine gun to hunt a deer. Of course they don't. Sub-machine guns have been banned in Canada since 1978!

The Liberal Government had planned to implement a maximum two-wreath per riding funded by Veterans Affairs Canada for this upcoming Remembrance Day, on the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War Two. Pushback by many of my Conservative colleagues publicly and my opportunity to raise this issue during Question Period on October 3rd saw the Liberal Minister of Veterans Affairs back down and reverse her decision. Personally, I believe at a minimum our government should be providing a wreath at every cenotaph in Canada in remembrance of the over 100,000 Canadians that have made the supreme sacrifice. You can view my question to the Minister and her response here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p04qgjrydw>.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, I had the opportunity to represent Canada as part of the all-party parliamentary delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Slovenia. You can review the conclusions we reached here - <https://www.nato-pa.int/content/annual-session-ljubljana-2025-conclusions>.

On October 15th, I had the opportunity to join MPP Paul Vickers and members of the Owen Sound & District Chamber of Commerce for a focused discussion on the issues impacting our region. We tackled key topics including housing affordability, labour shortages, red tape, and the pressures small businesses are facing in today's economic climate. I listened carefully to the concerns and shared updates on federal initiatives aimed at supporting rural communities like Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. My commitment remains clear: to represent our region with integrity, push for practical solutions, and ensure your voices are heard in Ottawa. I appreciate the Chamber's leadership in bringing people together and creating space for meaningful conversations in our community.

As well, I'd like to share the feedback from my Spring 2025 Update mailout. The people of Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound identified their top federal priorities for Parliament as follows: cost of living and affordability (30.6%), housing (23.9%), economic development (22.8%), crime and justice reform (13.4%), and trade/tariffs (12.3%). Regarding the question on a national energy corridor to transport Canada's natural resources to global markets, strong support was expressed, with 84.85% of respondents in favour, 4.71% opposed, and 10.44% unsure.

I have also officially launched my annual art and photo contest for inclusion in my 2026 MP Calendar! Please visit: www.alexruffmp.ca/artphotocontest for contest rules and to submit art and photos for the chance for it to be dispersed across the riding in my annual calendar. Submissions are due NLT November 24th.

As November approaches, there will be Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place across the riding. I encourage everyone to take the time to attend one of these ceremonies to pay your respects and remember the brave Canadians who sacrificed so much for all of us. I will be attending the local ceremonies across Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, including the service in Tara, where we continue the tradition of reading aloud the names of those who served and have passed on. It's a powerful reminder of the human cost of freedom.

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

Alex Ruff, MSC, CD, MP
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

NOTE: The Constituency Office will be closed on 11 November for Remembrance Day and will re-open on 12 November.

CONTEST!

MP RUFF'S ANNUAL ART & PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline for submission is November 24, 2025

RULES AND SUBMISSIONS ONLINE:
ALEXRUFFMP.CA/ARTPHOTOCONTEST



The collage features a night photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and yellow over a body of water with several boats. Below this, there is a calendar for the month of April, showing dates from 1 to 30. To the left of the calendar is a close-up photograph of a pink flower. The entire graphic is set against a blue background with a white circle containing the 'AR' logo and a maple leaf.

Monthly Survey Question



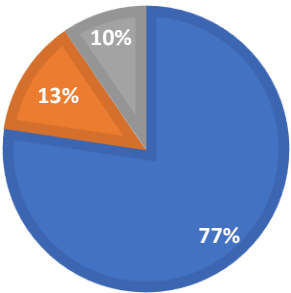
Have your say on my website: www.alexruffmp.ca

NEW: Should the Prime Minister use his budget on November 4th to eliminate inflationary taxes to include capping the deficit at \$42 billion or less in order to make life affordable for Canadians?

August 2025 response: Do you believe updating our laws surrounding bail will make Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound safer?

DO YOU BELIEVE UPDATING OUR LAWS
SURROUNDING BAIL WILL MAKE BRUCE-
GREY-OWEN SOUND SAFER?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure



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):

Animal Protections	Support for Farmers
An Act respecting cyber security (C-8)	Combatting Hate Act (C-9)
Liberal Firearms Confiscation Program	Seniors on fixed incomes
Ostrich Cull	The Environment
Israel-Hamas War	MAiD
Interprovincial Trade Barriers	Strong Borders Act (C-2)

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 (19 Sep 2025) <https://www.893cfos.ca/2025/09/19/the-open-line-with-claire-mccormack-185/>.

Rogers TV – Politically Speaking (22 Sep 2025) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANUr_AEeB0E

CTV NEWS – Remembrance Day Wreaths (3 Oct 2025) <https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/article/government-backtracks-on-new-remembrance-day-wreath-policy/>

Owen Sound Sun Times – Remembrance Day Wreaths (5 Oct 2025) <https://www.owensoundcurrent.com/p/federal-government-reverses-course>

Owen Sound Sun Times – Owen Sound Chamber Event (15 Oct 2025):
<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/mp-mpp-discuss-wide-range-of-issues-at-owen-sound-chamber-event>

89.3 CFOS Open Line (17 Oct 2025) <https://www.893cfos.ca/2025/10/17/the-open-line-with-claire-mccormack-187/>

South Grey News – South Grey Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala (20 Oct 2025)
<https://www.southgreynews.ca/local-news/business-excellence-in-south-grey>

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





**Chatsworth Agricultural Society Patterson Pavilion ribbon cutting.
(Sept 29th)**



Congratulations Peter Knipfel as he received Kin Canada's highest honour, a lifetime membership for demonstrating exceptional commitment to the Kinsmen Club of Chesley & the community through 35 years of active service. (Sept 21st)



Recognizing the 165th Anniversary of the Desboro fall fair. An inspiring opening speech by Laura Schultz for the milestone 165th anniversary. (Sept 2nd)



Grey & Bruce 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in support of the Canadian Mental Health Association – Grey Bruce for Resilient Minds training for First Responders. (Sept 20th)

Environment and Conservation



Canada Greener Affordable Housing

Retrofit Funding provides access to low-interest repayable and forgivable loans for deep energy retrofits of multi-unit residential buildings. Learn more and to see if your eligible here: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/canada-greener-affordable-housing-program/retrofit-funding>.

Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk

Learn more about this program and if your project is eligible for funding here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/habitat-stewardship-species-at-risk.html>. (Application deadline Nov 13th)

Additional Resources



Regional Tariff Response Initiative in southern Ontario

The Government of Canada is helping Canadian businesses respond to global trade pressures.

Funding per recipient

Businesses can normally request:

- \$125,000 to \$10 million in repayable funding; or
- \$125,000 to \$1 million in non-repayable funding.

Not-for-profit organizations can normally request a minimum of \$125,000 to \$10 million in non-repayable funding.

Eligible applicants

- Incorporated for-profit businesses located and operating in southern Ontario employing at least 5 full-time equivalent employees in the region and fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees overall.
- Not-for-profit organizations in southern Ontario whose primary focus is to support SMEs.

Find more information and apply here: <https://feddev-ontario.canada.ca/en/funding-southern-ontario/regional-tariff-response-initiative-southern-ontario>.

Canada Summer Jobs

The annual Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program Call for Applications will be launched on November 4, 2025, and will close on December 11, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Keep an eye out as my office will be hosting and info session for employers interesting in applying for funding.

Information will be updated here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

House of Commons Page Program

Bilingual students going into their first year of post secondary education in the National Capital Region can apply to become a House of Commons Page until November 9th. If you are interested, please find more information on becoming the next page here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/About/PageProgram/Index-e.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>.

Canada Post Annual Public Meeting

Canada Post will hold its 20th Annual Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, via a live webcast starting at 1 pm ET. Presenters André Hudon, Chair of the Board of Directors and Doug Ettinger, President and CEO will be joined by other senior leaders to provide an update on Canada Post's financial situation and outline steps being taken to transform the business and continue serving Canadians. All Canadians are welcome to attend virtually.

- Questions may be submitted in advance to CorporateEvents@canadapost.ca or asked during the webcast.
- You can register to attend this meeting here:
<https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS!10100&ShowUUID=79368A5C-2377-40CB-B3C1-5E13E7EBE646>.
- Canada Post's 2024 Annual Report is available for review ahead of the meeting you can find it here:
<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/financial-and-sustainability-reports/2024-annual-report/corporate.page>.



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