

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A TOWN HALL IN MADOC!**

# Let's Talk Rural Sustainability with MP Mike Bossio

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**How do we build long-term, sustainable rural communities?**

**How do we support our aging rural population?**

**How do we reverse rural population drain?**

**How do we support rural innovation and economic development?**

**How do we adapt to the impacts of climate change in rural communities?**

**What is the federal government doing to support rural communities?**

**"Building long-term, sustainable rural communities is at the heart of all my  
work as your Member of Parliament"**

– Mike Bossio

I will be on hand to share information about the work our government is doing to support rural communities like ours, and to hear from you about how we can further support our rural communities.

## **RURAL SUSTAINABILITY TOWN HALL**

**WHEN:** 10:00am to 11:30am, Saturday, June 1st, 2019

**WHERE:** Centre Hastings Secondary School  
129 Elgin Street, Madoc

# IMPROVING HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN HASTINGS COUNTY

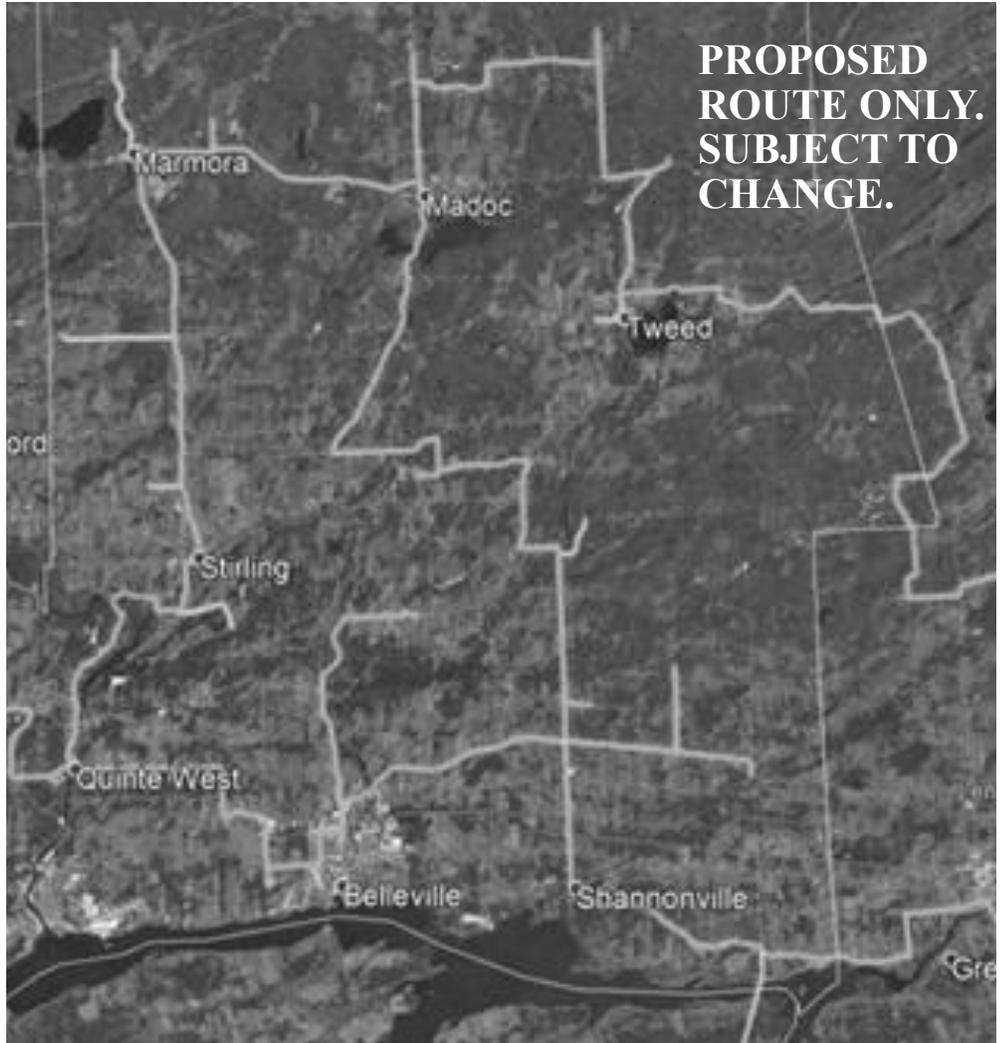
In our increasingly digital globalized market, access to high speed internet is vital to rural sustainability and our ability to compete.

When I was the inaugural chair of the National Liberal Rural Caucus, I advocated for what was our country's largest-ever investment in rural internet—\$500 million for the Connect to Innovate program.

Last year, I announced a federal investment of over \$10 million, along with over \$25 million from Xplornet for a high-speed internet project covering much of southern Hastings and L&A counties.

This year, they will be breaking ground on construction, which will take about two years, and uses state of the art small cell technology along the fibre line to deliver high speed internet access wirelessly.

Contact my office at [mike.bossio@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mike.bossio@parl.gc.ca) for a clearer colour map of the fibre line.



**There is more to come.** Budget 2019 is proposing another \$1.7 billion for a new phase of the Connect to Innovate program. We have set a national target of 95 per cent of Canadian homes and businesses with access to internet speeds of at least 50/10 Mbps by 2026 and 100 per cent by 2030, no matter where they are located in the country.

**CANADIANS HAVE CREATED OVER  
900,000  
JOBS SINCE NOVEMBER 2015**



We understand that in order to create jobs and encourage innovation, you have to invest in the unique strengths of communities and Canadians. That's why we support FedDev Southern Ontario, which works through our local Community Futures Development Agencies (CFDCs) with businesses in across our riding to fuel economic growth, create good middle class jobs, and build strong, inclusive communities.

We will keep investing in communities because we know they are the driving force behind our country's economic success.

As a key part of our Innovation and Skills Plan, FedDev and the CFDCs are meeting the needs of communities, helping them boost their competitive advantages, and creating jobs across the country.

Our plan to invest in communities and Canadians is working: over 900,000 more Canadians are working compared to when we took office, unemployment is at a historic low, and conditions to invest in Canada have never been better.