

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 L&A COUNTY

Improving access to high-speed internet in rural communities is a top priority for our government. As inaugural chair of the National Liberal Rural Caucus, I successfully advocated for the largest-ever investment in rural internet at the time—\$500 million for the Connect to Innovate program.

Our riding has received an investment of over \$10 million from the federal government and over \$25 million from Xplornet through the first phase of the program for a project covering much of southern Hastings and L&A counties. Construction starts this year and will take approximately two years. It uses cutting edge small cell technology, connected to a fibre line, to deliver high-speed internet. As with all wireless technology, there are still considerations for line-of-sight.

I am happy to announce that Xplornet has also added additional high-speed fibre line to the project in Loyalist Township that was previously not proposed at last year's announcement. **Contact my office at mike.bossio@parl.gc.ca for a clearer colour map.**

This is only the beginning. As part of Budget 2019, our government is proposing an additional \$1.7 billion for another phase of the Connect to Innovate program. Along with investments from the CRTC, Infrastructure Bank, and others, between \$5 and \$6 billion is being invested in rural highspeed internet over the next 10 years.



A FULLY ELECTRIC FERRY FOR AMHERST ISLAND



The connection with Amherst Island is getting stronger, easier, and more reliable. \$31,271,905 in federal funding is supporting the purchase of two new fully-electric ferries for Amherst Island in Hastings—Lennox and Addington and Wolfe Island next door in Kingston and the Islands. These will be the first fully-electric non-cable ferries in Canada.

The new ferry, operated by Loyalist Township, will have a capacity of up to 300 people and 40 vehicles. The higher capacity of the new ferry will reduce the annual number of vehicles that are left to wait at the dock during crossings from the current average of 1,057 to 528 vehicles left on dock per year, reducing emissions.

IMPROVED WATER & WASTEWATER FOR LOYALIST TOWNSHIP



Green projects like a constructed wetland at the Amherstview Wastewater Pollution Control Plant are innovative, low-energy, and cost-effective solutions not only to fight climate change, but also to reduce costs in the process. Our government is proud to support this project, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, with \$285,700.

\$925,842 is also supporting a storm water system in Bath, watermain and stormwater upgrading in Amherstview, and a water system feasibility studies in Odessa and Amherstview.