

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

SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

On-farm fuel is exempt from the price on pollution.

Through low-till or no-till practices, good stewardship, Environmental Farm Plans, and more, farmers make great efforts to fight climate change, and unfortunately they are also one of the first to suffer from its effects through severe weather events like drought and flood. When farmers can't grow food, we are all in trouble.



Support for Seniors

Our seniors built this country, and it is our duty to see that they have the security in retirement that they deserve. Programs introduced in Budget 2019 include new investments to help make retirement more financially secure for more Canadians—helping seniors keep more money in their pockets, receive the benefits they are entitled to, protect their workplace pensions and stay active and involved in their communities. These new measures will have significant impacts for all seniors living in Hastings—Lennox and Addington.

As of 2016, there were more Canadians aged 65+ than Canadians aged 14 or younger for the first time. People aged 85+ are the fastest growing age group in Canada. This new demographic reality was the focus at a Seniors Town Hall held in Belleville by MPs Mike Bossio and Neil Ellis, and special guest Minister of Seniors Filomena Tassi.

Through Budget 2019, the Government proposes to:

- Make retirement more financially secure for seniors who wish to work by enhancing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) earnings exemption so they can keep more of their hard-earned income.
- Ensure Canadian workers receive the full value of their pension by proactively enrolling Canada Pension Plan (CPP) contributors who are 70 years old or older and who have not yet applied to receive their retirement pension.
- Enhance the security of workplace pensions through new measures that better protect pensions in the event of corporate insolvency, giving Canadians greater peace of mind when it comes to their retirement.
- Promote the inclusion and full participation of vulnerable seniors in society by increasing funding to the New Horizons for Seniors Program by \$100 million, supporting projects that provide new equipment for seniors' centres, offer financial literacy classes, create volunteer opportunities and more.

With these new measures, Budget 2019 builds on the Government's record of strengthening the retirement security of Canadians so that they can worry less about making ends meet and enjoy the secure and dignified retirement they deserve.

Since 2016, the Government of Canada has established a proven record of strengthening the retirement income security of Canadians, including:

- Appointing a Minister of Seniors to help better understand the needs of older Canadians and ensure programs and services are designed to respond to those needs.
- Boosting benefits for nearly 900,000 low-income seniors and lifting about 57,000 out of poverty by increasing GIS top-up payments for Canada's most vulnerable seniors.
- Restoring the eligibility age for Old Age Security and GIS benefits to 65, putting thousands of dollars back in the pockets of Canadian seniors.
- Increasing benefits for couples who receive GIS and Allowance benefits and have to live apart for reasons beyond their control.
- Enhancing the CPP, which will raise the maximum CPP retirement benefit by up to 50 per cent over time, by working in collaboration with provincial partners. This will provide today's and future Canadian workers with greater income security when they retire and will significantly reduce the risk of under-saving for Canadian families.