

**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

# PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS

The fight against climate change is one of the most important fights of our generation, and future generations depend on us. If we do not act, our kids and grandkids will face a very different world, with rising seas, mass migration, poverty, and extinctions of the plants and animals we love. Extreme weather events across Canada and the world are increasing—forest fires in the West, and tornadoes in Ottawa. Even here in our own community, droughts and floods that traditionally happen only rarely are becoming a common occurrence. Last year, extreme weather cost \$1.9 billion in Canada. From 1990 until 2009, the average was \$400 million a year. That number is only rising, and is estimated to be as high as \$43 billion a year by 2050, if we don't act.



The science is clear and the impact on human lives is clear. We cannot leave it to our children to pay the vastly higher—even existential—costs of climate change. The government of Canada has a comprehensive climate plan, Canada's first ever, that will make historic reductions in our emissions. It includes over 50 new measures to fight climate change, including the most effective one: putting a price on pollution. The Climate Action Incentive built into the price on pollution means that an average Ontario family of four will receive a \$307 payment through their Income Tax and Benefit return this year. Other measures include action in such sectors as: Transportation; Industry; the Built Environment; Electricity; Forestry, Agriculture and Waste; Adaptation and Climate Resilience; Clean Tech and Innovation; Government Leadership; and International Leadership.

Locally, we have also made investments in public transit in Amherstview, Bancroft, Deseronto, and Centre Hastings. By investing in innovative solutions, there is a huge economic opportunity. The global market for low-carbon solutions is estimated to be worth \$26 trillion and will create 65 million jobs. Local examples include Napanee's FireRein, a company that creates an innovative plant-based fire suppressant. Companies like these are creating the jobs of tomorrow, and the government of Canada's \$325,000 local investment last year has helped this business grow. They are now looking to double their employees this year, creating more local jobs.

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## We can't let Doug Ford and the Conservatives mislead Ontarians.

Doug Ford would have you believe that you can fight climate change without a plan. However, scientists and Nobel-prize-winning economists agree that the only serious plan to tackle climate change includes a price on pollution. They are not alone: the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and even large oil companies like Shell support a price on pollution as the most cost-effective way to fight climate change. Here are the facts.

FACT: Instead of putting forward a real plan to fight climate change, Doug Ford is forcing even small, family-owned gas stations to display his propaganda stickers or face hefty fines. That's not fair, and that's not 'for the people'.

FACT: Provincial taxes and fees on gasoline are higher than federal, even including the 2019 price on pollution.

FACT: As the price on pollution increases to fight climate change and protect future generations, the rebate increases as well. **The rebate ensures that low and middle income people get more money back on average than they pay in. A family of four receives a \$307 rebate, plus an extra 10% if they live in a rural area.**

FACT: The provincial government charges sales tax on the excise fee and price on pollution on gasoline, just as the federal government does. The difference is that the federal government rebates the price on pollution to Ontarians, and the federal excise fee goes to support our municipalities in much-needed funding to maintain our communities' roads and bridges. This is approx. \$2.4 million per year for roads and bridges in Hastings—Lennox and Addington.

FACT: Conservative politicians are sending flyers to Ontarians that hides the climate rebate from them. They are trying to keep Ontarians from claiming money on their taxes that is rightfully theirs--all to play politics. That's not right!

FACT: Climate change is real. The science is clear, and the impact on human lives is clear. We cannot leave it to our children to pay the vastly higher—even existential—costs of climate change. As legislators, parents, and citizens, we have a duty to act to protect future generations.

The government of Canada has a comprehensive climate plan, Canada's first ever, that will make historic reductions in our emissions while growing the economy and creating jobs.

Conservatives will play politics. We will fight climate change.

