

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

Saving Money While Protecting the Environment

A \$118,000 Canada 150 grant from the federal government for energy efficiency upgrades at the arena in Tweed is already saving the municipality about \$12,000 a year in energy costs, all while reducing emissions to protect our environment for future generations.



Projects like this show just how much the environment and the economy go hand in hand. By ensuring that the community arena stays operational, we are also maintaining a vital hub that brings our community together, and entices young families to settle here. That's great for rural sustainability.

Congratulations to the Tweed Bantam AE Hawks hockey team, who won the All Ontario Championship this year! Way to go!

Supporting Seniors and Rural Sustainability in Tweed

Seniors make significant and valuable contributions to their families, communities and country. Through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), the Government of Canada continues to meet the needs of seniors by supporting initiatives that help them stay active and involved in their communities.



Mike Bossio, MP for Hastings—Lennox and Addington made an announcement on behalf of Hon. Filomena Tassi, Minister of Seniors, for an investment of \$17,619 for two projects that will help seniors stay active and involved in their community. There are thirteen other projects funded this year throughout the riding.

- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tweed will receive \$12,619 for the project “Seniors Growing Food and Friends for Life,” which will connect seniors in the community and teach them and other community members valuable gardening skills. This program will help maintain the community gardens and provide fresh produce for the most vulnerable in the community.
- Thomasburg United Church will receive \$5,000 for a commercial dishwasher that will reduce the workload for their aging membership.

Funding for these projects is being provided by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), which fosters social inclusion and engagement of seniors by encouraging them to share their knowledge, skills and experience to stay active and engaged. Budget 2019 also proposes an additional \$100 million to the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

“St. Andrew's Tweed is tackling climate change, senior loneliness, and food insecurity by creating a pollinator and vegetable gardens on the Church grounds. The hope is that all people will find a spot and feel welcome in the garden, working together on the common goal of food production.”

– **Kathryn Primrose, Environmental Team, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.**

“On behalf of the Board of Stewards of Thomasburg United Church, we would like to say that we are very grateful for the receipt of the New Horizons Grant for Seniors. Our aging membership will appreciate the new dishwasher as it will reduce the workload involved with our community events.”

– **Board of Stewards of Thomasburg United Church**