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Mike delivers a report as inaugural chair of National Liberal Rural Caucus to Prime Minister Trudeau on the priorities of Rural Canadians in this December 2016 photo. With a government that consults, listens, and acts, the result was \$500 million for rural highspeed internet, \$2 billion for infrastructure for small rural communities, and a renewal of FedDev business support funding accessed through our local CFDCs for economic development.

A Message from Mike

Rural sustainability and representing the voices of my rural constituents is what drives me as the Member of Parliament for Hastings—Lennox and Addington. As the inaugural chair of the National Liberal Rural Caucus, I represented my colleagues in caucus to ensure that our government delivered for rural Canadians for improved rural infrastructure, highspeed internet, and economic development funds.

We have accomplished so much already, but there is always more to do. Constant work in service of the riding is the key to understanding its needs, so my team and I are continually travelling throughout our community to hear from constituents, businesses, municipalities, and not-for-profits about what the needs are and how we can help at a federal level. As we move

forward, I want to continue to hear from you.

I won't send you any misleading partisan questionnaires that limit choice and serve only to reinforce pre-determined outcomes, so I would ask that you **please contact my office by email at mike.bossio@parl.gc.ca to let me know what you think are the top three issues that you or your family are facing.** If you have ideas on how to address them, I would be happy to hear them. If you do not have email, you can give my office a call in Ottawa at 613-992-5321.

As always, if you'd like to have a phone call or a meeting with me, please don't hesitate to reach out and my team will set it up.

I look forward to hearing from you so I can continue to work hard to deliver on what is most important to you.

Yours in service, Mike

Taking Action to Protect Future Generations

The fight against climate change is one of the most important fights of our generation, and future generations depend on us. As a life-long environmentalist, from my days growing up learning good stewardship practices while hunting and fishing in Madoc in the 60s and 70s, to starting the first recycling program in my apartment building during my young professional days in Toronto in the 80s, to fighting as a community activist in Tyendinaga Township to protect our community's drinking water against the mega-dump expansion in Napanee from the 90s to today, one thing is clear:

I will never stop fighting to protect our environment, our community, and future generations.

Extreme weather events across Canada and the world are increasing—forest fires in the West, tornadoes in Ottawa, historic droughts and floods here in our own community. 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.

We know how to solve this, and it is our duty as parents, legislators, and citizens to act.

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Protecting the environment.



Putting more money into the pockets of Ontario families.

Our government announced our plan to tackle climate change and grow our economy by putting a price on pollution for provinces that do not have their own plan, and rebating the money directly to Canadians in those provinces. This includes Ontario, which has failed to show leadership on climate change under the new provincial government. The thing is:

If pollution is free, then people will pollute freely.

Here are a few key points for Ontario under the pollution pricing plan.

- The vast majority of people will be better off at the end of the year, getting more money back in the rebate than they pay into pollution pricing. A family of 4 in Ontario will receive \$307 in 2019.
- To recognize the special circumstances of rural communities, there will be a 10% top up to the rebate if you live in a rural area (i.e. a region not within a Census Metropolitan Area (CMA). In our riding of Hastings–Lennox and Addington, that includes all municipalities except Loyalist Township, which is part of the Kingston CMA, and Thurlow Ward, Tyendinaga Township, and Stirling–Rawdon, which are part of the Belleville CMA).
- There will be a fund to provide support to Ontario's schools, hospitals, small and medium-sized businesses, municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and Indigenous communities.
- The Nobel Prize in economics this year was awarded to two economists

who have demonstrated that putting a price on pollution is the most efficient way to tackle climate change and grow the economy. They cite British Columbia's now long-standing price on pollution as a good example of international leadership.

- Industrial emitters are not exempt. Industrial emitters of 50,000 tonnes or more are automatically enrolled in the output based pricing system. Those emitting 10,000 to 49,999 tonnes can voluntarily enroll in the system, but if they don't, they still pay the pollution price on fuel. At the same time, businesses are incentivized to reduce emissions and invest in clean technology as the price on pollution gradually increases.
- The purpose of putting the price on pollution and then giving a rebate is that it encourages reductions in actions that cause greenhouse gas emissions. Households can also use the rebate (which on average is higher than they put in) to make their households more energy efficient, which will mean that they save even more money next time around. This is also true for businesses. Some easy starting tips include: car pooling; weather stripping for windows and doors; foam insulation for cracks; unplugging appliances and electronics when not in use; turning off the lights; taking shorter showers.
- Full information for Ontarians is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/pricing-pollution-how-it-will-work/ontario.html>

Q & A

Q: We have so many forests. Isn't Canada already carbon neutral?

A: No. One hectare of mature forest can absorb 6 tonnes of CO₂ per year, but it also releases CO₂ as it dies, making a balance. However, a fire in a boreal forest—like those we see more and more due to the effects of climate change—releases 170 tonnes of CO₂ per hectare.

Q: Canada's population is small. What good will we do if big polluting countries don't act?

A: Canada is 0.5% of the world's population, but we account for 1.6% of global emissions—more than three times our population. We cannot tell our grandkids that we knew how to solve climate change, but we decided not to do anything because we did not want to lead, and we did not want the economic opportunities and jobs that come from leading the development of a clean economy. Meanwhile, more than one quarter of the world has a price on pollution, including the European Union and now China.

Q: What good is this if the government is still spending money on fossil fuel subsidies and pipelines?

A: We remain on track to phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies by the 2025 target. We have always said that the environment and the economy go hand in hand. Oil and gas exports are worth \$75 billion to our economy, yet 97% of them go to the United States. It is our duty to act in the best interests of Canadians by getting our resources to new markets. At the same time, we are putting a price on pollution and transitioning to clean energy.

Q: How can people get more money back than they put in? Where does this money come from?

A: Wealthy people pollute more than lower-income people based on spending power. Since it is a flat rebate for everyone, lower-income and middle-income people will get more back than they put in, but wealthy people will get less compared to what they put in.



CONNECTING WITH CONSTITUENTS



Mike met with constituent Jonnathon Marconi and "Project Trauma Support" proponents who are working to ensure that those suffering from PTSD—be they veterans, first responders, or corrections personnel—have access to the support they need.



Mike and Irene attended the Remembrance Day service in Napanee to pay tribute to our veterans, serving women and men, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Lest we forget.



Although not a constituent, Mike was sure to let David St. Jacques know that all Canadians are proud that he will be the next Canadian in space, as he goes on his six month mission to the space station.



Mike was proud to take part in "Hope in High Heels" to raise support for Women Abuse Prevention month.

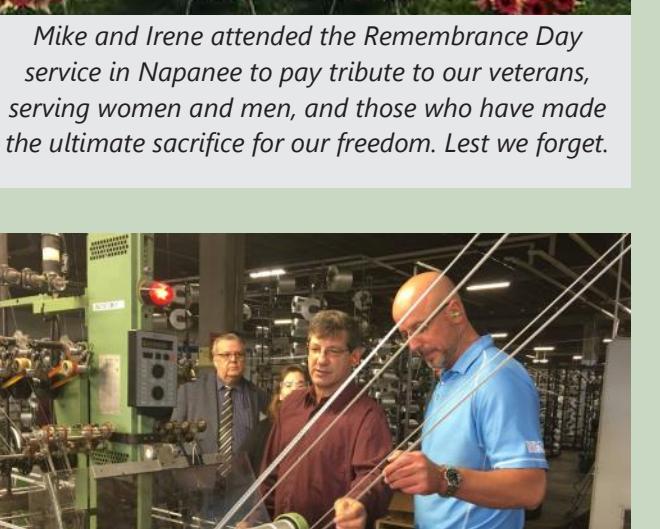
Thanks to L&A Interval House, Three Oaks, and Maggie's Resource from the riding for attending!



During Small Business Week, Mike and neighbouring MP Neil Ellis were happy to meet with Startup Quinte's representative Mary Doyle to discuss the importance of support for small businesses to rural sustainability.



Mike was "plowed over" when he learned that he won this year's "celebrity" plowing competition at the Hastings County Plowing Match, held this year in Tweed. He benefited from the great example of Queen of the Furrow Samantha Reid, and the sage advice of long-time plowing match volunteer Harry Scanlan.



Mike was in Deseronto to announce federal support through the local CFDC for Canada Cordage, which is a great example of a rural-based business supplying North America with rope for over 160 years.



Mike was happy to be at the Bancroft-North Hastings Heritage Museum for the launch of the federal New Horizons for Seniors-funded book, "Honouring the Women of North Hastings." Great work!



Mike held a coffee "meet and greet" at the Wattle and Daub café in Bancroft to hear from constituents. Thanks to everyone who turned out!



From Hastings Highlands to Loyalist Township, Mike is always happy to have constituents visit Ottawa so that he can show them around their historic Parliament.



Mike was very happy to attend the 100th birthday of Eileen Brooks at Mt. Pleasant United Church in Stirling, which was well attended by family and friends.



Mike attended new business openings in Madoc, including Oats and Honey Bulk Foods (pictured), and the Mackenzie Mills Emporium.



Mike was happy to be at the Scarecrow Festival in Napanee. Also on hand was the Canada Learning Code "code mobile" to teach kids digital coding skills.



Mike was delighted to attend the blessing of the new parish hall at St. Patrick's in Napanee by the archbishop.



Mike attended the Quinte Careers in Construction event in Belleville. He highlighted the importance of getting young people involved in skilled trades.

Meeting Challenges with Solutions



Aging Population

- ⇒ Returned OAS and GIS age to 65 after previous government increased it to 67.
- ⇒ Increased GIS funding for low-income single seniors (\$1.7 million more for our riding each year).
- ⇒ \$6 billion for home care in Canada.
- ⇒ Agreement to enhance CPP will put up to 50% more in pockets of retirees.

Needs of Families

- ⇒ Tax free Canada Child Benefit helps families of 17,000 kids in our riding with about \$5.9 million each month.
- ⇒ Lifted 300,000 kids out of poverty.
- ⇒ 5 additional weeks of parental leave through the Parental Sharing Benefit.
- ⇒ New Caregiver tax credit and EI benefits make it easier to take time off to care for sick relative or elderly relative.



- ⇒ \$500 million for rural highspeed internet, including \$10.8 million announced for a project in our riding.
- ⇒ \$50 million to improve digital coding skills for kids across Canada.
- ⇒ New Skills Boost program to give adult learners support through student grants and EI flexibilities.



Changing Economy



Aging Infrastructure

- ⇒ \$186 billion *Investing in Canada* infrastructure plan.
- ⇒ Over \$4.7 million and counting to improve water and wastewater systems in our riding.
- ⇒ Over \$1.3 million to improve public transit in North Hastings, Central Hastings, Deseronto, and Amherstview.
- ⇒ Much more to see at mikebossiomp.ca

Poverty Reduction

- ⇒ \$40 billion for Canada's first-ever National Housing Strategy for more affordable housing. \$3.3 million and counting in our riding since 2015.
- ⇒ New Canada Housing Benefit starting in 2020 to supplement rent for low-income Canadians.
- ⇒ Creation of Canada's first-ever National Poverty Reduction Strategy.



- ⇒ \$1.3 billion to protect Canada's lands and water to meet conservation targets.
- ⇒ \$1.5 billion Ocean Protection Plan.
- ⇒ Over \$1 million on projects in our riding to protect the Great Lakes and mitigate environmental impacts.
- ⇒ Putting into action a comprehensive plan to fight climate change.



Environment



Jobs and Business

- ⇒ Lowered small business tax rate from 11% in 2015 to 9% in 2019.
- ⇒ Lowest unemployment rate since 1970s.
- ⇒ Created over 550,000 jobs since November 2015.
- ⇒ Investing in women entrepreneurs.
- ⇒ New Canada Workers Benefit allows low-income workers to take home more money while they work.



PROGRESS ON LIFTING LONG-TERM DRINKING WATER ADVISORIES

www.canada.ca/water-on-reserve

October 1-31, 2018

- 3** long-term advisories lifted
- 2** at-risk advisories lifted before becoming long-term
- 1** long-term advisory added

74 long-term advisories lifted

Since November 2015

ALL
long-term drinking water advisories to be lifted by
MARCH 2021

67 long-term advisories in effect on public systems on reserve

As of November 1, 2018

Canada

Indigenous Reconciliation

Canada's historic relationship with Indigenous Peoples has significantly impacted their ability to prosper at the same level as the rest of Canada throughout its history. In partnership with Indigenous Peoples, our government is working hard to correct injustices. This includes ending long-term drinking water advisories on reserves across the country, and implementing Jordan's Principle to ensure that First Nations children receive the care they need, when they need it. Over 77,000 requests under Jordan's Principle have been approved at a rate of 99% approval.

Locally, more than \$1.2 million in funding for water projects have been approved for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ) to correct historic underfunding, and \$2.4 million for the Deseronto water plant, which has impact for MBQ. More than \$2.3 million has been approved for affordable housing needs for MBQ.

More projects are in planning and will be announced in the future thanks to the tireless advocacy work of Chief Maracle and Council and a government committed to reconciliation.

2019 Satellite Office Hours

We have a big rural riding - one of the biggest in southern Ontario! So, my staff and I not only have our full-time main office, but also satellite office hours throughout the riding on a monthly or every-other-month basis.

Main Office: Napanee

20-B Richmond Boulevard, Napanee
Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

2019 Satellite Office Hours:

Bancroft: Municipal Building (8 Hastings Heritage Way). Second Tuesday of every month, 12:00pm –

4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 9, Aug. 13

Clinton: Municipal Building (72 Edward St). Fourth Tuesday, every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Feb. 26, Apr. 23, Jun. 25, Aug. 27

Madoc (Centre Hastings): Municipal Building (7 Furnace St). Third Tuesday, every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Feb. 20, Apr. 16, Jun. 18, Aug. 20

Marmora: Municipal Building (12 Bursthall St). First Tuesday, every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Mar. 5, May 7, Jul. 2

Stirling: Municipal Building (2529 Stirling-Rawdon Rd). Third Tuesday,

every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. For 2019 that's: Jan. 15, Mar. 19, May 21, Jul. 16

Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory: Council Building (24 Meadow Drive). First Tuesday, every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Feb. 5, Apr. 2, Jun. 4, Aug. 6

Tweed: Municipal Building (255 Metcalf St). Fourth Tuesday, every other month, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. In 2019 that's: Jan. 22, Mar. 26, May 28, Jul. 23

As usual, if the satellite office hours are not convenient for you, please reach out and we can set up a new time or have a phone call.

Why Green?

I ran on a pledge to represent all my constituents if I was fortunate enough to be elected. So, while I am a proud member of the Liberal Caucus, I also want to make sure that my work as the Member of Parliament for Hastings—Lennox and Addington is done in as non-partisan a way as possible. That's why I adopted the traditional House of Commons green colour scheme for all my work as your Member of Parliament. I heard time and again that Canadians were frustrated with partisan newsletters full of misleading questionnaires. Better is always possible, so please never hesitate to reach out to me with your feedback and suggestions for how I can serve you better.

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