

Your Community Newsletter



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Member of Parliament
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound



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Dear,

It has been a great first month of summer; meeting with constituents and businesses as they enjoy all the great attractions and services that Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound has to offer. Some highlights include:

On Canada Day, I celebrated by paying tribute to a local Owen Sound hero, Cpl Robert T. James Mitchell, who made the supreme sacrifice in Afghanistan, participated live in the virtual celebrations for Southgate, and attended Grace Williamson's 100th birthday party in Wiarton. I also released a [statement](#) addressing the tragedy of the remains of so many children found in unmarked graves at former residential schools.

On 16 July, it was great seeing so many constituents at the 49.5th annual Bruce County Beef Farmers BBQ. MPP Bill Walker and I helped hand deliver approximately 750 meals to hungry people. I purchased two meals myself, as it's hard to beat top quality Bruce County beef!

Throughout July, as the situation in Afghanistan has continued to deteriorate, I have been working to pressure the Liberal government to act on ensuring the safety of former Afghan interpreters, advisors, and other Canadian-employed Afghans along with their families. The lives of these interpreters are a top priority for me. Therefore, I have been actively working with former military colleagues and current political colleagues (across all parties) to bring forward cases to ensure the safety of these Afghans who helped Canada. I released a [statement](#) on 12 July and wrote an [op-ed in the Toronto Sun](#) on 22 July calling on the Liberal government to take action. Fortunately, the issue was publicly acknowledged on 23 July by the government, there is still much work to be done by the government to ensure the safety of these Afghans.

On 26 July, Mary Simon was sworn in as the 30th Governor-General of Canada. I wish her all the best in her new position and am optimistic she will do well in her duties.

On 29 July, the City of Owen Sound announced Sportsnet has selected Owen Sound to host Scotiabank's Hockey Day in Canada on 29 January 2022. This event will be an excellent opportunity

for Canadians to see all that Owen Sound and the surrounding areas have to offer, all while celebrating Canada's game. I am looking forward to taking part in Hockey Day in Canada and know Owen Sound has a massive hockey community and will be an incredible host!

On the evening of 30 July, I volunteered for four hours at the mass vaccination drop-in clinic in Owen Sound. Once again, my thanks to the Grey-Bruce Health unit and all the volunteers.

I hope I will see you on my travels throughout the riding! If you have a meeting request, greeting request, concern, question, or event invitation, please email my office at: Alex.Ruff@parl.gc.ca

As always, it's an honour to serve you.

Alex Ruff, MSC, CD
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With small businesses, young families, seniors and all Canadians facing difficulty due to the pandemic, a recovery plan that ensures Canada's long-term prosperity is needed. I am proud to stand behind a plan developed by my Conservative colleagues that seeks to get Canada's economy roaring back after the pandemic and improve future emergency response situations.

This plan will:

SECURE JOBS: by recovering the 1 million jobs lost during the pandemic within a year.

- Helping the hardest hit sectors immediately, helping those — including women and young Canadians — who have suffered the most.
- Assisting small businesses and providing incentives to invest in, rebuild, and start new businesses in all sectors across Canada.

SECURE ACCOUNTABILITY: by enacting a new Anti-Corruption law and increase answerability in parliament.

- Toughen the Conflict-of-Interest Act and the Lobbying Act to increase transparency and accountability in Ottawa.

SECURE MENTAL HEALTH: through a Canada mental Health Action Plan.

- Boost funding to the provinces for mental health care and create a nation-wide, three-digit suicide prevention line.
- Provide employers with incentives to offer mental health care to their employees.

SECURE OUR COUNTRY: by creating a strategic stockpile of essential products and building the capacity to manufacture vaccines at home.

- Build domestic medicine, PPE and vaccine production capacity.

- Overhaul and rebuild Canada's National Emergency Stockpile System to prepare for future threats.

SECURE OUR ECONOMY: by balancing the budget over the next decade.

- Wind down emergency COVID support programs responsibly as Canadians are vaccinated and the economy reopens and ensure stimulus measures are time limited.

SECURE THE ENVIRONMENT: by taking a responsible approach that ensures domestic businesses can compete internationally.

- Allowing provinces to develop plans tailored to their needs while also offering a low carbon savings account, allowing you to keep your own money.
- Taking the burden off everyday Canadians and taking the fight against climate change global with carbon border tariffs.

I welcome any feedback you may have on our plan to help Canadians recover from the pandemic. More details on our plan can be found online.



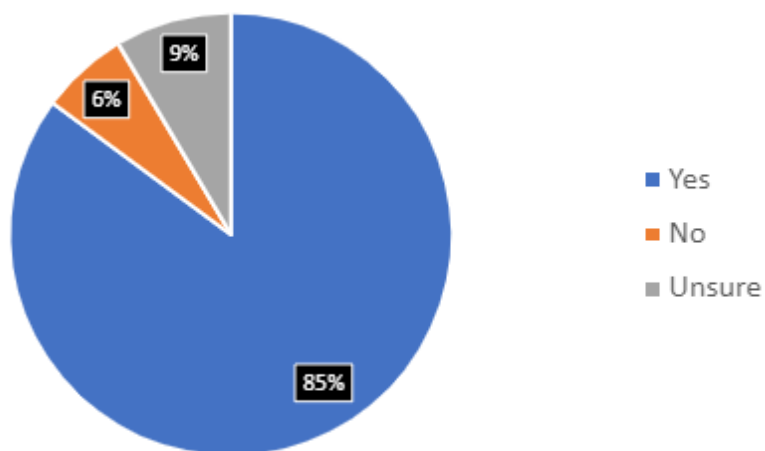
This month's new question is:

Do you think the Prime Minister should call an election this summer?

Have your say on my website [here](http://www.alexruffmp.com).

Last month's response:

Do you support a Canadian Emergency Preparedness Plan focused on vaccine research, domestic manufacturing capacity, addressing threats posed by wild animal markets and trade, and restoring the Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN) in order to better protect Canadians from future pandemics?



Alex in the Media



To check out my interjections in the House of Commons, other videos, and local news, click [here](#).

Toronto Sun Article on Afghan Interpreters (2021-07-22):

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/ruff-its-canadas-turn-to-step-up-for-the-afghans-who-helped-us>

CFOS 560 Open Line (2021-07-27): https://www.560cfos.ca/2021/07/27/th-open-line-with-claire-mccormack/?fbclid=IwAR2CbDuvG5zE8SknWUNSi954i2MR_2UMD4xQCmzSAPNw3UPdvE2WtvvJCI4

My website features my previous press releases, videos, and CFOS 560 Open Line podcasts. Check it out [here](#).

To view all my interjections in the House of Commons, [click here](#).

Community Outreach



Moving flag raising ceremony in honour of fallen hero Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell. (2021-07-01)



I was happy to attend Grace Williamson's 100th birthday party. (2021-07-01)



Glad to help out with a bit haying again this year with my brothers. (2021-07-04)



Congratulations to Murray and Dorris Stewart on their 65th anniversary. (2021-07-06)



Doing some fishery habitat restoration with Outdoors Adventures on Schultz Creek (2021-07-08).



Congratulating the donors for the new inclusive playground at Hibou conservation area. This is just yet another example of what community is all about and what makes Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound such a phenomenal place to live. (2021-07-13)



It was pleasure recognizing Constable Nick Wilson, officer of the year for Grey Highlands. (2021-07-15)



Meeting with the Sacred Heart summer civics class to give a presentation on my role as a Member of Parliament. (2021-07-15)



The 49.5th annual Bruce County Beef Farmers BBQ was a great success with ~750 meals served. Nothing beats Bruce County beef. Special thanks to the directors and volunteers. (2021-07-16)



Naomi and I got lunch at Tim Hortons for Camp Day. We got all four bracelets representing, leadership, courage, resilience, and confidence. (2021-07-21)



Attending a small ceremony to recognize the 100-year anniversary of the Eugenia cenotaph's unveiling. (2021-07-21)



Volunteering for a few hours with weigh-in at Lures N Lines Wiarton for the Lake Huron Fishing Club Chantry. (2021-07-29)



It was an honour to present Dearborne Jarbah a certificate, Canadian flag and pin in recognition of her receiving her Canadian citizenship after almost five years as a Permanent Resident in the City of Owen Sound. Congrats! (2021-07-29)



My staff and I participated in #chalkyourwalk2021 to promote kindness. A special thank you to Community Living Owen Sound And District for sponsoring this event. I also ran into members of the Multicultural Association of Perth-Huron, President Dr. Gezahgn Wordofa and Hira Dhariwal. (2021-07-30)



Great having a chat with Jaydn at the vaccine clinic at Owen Sound District Secondary School. Great seeing young folk doing their part to help the community! (2021-07-30)



Here is a list of some of the issues among many, that I received correspondence on from the community during the past month (in no particular order):

Residential Schools	Vaccine Passports
Afghan Interpreters	Nuclear Safety
Canada Day	Israel and Palestine
Bill C-10	Fighter Jets
Travel Restrictions	High Internet Costs
Canada Revenue Agency Policies	Access to Voting for the Visually impaired
Changes to the Tax code	MAiD Regulatory Regime
Climate Change	Vaccinations
Lockdowns	Joint Replacement Surgeries
Agriculture	Firearms



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