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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is always a special time of year. It is the time where we gather to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends, and a time where we reflect on the past year. It is also a time for surprises, for new memories, for warm nights spent around a fire, and for cold mornings wrapped up tight. This season is also a time where we find ourselves in gratitude, not just for all of the wonderful things that we have, but for the people in our lives that make it all worth it. For me, serving this community and those who live in it has been one of the greatest honours of my life. I want to take the time this holiday season to thank each and every one of you who has engaged with me or my team this year.

It is also important that during this season we spare a thought for those who do not have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas as they may have wished. Whether it be due to the financial burden, or due to a physical or emotional estrangement from their family, it is important to remember these people during the holiday season, and offer them help and support in any way we can. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved with a local charity like the Food Bank or Christmas Wish to help lift up those suffering in our community and ensure everyone has a wonderful and memorable.



While this season can be busy and fly by without a moments notice, I want to encourage you all to be mindful in your Christmas shopping and try to support local small businesses and Ontario Made products whenever possible. We have such a great wealth of talent and ability in our province, and these great gifts are often overlooked for the sake of convenience. Try and take some time this season to visit your great local downtowns, whether it be in Barrie, Elmvale, Moonstone, or any of the other beautiful communities we have to enjoy in this region.

This season is also a great time to enjoy some of the incredible local attractions we have in our community. Please visit any of our great local ski hills as they welcome another winter season.

No matter how you celebrate this holiday season, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is always such a joy to connect with so many of you throughout the year, and at all our great Santa Claus parades. Please never hesitate to reach out to my office if you need assistance.

Merry Christmas!



My office is always here to help with any provincial matters and concerns. While we endeavour to respond to every matter in a timely manner, our team is often busy helping constituents. Take a look at the month so far:



2,669

email contacts



56

phone calls



21

walk-in visits



6

new cases

You can always contact us at Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org or 705-726-5538.