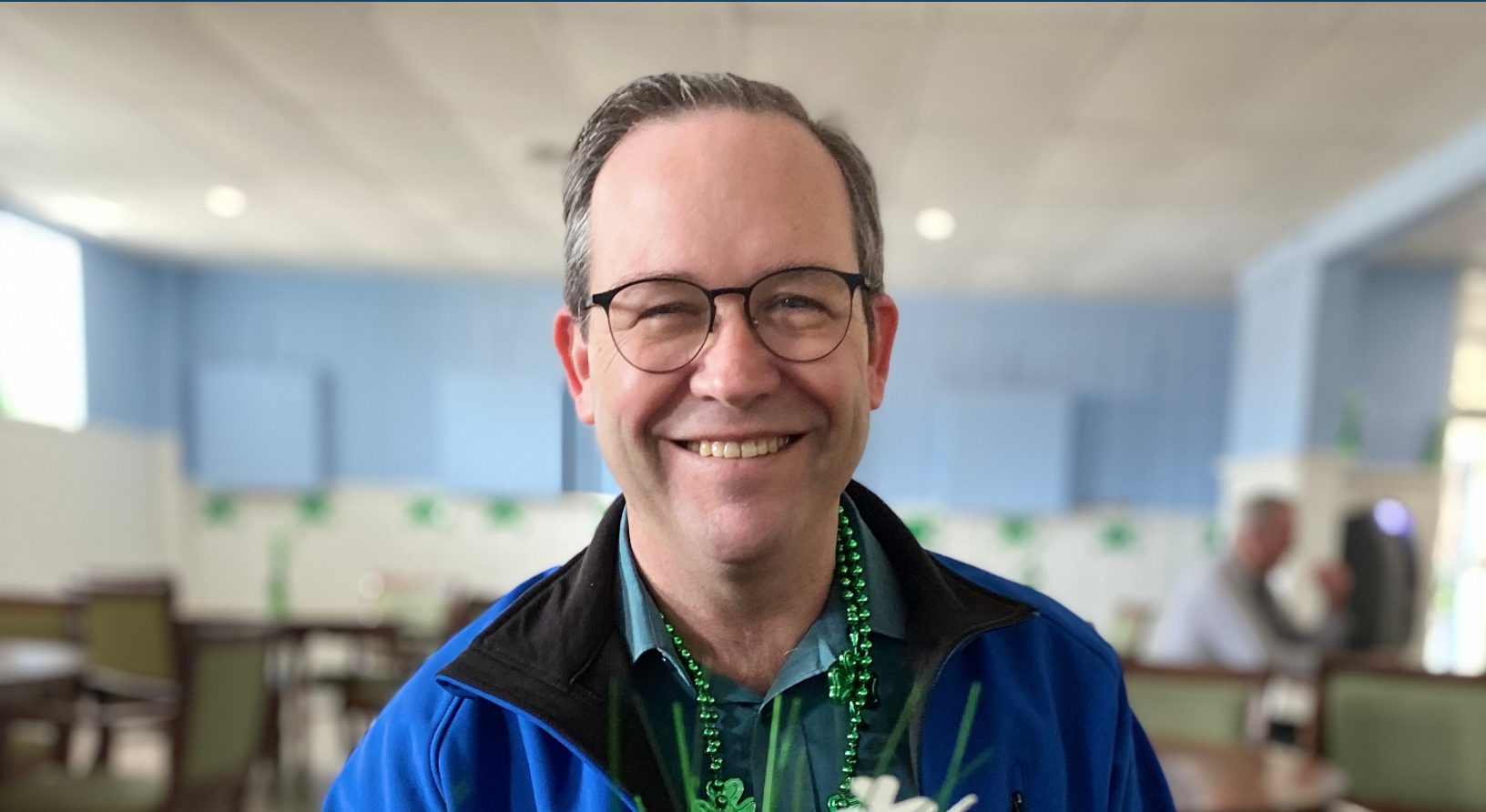




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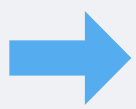
A NOTE FROM DOUG

Spring has officially sprung in our beautiful community, and I for one could not be more excited to enjoy all the beautiful amenities we have in this area. I've enjoyed connecting and speaking with so many of you over the past couple weeks, and I look forward to these chats in the near future. Whether it be at the door, or downtown on a patio, I am always happy to spend time with residents discussing the issues that matter most to them. As we move into the warmer weather, I would also like to remind everyone to slow down as they drive through residential areas, and keep an eye out for excited kids, happily playing in the grass and mud now that the snow is gone!

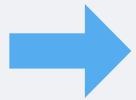
Building A Better BSOM

- Improvements to Hwy 400 - replacing the Anne St. Bridge and new sound barriers along the corridor
- **\$13.6m** investment in a new Allandale Bus Station, 30 new conventional buses and 21 specialized buses, plus on-street improvements
- **\$29.9m** investment to build a new YMCA community hub
- Nearly **\$170,000** in funding to revitalize the Barrie Native Friendship Centre
- Nearly **\$600,000** in ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure funding to support 3 local municipal projects including the Sunnidale stormwater pond

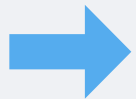
- Successfully advocated for a **NEW** Shanty Bay Public School
- **11,000** more homes in Simcoe County connected to reliable broadband through SWIFT funding
- **\$1.5M** in funding to expanding the runway - and create jobs - at Lake Simcoe Regional Airport
- Secured Ministerial Zoning Order for Burl's Creek Event Grounds - making sure the Rolling Stones concert could proceed



\$375,000 in funding to Volatus to create 22 new jobs and accelerate the growth of their Simcoe County operations



859 NEW and **764 UPGRADED** long-term care beds in development, under construction or completed in Simcoe County



Advocated for necessary, urgent repairs to the Hillsdale sidewalk



\$200,000 in OTF funding to create an accessible, inclusive playground and walking path at **Homer Barrett Park**



Advocated for the Hasty Tract Land for Springwater Township to build a multi-purpose community hub and new fire station



Advocated for a second Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre campus in South Barrie



Creating the Bradford Bypass to address gridlock and reduce commute times



Providing a rebate of 30 per cent of annual premium payments to WSIB safe employers



Modernization of GO Transit, including frequent two-way, all-day service to the Greater Golden Horseshoe, **200km** of new track, the electrification of over **600km** of track, and a new electric train fleet

OUT AND ABOUT



With Barrie Legion President Marcel on St. Patrick's Day



Announcing renovations to Stevenson Memorial with Premier Ford



With MPP Andrea Khanjin at the Barrie Curling Club



Announcing 104 new and 152 upgraded beds at Owen Hill Care Community