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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It's almost Christmas time once again. This season brings forward the warm memories of years past, and the promise of the new memories we will create with our friends and loved ones as we celebrate the holiday. Each Christmas season also brings the opportunity to reflect upon all the good things we have in our lives, and to think of those who may be less fortunate than us. It is a time where the very best of our collective spirit is on display, and the generosity in our hearts spills over in unexpected ways. Throughout this Christmas season, I wish you all a happy time spent with those you love the most.

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.



The Christmas season also offers a chance to reflect upon the past year. I am so grateful to be able to continue to serve this community as your Member of Provincial Parliament. This role has provided me with the opportunity to meet people from all across Barrie - Springwater - Oro-Medonte, and from all walks of life. Though we may not always agree, I am grateful for the chance to hear from all the diverse voices that make this community so great. To be able to continue to serve as a conduit for these voices at Queen's Park is one of the great honours of my life.

The holiday season is also about the fun and excitement that Christmas brings. From the first November snowfalls, right through to New Year's Day, this season is full of special events that help mark the season and raise the spirits of our community. It is always so exciting to see the smiling faces of children as they eagerly await Santa's arrival at the end of a Santa Claus Parade, or to hear carols sung throughout our city streets. Please visit your local municipalities website to learn about all the great events being hosted in your area. There's always something fun to do, from ice skating at the Simcoe County Museum, to taking in the lights at the Barrie Waterfront during this time.



From the bottom of my heart, I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, or if you celebrate in another way, I want to wish you a joyous holiday season. May each of you enjoy this special time with friends, family and loved ones. Merry Christmas.





BSOM HOLIDAY APPRECIATION NIGHT

DECEMBER 15TH FROM 6:30PM - 8:30PM

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