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A NOTE FROM DOUG

Winter is well underway here in Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte as the cold weather settles in. Our local ski hills are set to open next week, as the province shifts back to the colour coded framework for reopening regions across Ontario. February is always a busy month for recognition, as we celebrate and learn more about the contributions of Black Canadians during Black History Month, and skip towards stronger cardiovascular health, bringing attention to the ways we can lower our risk of cardiovascular disease during Heart Awareness Month. Later in February we will be “raising a fork” to Canadian Agriculture; the food we love and the people who produce it, as well as wearing our pink shirts with pride to “help lift each other up” and shine a spotlight on the effects of bullying.

As your local advocate, I am looking forward to returning to the Legislature on Tuesday, February 16th. I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open; continue to write and call my office to share your feedback and talk about what matters most to you. Also, please join myself and my colleagues on February 19th at our virtual townhall, with local bylaw officers and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, to discuss processes and the application of different regulations. Click the button at the bottom of this email to register.

I hope to see you all soon, and wish you the best for a healthy and happy February.

VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION

All levels of government are working together to get the COVID-19 vaccine into our communities. Here's how:

Federal Government

- Authorize vaccines for use in Canada
- Procure vaccines & related supplies
- Work with manufacturers to ensure safe & timely delivery of vaccines to provinces and territories
- Provide scientific guidance on vaccine use



Federal Government cont'd

- Support provinces & territories in managing logistics
- Ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety throughout Canada

Provincial Government

- Distribute vaccines & supplies received from Federal government
- Prioritize rollout across Ontario
- Tracking volumes of vaccines administered

Region/Public Health Unit

- Distribute & administer vaccines
- Plan for vaccination administration rollout within the region based on the Province's plan & contingent on Federal supply
- Safely store vaccine received from the province

Local Vaccine Administration Site

- Receive and store vaccines
- Administer vaccines
- Manage Booking of vaccinations of Priority populations



PUBLIC TOWN HALL

February 19, 2021
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM



Caroline Mulrone, MPP

Jill Dunlop, MPP

Andrea Khanjin, MPP

Doug Downey, MPP



Ontario Budget Consultations

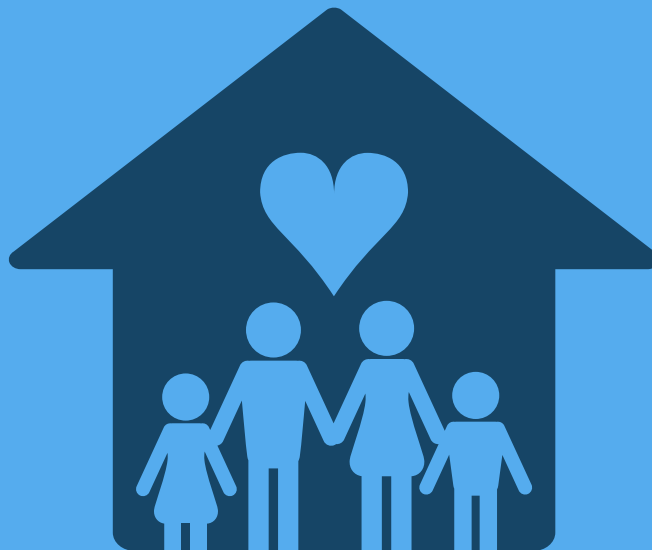


Have your say in the 2021 Ontario Budget by:

- Completing an on-line survey at Ontario.ca/BudgetConsultation
- Emailing written submissions to submissions@ontario.ca
- Mailing submissions to the Minister of Finance
- Attending a virtual consultation session

Consultations run until February 12, 2021

Happy Family Day!



Enjoy some extra family time at home on February 15th.