

MP's REPORT: A Happening Month

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August is known as the 'dog days of summer' where the days are long and lazy - and people have a chance to re-connect with their communities and their families. Nonetheless, this August will see many events happening, both globally and locally.

Of course, the Olympics are well underway in Rio - and I must admit I have long been a fan of the Olympics, and especially cheering on our Canadian athletes. This year will be no exception. I was very excited to see Rosie MacLennan, from King City, was chosen as Canada's flag bearer as she enters the Games to defend her Olympic gold medal from the 2012 London Games. I am especially looking forward to cheering on our newest athletes who are, for the first time, experiencing such exciting times. This past weekend I watched as sixteen-year-old Penny Oleksiak made Canadians very proud, winning not one, but two medals in swimming. These events are inspiring for so many young athletes.

On a sadder note, the Tragically Hip will be performing their final tour this summer due to frontman Gord Downie's brain cancer. Their final concert will be in Kingston on August 20. I grew up with the Hip, and like countless Canadians, am sad to see them go. They are Canadian treasures. I have seen them a few times, both in a festival setting and in arenas. They are great performers. I will miss them, but the music will live on.

Locally, Ribfest happens on August 26 -28th to cap off a great summer before many kids head back to school, and I look forward to attending and seeing David Wilcox, Haywire and all of the other great entertainment lined up at Machell Park.

This past month, I was also proud to take part in an announcement on July 21st with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Hon. Navdeep Bains joined us in Newmarket for the \$15 million investment in York University and partners, Southlake Regional Health Centre and the University Health Network. This funding will support the management of chronic disease through developing clinical applications as well as medical devices to improve outcomes for patients, reduce costs for health care providers and create nearly 130 highly skilled, well-paying jobs for Canadians working in this field.

As a thank you to our community and to celebrate a wonderful summer, I will be hosting a barbecue on August 21st from 1:00 pm to 3:30 p.m. at Fairy Lake, Newmarket. I encourage you to drop by and say hello. It is always a fantastic opportunity to get out of the office and speak with so many great people in our community.

As a reminder, you can reach out to my office and my staff at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any information or help.

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