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Our community is evolving, and as your Member of Provincial Parliament, I am happy to share the important news and updates about our region.

I'd like to thank everyone who joined me and MP John Brassard at the **Community BBQ on Saturday, July 22, at Stroud Innisfil Community Centre**. It felt incredible to see so many smiling faces, to welcome the community members of all ages and cultures, and to share the free food and treats with everyone.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny summer day, and I am immensely grateful to everyone, from volunteers to local families, first responders and community organizations for making the Community BBQ fun for everyone!

This summer has been a busy one for Barrie and Innisfil with important upgrades and announcements:

- The City of Barrie investing in road improvements across the city
- The Town of Innisfil working on Innisfil Beach Road expansion
- Royal Victoria Hospital receiving over \$9M in funding
- Faith-based daycare subsidy becoming available in Ontario
- New Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant of \$25.5 million over 2 years
- Keeping Transit Costs Low: eliminating the double fare
- Churchill Water Supply getting a \$3.8 million dollar makeover

I am dedicated to representing your voices and bringing them to Queen's Park!



**A FREE EVENT FOR SENIORS BY  
MPP ANDREA KHANJIN &  
MPP DOUG DOWNEY**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
10:00AM-2:00PM  
PARKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE  
189 BLAKE STREET, BARRIE**

**Get information about local community programs,  
services & health care**

**FREE COFFEE & GIVEAWAYS**

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## **Community BBQ-2023!**

Thank you to all who attended the Community BBQ-2023, visited my booth, asked questions or just said "Hello!". It was wonderful to see everyone, and I am grateful to all guests and volunteers for putting our community first!



**At the Community BBQ-2023 with Team Khanjin: Thank You to all volunteers!**

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## **Over \$275,000 was raised at Boots & Hearts Barn Burner Charity Hockey Game!**

The Boots & Hearts Barn Burner charity hockey game, hosted by Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall, raised over \$275,000 for:

- Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation,
- Ontario Easter Seals,
- Seasons Centre for Grieving Children,
- Empower Simcoe,
- Habitat for Humanity,
- The Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron,
- Kempenfelt Rotary Club,
- PIE Education

It was a great night with NHL stars on the ice, many of them - former Barrie Colts alumni!



## Barrie Roads are Getting a Face Lift!

Our government is investing in the future of Barrie and making sure your commute is safe and timely. This year, \$128 million dollars was invested into 16 road construction projects, and 9.2 km of city roads would be paved as a result.

Please, drive safe and follow the signs in all construction zones.

Our government is paving the road to Ontario's success, and we're getting it done!

# 2023 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



## \$128 MILLION

invested in infrastructure improvements and new road construction projects in Barrie this year



## 16

Road construction projects to be completed

## 9.2KM

of roadway will be paved as part of the City's 2023 road resurfacing program



# Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant



Share the news  
and apply for funding  
[ontario.ca/antihatesecurity](https://ontario.ca/antihatesecurity)

Ontario 

The Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant provides \$25.5 million over 2 years to:

- combat hate in Ontario
- build stronger, safer and more inclusive communities

This grant is designed to assist faith-based organizations (such as, churches, mosques or synagogues) and cultural organizations (such as, those that serve Black, Indigenous, Asian or 2SLGBTQIA+ communities) with ensuring safe and secure community spaces to practice their faith or express their cultures and beliefs.

These organizations can receive a one-time grant of \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000 (based on their 2022 revenues) to enhance or implement measures to protect and secure their facilities.

Click [HERE TO APPLY](#) , applications are accepted until 11:59PM on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

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## Back To School: Better Schools & Student Outcomes Act

As Ontario students are getting ready to return to their schools, I'd like to remind everyone that the **Better Schools & Student Outcomes Act** will be in effect this fall!

The Act is based on refocusing the school boards on critical skills, which matter most – strong proficiency in reading, writing, & math.

The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act represents an unprecedented province-wide effort to enhance our education system and empower our kids for life. Ontario's **#Back to Basics** plan focuses on student achievement, establishes accountability according to parent priorities, allows schools to be built faster, and has zero tolerance for harm against kids.

**Ontario's Plan**

# BETTER Schools and Student Outcomes

-  Focus on reading, writing & math
-  Accountability that drives better student outcomes
-  Building schools faster
-  Empowering parents

[Read More about Better Schools & Student Outcome Act](#)

## Residents Can Save on Local Transit!

It was a great joy to welcome Stan Cho, Ontario Associate Minister of Transportation to Barrie with great news: **our government is helping our residents with cost of living by eliminating the double transit fees!** This means savings of up to \$1820 annually for Barrie Transit riders during their to commute from a GO Train station.

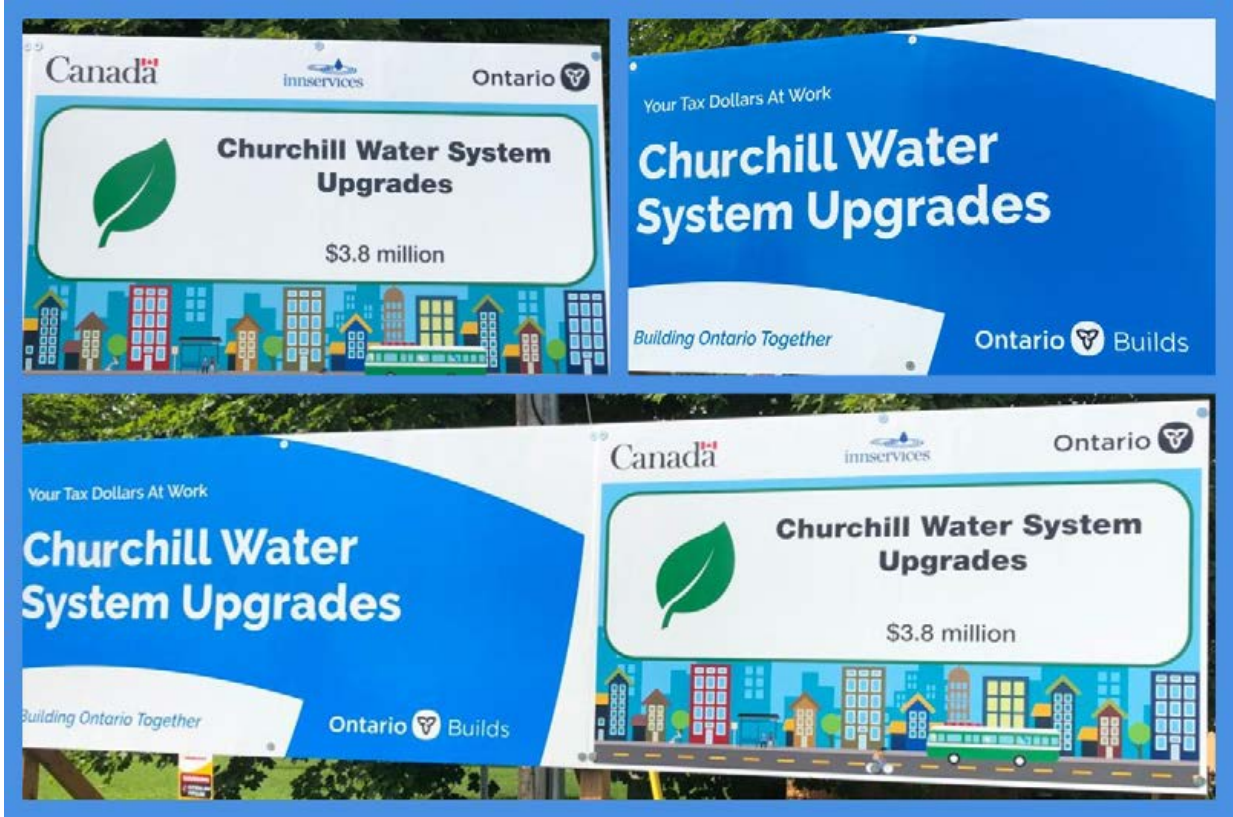


**Ontario Cutting Cost of Taking Transit!**

## **\$3.8M Upgrade for Churchill Water System!**

Churchill water system is receiving a 3.8 million dollar upgrade! As your MPP, I am thrilled to bring this important development to the local residents to ensure a modern and safe water supply.





## Faith-Based Childcare Subsidy!

This summer, our government announced that Ontario families can now access subsidized childcare programs across municipal boundaries.

Our government is making it easier for parents who want cultural or faith-based childcare for their children.



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