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Connecting with our youth

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. MP Brassard makes regular visits to riding schools and engages with students on his role as the Member of Parliament for Barrie-Innisfil. “One cannot help but feel inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of our kids. Young people are our future and the future looks very bright.” - MP John Brassard

Photo: MP Brassard speaking to a Grade 3 class at Goodfellow Public School. The students prepared welcome letters for Syrian Refugee families and John personally delivered them to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister, the Hon. John McCallum on their behalf.

Supporting First Responders

MP Brassard seconds MP Doherty’s PTSD Bill in the House of Commons: Bill C-211 would require the Minister of Health to convene a conference and develop a comprehensive federal framework to address the challenges of recognizing the symptoms and providing timely diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Photo (L): MP Brassard with local Paramedic and Mental Health advocate Natalie Harris. “I am grateful to live in Barrie, Ontario, where MP John Brassard supports, and is actively involved in, the implementation of Bill C-211.” - Natalie Harris BHSc, AEMCA, ACP

Working with local businesses

Small and Medium sized business employs 2/3rd of working Canadians: The Liberals broke their promise to small business honouring graduated tax relief previously passed in Parliament. “The Prime Minister’s perception of small business was particularly revealing during his pre-election interview with Peter Mansbridge when he declared, ‘a large percentage of small businesses are just ways for wealthier Canadians to save on their taxes.’ This is not the story I hear from hard-working small business owners and farmers in Barrie-Innisfil. They are not wealthy Canadians trying to avoid taxes.” - MP Brassard

Photo: MP Brassard speaking to the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce

Honouring our military heritage

Our Military Heritage: The tie that binds the citizens of Canada together. Regardless of their political allegiances or philosophical beliefs, Canadians all share a common admiration and deep respect for Canada’s Veterans. Almost a century ago, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden, the Government of Canada made a firm commitment to honour the accomplishments of all of Canada’s Veterans and military personnel. “I encourage all Canadians, of every age to find their own way to say thank you’ to our men and women who served their country with honour and to those who still wear the uniform proudly today.” - MP Brassard
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"With the cameras rolling on the campaign trail, the Liberals promised they would provide revenue neutral tax relief for the middle class and wealthy Canadians would pay for it. But now middle class taxpayers will have to dish out an extra $8.9 billion over the next 6 years. They promised not to run deficits of more than $10 billion a year, but now they are borrowing almost $30 billion this year and $120 billion over the next five and the $10 billion a year promise for Infrastructure is also nowhere near as advertised. This year’s Budget hurts small business, offers nothing for Barrie’s manufacturers & Innisfil’s farmers and the continued clean-up funding for Lake Simcoe was abandoned." – MP Brassard

Budget 2016 did contain a modest increase to the Canada Summer Jobs Program, more funding for the Last Post Fund and some plans to expand broadband to rural areas. MP Brassard appreciates these initiatives and continues to work constructively with members opposite like Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi to ensure the government is fully aware of Barrie-Innisfil’s needs.

MP BRASSARD ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR LOCAL SECONDARY STUDENTS

Seven years ago MP Brassard began to personally fund a Politics and Civics Scholarship at Bear Creek Secondary when he was a City Councillor in Barrie (Ward 7). When John discovered MP’s were recently given a $3000 increase in pay, he decided to expand his sponsorship to every Secondary School in the riding. Each High School will now present an annual award of $200 (during Commencement) on behalf of MP Brassard. This is to help students pursue University studies in the area of Political Science, Canadian History, Law or Civics. “I was surprised to learn that MP’s were getting a raise so soon after the election and to be frank, I learned of it from reading the National Post. I am pleased to ‘pay this forward’ and donate the net annual amount of the pay increase to help High School students in Barrie-Innisfil get a head start with the cost of University by expanding the Scholarship Award.” - MP John Brassard

November 20 2015, OTTAWA - Today, the Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition and Interim Leader of the Conservative Party, named MP John Brassard Critic for Urban Affairs. "My three terms as a municipal Councillor for the City of Barrie has afforded me many insights into the challenges urban centres face. In the past, I have worked very closely with Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman and Innisfil Mayor Gord Wauchope and look forward to working with Mayors and municipal leaders from across Canada in the years to come." – MP Brassard

Over 5.6 million Canadians voted for the Conservative Party on October 19, leading to one of the strongest oppositions to a majority government in Canadian history. The Conservative Party is making sure the voices of hard-working Canadian families like yours are heard and MP Brassard is working very diligently to keep that pledge and hold the government to account.

Photo: MP Brassard on CBC’s Power & Politics. He has also appeared on CTV’s Power Play and CBC’s The National.

MP BRASSARD WARNS SENIORS TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMMERS

Scams are on the rise and seniors are the prime target. 156 million phishing emails alone are sent globally every day. 8 million of those are opened and 80,000 of those people fall for some sort of scam, giving out personal info. Provincial police say well over 500 Ontarians -- mostly seniors -- are hooked each year by criminals using phishing nets to steal personal information and swindling them out of more than $100,000 dollars. But it is not just emails; phone calls, letters and door-to-door schemes are also in their criminal arsenal. In recent months local seniors have been scammed including a Bradford woman fleeced for $30,000 in an internet trading scam and an Innisfil senior who was bilked out of $12,000.

MP Brassard advises all Barrie-Innisfil residents to follow some simple guidelines to avoid being a victim of these con-artists:

- If you are being offered something that sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Do not give out personal information & credit card #’s over the phone.
- Do not open emails and/or attachments if you do not recognize the sender.
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not call you asking for payments.
- Do your homework on the company to ensure they are legitimate.
- Be cautious when responding to special investment offers through unsolicited e-mail, especially ones that originate from outside Canada.

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Barrie Colts vs Kingston Frontenacs S.R. Graeme Brown, MP Alex Nuttall, MP Gord Brown, Ontario PC Party Leader - MPP Patrick Brown, MP Brassard, Michael Webster

MP Brassard & MP Nuttall. January 30th Passport Clinic w/ Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce
(MP Brassard offers year round passport service for Barrie-Innisfil residents at his Constituency Office)

Speaking at Holy Cross Catholic School, Innisfil

Barrie South Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, St. George’s Church Barrie

MP Brassard visits seniors homes across the riding regularly
(Photo: John delivering a Birthday Scroll to a local resident)

Crimestoppers Flag Raising at Innisfil Town Hall with Mayor Wauchope and members of Innisfil Council

MP Brassard visits seniors homes across the riding regularly

MP Brassard’s inaugural address to Barrie City Council as the Member of Parliament for Barrie-Innisfil

Louis Riel Day Flag Raising in Barrie

SAVE THE DATE:
6th Annual Barrie Waterfront Half Marathon
June 5th, 2016
For more info visit: barriehalfmarathon.ca

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**In Memoriam:**
**Robert “Bob” Ellsworth McIntyre**
**September 5, 1942 - March 10, 2016**

"He entered into everyone's living room, every night. I know from answering the phones that the love and affection for this man is of a rock-star status. Bob lived very quietly and very simply outside of the TV camera, and what you saw on-air was basically what he was (off-air). He enjoyed life." - Dale Pearson, a receptionist for 31 years at the station

"He loved his job, he loved the audience and he loved Barrie and this region. We've lost one of our greatest ambassadors." - Sharon Burkart former 15 year colleague and 11 year Co-anchor

"We are all so terribly saddened by Bob's passing. He was such a big part of the station for so long – through all of its incarnations, Bob was a constant." - Mike Boothman, Managing Producer, CTV Barrie

"I think he was this great character that everybody loved. He was so matter-of-fact, but he also didn't care if he fumbled or made a mistake. People saw him as the guy next door." - Long-time Cameraman Jim Holmes

"I will remember him as a mentor. One of the last conversations I had with him was about being a good broadcaster, doing it well, loving what you do and about it being a public service. Bob embodied that." - Tony Grace, CTV Barrie Anchor.

March 11, 2016, OTTAWA - MP John Brassard addressed the passing of local legend Bob McIntyre in the House of Commons. The full video can be viewed on John’s website. Here is the text of the speech:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today on a sombre note. Bob McIntyre passed away yesterday at the age of 73.

Well known for his charitable work and for serving as the first Honourary Colonel of 16 Wing at Base Borden, Bob was best known as Barrie’s TV weatherman for the past four decades on CKVR, the new VR, A Channel Barrie, and CTV Barrie. Bob's consistent, reliable voice reached into homes on a nightly basis delivering the weather from Bob’s garden outside the station.

Mr. Speaker, Bob was one of the most genuine people you will ever meet. He cared deeply for his community and for his colleagues. When CTV Barrie was laying off employees 5 months ago, Bob decided to retire in order to save the job of another employee who would have otherwise been let go.

My thoughts are with his wife Darlene and his loving family. In the spirit of his trademark sign off <thumbs up> this one’s for you Bob." - MP Brassard

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**Join John for his 1st Annual Family Community BBQs**

**INNISFIL FAMILY BBQ**
**DATE:** July 16, 2016  
**TIME:** Noon - 2pm  
**LOCATION:** Innisfil Beach Park, 676 Innisfil Beach Rd  
*FREE ADMISSION EVENT*

**BARRIE FAMILY BBQ**
**DATE:** July 23, 2016  
**TIME:** Noon - 2pm  
**LOCATION:** Tyndale Park, 676 Tyndale Rd, Barrie  
*FREE ADMISSION EVENT*

**Have your say:**

1. **What area(s) of federal jurisdiction do you have concerns with or think needs the most improvement?**

2. **Do you support MP Brassard’s ongoing efforts to put a federal strategy in place to help PTSD sufferers?**
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO

3. **Which Barrie-Innisfil infrastructure improvement would you consider the most important priority?**
   - [ ] Innisfil Heights / 400 Business Corridor  
   - [ ] Harvie Road / 400 Overpass  
   - [ ] Expanding Transit  
   - [ ] Other

4. **Is MP John Brassard on the right track in his approach to serving the constituents of Barrie-Innisfil?**
   - [ ] YES, keep up the good work  
   - [ ] NO, he does not have my support  
   - [ ] Unsure at this time

MP Brassard always appreciates your input and looks forward to your feedback on these important questions

**To view all MP Brassard’s speeches in the House of Commons, please visit his website:**
www.johnbrassard.com