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Working for You in Cumberland-Colchester and on Parliament Hill

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Appointed to Conservative Leadership Team

I am pleased to report my appointment to the Conservative Party's Leadership Team as the Interim Atlantic Representative and Committee Coordinator, enabling *your* Cumberland-Colchester Member of Parliament to bring concerns to the Leadership table.

My priorities remain the same: Your personal healthcare; attracting doctors and nurses to Nova Scotia; regional economic development along the Fundy Shore; environment and climate change concerns, such as rising waters that threaten Colchester and Cumberland shorelines.

There are solutions in these challenging post-pandemic times, where most of us feel daily challenges of maintaining household, food security/mortgage payments, and rent/clothing. I am confident that my additional responsibilities in Ottawa will enable positive changes in Cumberland-Colchester.

Health Committee Update

As Vice-Chair of Parliament's Standing Committee on Health. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The issues are many and all are important. In April and May, the committee heard presentations regarding potential health dangers created by breast implants. We also received testaments about patented medicines costs and availability.

I also had the opportunity to question Health Minister Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, at length, regarding influenza vaccine stockpiles. As it turns out, Canada does not have any serum stored in preparation for the next onslaught. America, on the other hand, has 20-million units readily available.

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Staff members Holly Miller and Amy Menzies

New feature

Welcome to our new monthly feature, 'Working For You'.

It is a summary of the most important work I have undertaken on your behalf, during May 2023. I hope you find the news items of interest.

I consider this to be a sorry situation, that reflects an ongoing failure of the Liberal government to adequately consider Canadians' health. I urge you to view the video clip exchange between myself and Minister Duclos that is posted on my website – please visit: www.drstephenellismp.com

High School Awards

Congratulations to the following Cumberland-Colchester Grade 11 students that have demonstrated academic excellence, and have been awarded the prestigious Lieutenant-Governor's Medal:

Advocate District School

Olivia Goodwin

Amherst Regional High School

Rowan Blanch, Abigail Noreta Byrnes

Cobequid Educational Centre

William Robert Hazelton, Sappho Amelia Thompson

Oxford Regional Education Centre

Marshall William Brown, Cooper Milton Bowden

Parrsboro Regional High School

Edwynn Thomas Burke, Ava Elizabeth Flecknell

Pugwash District High School

Madison Kyla Allen, Sven Schouten

River Hebert District School

Kaden Daniel Reagh Allen, Alley Elizabeth

Clattenburg

South Colchester Academy

Benjamin Ross MacLeod, Madeline Eve Jollimore

Springhill Junior Senior High School

Lindsey Ann Darlene Mattinson, Pauline Emilie Helene

Serre

Tatamagouche Regional Academy

Brooklynn Christine Hayman



With Cumberland Mayor Murray Scott

I recently met with Cumberland County Mayor Murray Scott. We discussed several important issues including the Isthmus of Chignecto, and a potential national park.

Foremost is a tri-government funding agreement for dike construction along the Isthmus of Chignecto. Global warming and the resultant rising tides, must be contained. Such a project will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. I will continue to press the urgency alarm and engage all levels of government to ensure this important project comes to fruition.

Mayor Scott and I also considered feasibility of a national park for the Bay of Fundy region, that would include the Joggins Fossil Centre which, in conjunction with the Mi'kmaq Centre in Debert, would create a regional economic development area.

**It was fantastic day touring
the Dalhousie University
Agricultural Campus
in Truro, with staff
and the campus president.**



Ontario Minister of Health

It was a great pleasure to sit down with the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario, to better understand our shared challenges and future opportunities.

Ontario, of course, has the largest and most diverse population in Canada. That said, it faces many of the same challenges that we have in Nova Scotia, in general and Cumberland-Colchester, in particular.

I am looking forward to working with Health Minister Jones to maintain and improve federal-provincial healthcare relations.



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Congratulations to Nova Scotia Co-operative Council for its innovation

Congratulations to the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council Ltd.'s for its part in obtaining and preserving 15 affordable housing units through the purchase of three buildings in Truro.

As we know, some housing rental charges have skyrocketed, adversely affecting those on fixed, or limited incomes.

Through the NSCC's foresight, safe, affordable and accessible apartments will be maintained, with rent freezes guaranteed. I have met with Dianne Kelderman and I admire her entrepreneurship.

Land trusts are a great innovation and ought to serve as a model across Canada.

A Day in the Life of Stephen Ellis

Some people often wonder:
What does a Member of
Parliament do in Ottawa?

Between committees, stakeholder meetings,
and Question Period – there is
so much to unpack.

Here is a glimpse of a day in the life of your
representative, MP Stephen Ellis.

Please watch the video on my website.



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