



Carol Mitchell, MPP

Huron-Bruce

Spring Report 2007



Dear Friends;

I wish to summarize the accomplishments of your government. I am pleased to be part of the government which has responded to the needs of rural Ontario which will ensure a better future for you and your family.

The future of our community hospitals is assured. Our belief in a fully funded public health care system has been reinforced with the development of family health teams. Patient oriented health care is a key element of our rural health care.

To compete in the global economy we need an educated & trained work force. Our schools are now producing the results we must have to compete in a global economy. Test scores show that our investment in public education has paid off.

An apprenticeship program in conjunction with Bruce Power & the Power Workers' Union is providing the training and opportunities for twenty-five of our youth to stay close to home. Post secondary education is now available in Goderich and Kincardine. In September of 2007 the Kincardine Access Centre will facilitate courses for postsecondary students in rural Ontario.

Energy and safe drinking water will be just two of the factors which will make rural Ontario a better place for economic activity. The work at Bruce Power has had a huge impact on the whole riding. Other renewable sources of energy such as wind & bio fuels offer new opportunities to our agricultural community. Huron-Bruce is an energy powerhouse and produces 25% of Ontario's power.

We have balanced the budget. Our prudent, planned spending has benefited rural Ontario. More than \$ 900 million has been provided to stabilize incomes for our Ontario farmers. The new ethanol plant in Hensall helps our corn producers plus ensures our commitment to have 10 per cent ethanol in our fuel.

Huron Park now has a positive future after a decade of uncertainty. The residential component has a new owner and will expand. The industrial sites are in the final stages of being sold to the present owners. The results can be seen in increased employment and investment.

We have taken a measured responsible course to raising the minimum wage. We have targeted our most vulnerable citizens- the children of low income families for assistance.

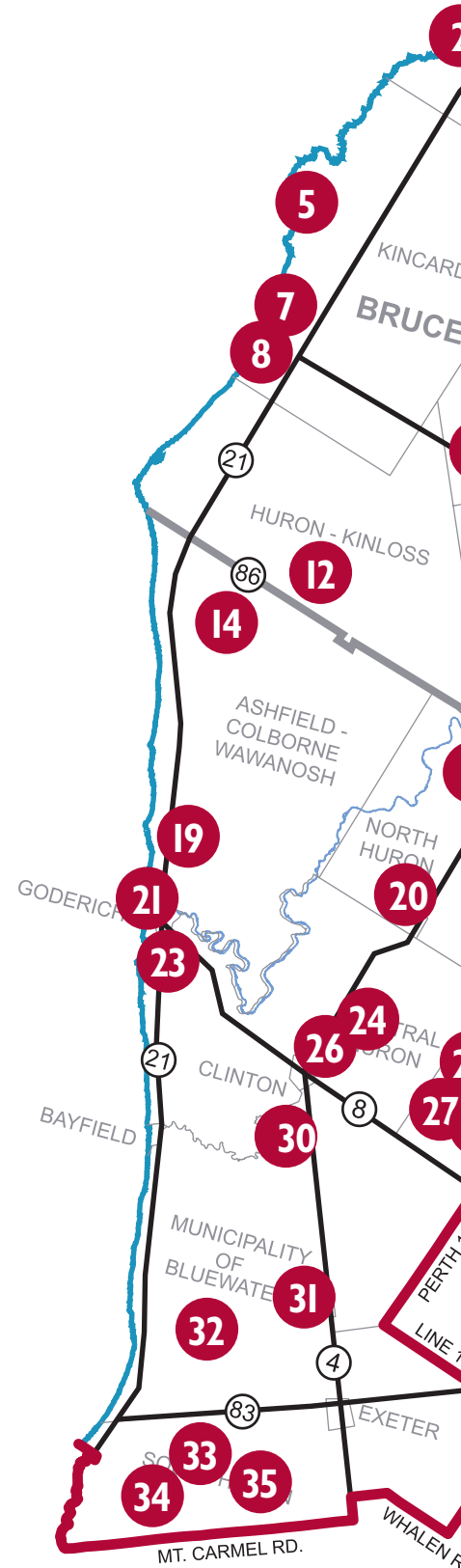
I have provided a map of the riding of Huron-Bruce. It indicates where funding has been allocated which has strengthened Huron-Bruce. No other government has invested so heavily in our future.

Sincerely,

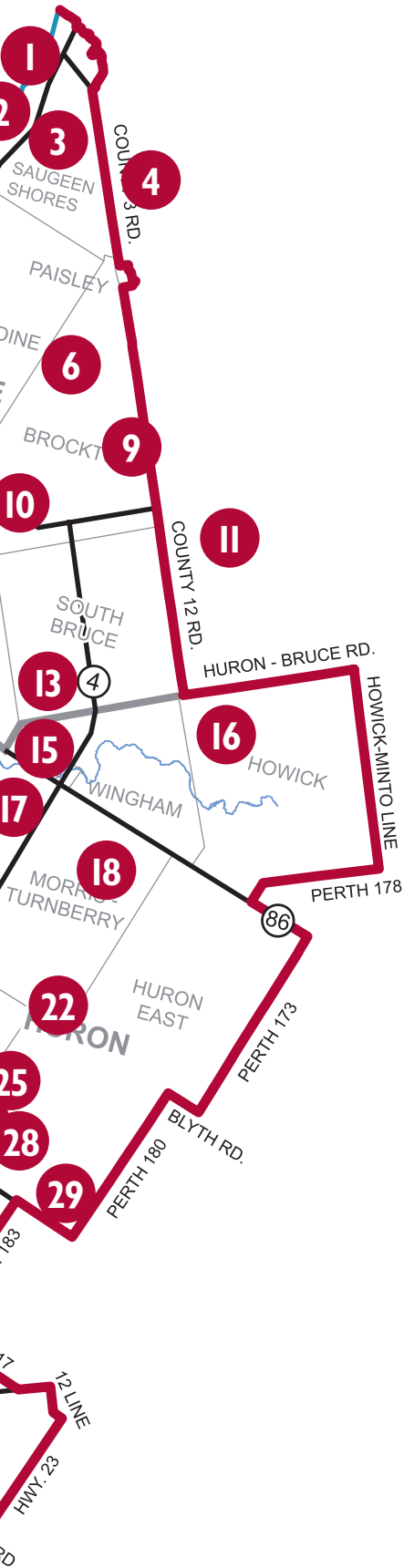
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Huron-Bruce Investments: Rural Ontario Gets Results

1. **Grey-Bruce Owen Sound Health (Southampton hospital)**
\$ 24,495,559
2. **Port Elgin Library**
\$ 731,000
3. **Bruce County Museum & Archives**
\$500,000
4. **Bluewater District School Board**
\$178,365,212 15.6% increase
5. **Bruce Power - Cost of expansion**
\$4.25 billion
6. **Bruce-Grey Catholic School Board**
\$34,566,910 22% increase
7. **South Grey Bruce Health Centre, Kincardine**
\$5,969,804
8. **Kincardine OPP building**
\$1,259,000
9. **\$600 million transmission line**
10. **Brockton (Walkerton, Paisley, Mildmay) Family Health Team**
11. **Safe Drinking Water funding**
\$ 1,052,890
12. **Huron-Kinloss Community Centre**
\$454,000
13. **South Bruce Infrastructure**
\$548,000
14. **Dungannon, Century Heights & Maitland View Estates water system**
\$492,314
15. **Wingham Family Health Team, Wingham**
16. **Howick infrastructure**
\$ 240,000
17. **Wingham Community Hospital**
\$ 2,554,500



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- 18. Morris-Turnberry - Road Reconstruction**
\$325,000
- 19. Goderich waste water**
\$1,498,308
- 20. North Huron Water System Wingham & Blyth**
\$222,244
- 21. Alexandra Marine & General Hospital, Goderich**
\$3,573,494
- 22. Avon-Maitland District School Board**
\$152,655,960 17.95%
- 23. Maitland Valley Family Health Team, Goderich**
- 24. Clinton Public Hospital**
\$2,521,500
- 25. Huron County Family Health Team, Seaforth**
- 26. Clinton Family Health Team, Clinton**
- 27. Seaforth Community Hospital**
\$1,554,900
- 28. Community Care Access Centre, Seaforth**
\$2,085,749
- 29. Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board**
\$44,117,484
- 30. Equine Training Centre, Central Huron**
\$ 350,000
- 31. Greenfields Ethanol Plant, Hensall**
\$12.5 million
- 32. Bluewater Rest Home, Zurich**
\$2,240,000
- 33. Bluewater Family Health Team (Grand Bend, Zurich, Hensall)**
- 34. Centralia/Credition waste water system**
\$1,000,000
- 35. South Huron Hospital, Exeter**
\$2,859,800

*This list represents only some of the key investments.



Dalton and Carol in Port Elgin

The Ontario Property & Sales Tax Credits for Seniors has been enhanced. It will provide a savings of \$104 million for more than 745,000 senior families.

Income splitting of pensions for senior couples will mean a tax savings of \$170 million.

www.seniorsinfo.com: One stop site for seniors which will provide specific information.

www.ontariowaittimes.com: will allow you to check on how we have reduced wait times for cataract surgery by 41%, for knee replacements by 30% and for cancer surgery by 16%.



◀ Carol at the opening of the Dungannon Seniors Centre.

▶ Minister Responsible for Seniors, Jim Bradley at the launch of the Seniors Portal at the Bruce County Library.



Rural residents of all ages have benefited

The Ontario Child Benefit will help all children in low income families. It allows parents to move off social assistance without fear of losing support for children. It will provide low-income families up to \$250.00 per child beginning in July. It will rise to \$1,100. by 2011.

Child care funding has been increased by \$25 million in 2007-08. This will be doubled by 2008-09.



Carol with Ken Oke, Mayor of South Huron and Minister of Community & Social Services Madeline Meilleur at the Reloux Early Childhood Learning Centre in Exeter.

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