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From Ernie's Desk

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Hello,

On Monday, October 26th, voters in Oxford and across Ontario will be voting to elect their mayors, local councillors, and school board trustees. Municipal governments manage important services such as roads and public transit, emergency services, parks and community spaces, and waste management. So for those of voting age, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the candidates and also to vote.

Thanksgiving is also just around the corner which offers a good opportunity to break from the usual busy schedule and spend time with family and friends. Don't forget to thank a farmer and appreciate all the hard work they do that helps bring in a bountiful fall harvest.

Important note! There will be a planned power outage October 18th from 1am to 7am for those in Woodstock and north Oxford as HydroOne upgrades aging equipment.

Lastly, MPPs are returning to Queen's Park later this month and there's plenty of work to get done. As always, feel free to email me if there's anything you want me to know as we return.

Ernie Hardeman

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How Can My Office Help You?

- Birth Certificates
- Commissioner of Oaths
- Congratulatory Certificates
- Family Responsibility Office
- MTO
- OHIP and ServiceOntario
- OW / ODSP / WSIB
- Any Other Provincial Matters

Trending Questions

Q: Why is it important to have my original birth certificate? How do I order a replacement birth certificate?

A: Your birth certificate is an important legal document. You may need it when applying for a passport, getting government identification, accessing government services, or proving your identity and citizenship. Keep your birth certificate in a safe place and avoid carrying it with you unless you need it.

If your birth certificate is lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed, you can apply for a replacement through the Ontario Office of the Registrar General (ORG). You can also order marriage and death certificates through the same website by clicking the button below or by typing in this web address: https://www.ontario.ca/page/official-government-id-and-certificates.

A first-time birth certificate costs $25. A replacement or long-form birth certificate costs $35. A Birth Certificate with Parental Information is recommended for children who will be applying for a passport because it includes the parents' information. A long-form birth certificate is a certified copy of the original birth registration submitted to the ORG. Expedited service is available for an additional $30.

If there is an error on your birth certificate, you can contact the ORG to find out how to correct it. They will explain what documents or proof may be needed. My office has paper copies of the application forms available. We are also happy to answer questions or help check the status of an application.

ORG WEBSITE

If you would like to ask a question and have it answered here next month, email **ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org** and write in the subject line **"Trending Questions"**.

What I've Been Up To

LAST CALL! Highlight Oxford in My 2027 Calendar

Last call! Help us show off Oxford! When submitting photos, please make sure they clearly feature an iconic Oxford landmark, location, event, or recognizable Oxford setting. Remember to include the photo location as well.

Stopping by peopleCare, Tavistock

September 18th was Ontario's Long-Term Care Community Engagement Day, which is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the dedicated staff and volunteers who work hard each day to make life better for those in their care. Thank you to everyone who brings compassion, kindness, and commitment to our long-term care communities. Your efforts make a meaningful difference every day.

Attending the 115th National Day of Taiwan Celebration

It was a wonderful evening attending the 115th National Day of Taiwan Celebration, hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. They had exhibitions showing off Taiwan's high-tech and medical innovations, and highlighting our shared values such as democracy. Oxford County has very close ties with Taiwan. One of their national heroes, George Leslie Mackay, was born and grew up near Embro.

Grand Opening of Taco Bell Woodstock

I had a great time attending the grand opening of Taco Bell Woodstock. There was definitely a lot of excitement as the doors opened. Wishing the Taco Bell team all the best as they become part of our community!

Government Highlights

Connecting More People to Faster Emergency Care

Access to timely care can make all the difference when someone is facing a medical emergency. That's why our government is investing $10.8 million in Oxford to increase the availability of paramedics and ambulances in our community.

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Getting Drivers in Oxford Moving Faster

Our government has increased the speed limit to 110 km/h on major sections of Highway 401, including the section in Oxford, and we've just finished the rollout on most sections of the 403. This will make travel faster and more consistent for drivers and shippers in our community and across the province.

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Protecting Workers and Businesses from Latest US Trade Actions

We will always protect Ontario's workers and businesses. In response to the latest US import bans on certain Canadian goods, including alcohol, dairy products, and motorcycles, we're expanding the Protect Ontario Financing Program to these sectors to protect impacted workers and businesses.

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If you have any comments you'd like to share, please send me an email at **ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org**