

**Bonnie Crombie pledges to protect Lake Simcoe, local natural environment**  
*Ontario Liberal leadership candidate visits Orillia, Barrie*

BARRIE — In her latest visit to Simcoe County, Bonnie Crombie, candidate for leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, met with over fifty local Liberals in Orillia and over one hundred supporters in Barrie.

During her visits, Bonnie pledged, “Ontario Liberals will continue our strong legacy of protecting our environment and urgently taking action on climate change.”

Specifically, she said, “I pledge that an Ontario Liberal government will preserve and protect 30% of our forests, wetlands and water by 2030. This will help us find nature-based solutions to fight climate change, protect species-at-risk, and build stronger and more resilient communities.”

“For regions close to the water like here in Simcoe County, we must take action, including cleaning up our Great Lakes, specifically Georgian Bay, and renewing the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to meet calls to reduce phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes by 2030.”

“To help us deliver on these pledges and to ensure accountability, we’ll also restore the Environment Commissioner and Conservation Authorities with a strengthened mandate to defend nature, rural communities and future generations,” Bonnie said.

“For the past five years, Doug Ford has taken us backwards. His assault on the Greenbelt, refusal to protect prime agricultural land, attacks on Conservation Authorities and failure to even have a climate-action plan — these are disgraces. We can and must do better,” she concluded.

This is Bonnie’s fourth visit to Simcoe County, with previous stops in Barrie and Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Midland.

Learn more at [www.bonnieforleader.ca](http://www.bonnieforleader.ca) and photos attached.

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