

Rights and freedoms threatened, group says

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Following the recent debate over the posting of fliers decrying the loss of Canadian traditions in Glen Williams, Steve Edgar brought the chairman of the Voice of Canadians to Georgetown for a public information setting.

Despite a small turnout, VOC chairman Dick Field, told the audience that the rights and freedoms promised to Canadians are slowly being eroded by special interest groups, government agencies, and "the Cheater of Rights."

Field was introduced to the audience by Edgar, who gave

a brief preamble by way of introducing himself as co-founding member of the Voice of Canadians.

Edgar told the audience that he and his family moved to Glen Williams last summer and have been very happy in the Glen.

He refreshed the memories of the audience as to the controversy, which arose when he distributed fliers calling for the return of a traditional Christmas concert at Glen Williams Public School.

"People often ask what is Canadian Culture? Why do we feel the need to define ourselves through the expe-

riences and culture of our most recent immigrants? Let's make them part of the Canadian Identity, not the definition of who and what we are as Canadians," Edgar said.

"Canadian Culture and Values are not lakes, mountains and forests. It is our values, our traditions, our food, our language, our literature, our experiences. And one of those traditions is a public school Christmas Concert, not a World Wide Winter Celebration. If you want to perform a World Wide Winter Celebration, do it in January or February. Do not perform it in December and do not pretend that it is a Christmas Concert."

Edgar said that the Voice of Canadians has been called a racist organization by its detractors, despite the fact that no proof has been offered to substantiate that claim.

Field, a veteran of the second World War, went to Europe as a young man to fight against the racist policies "of that accursed man, Hitler."

"They are the mind readers of society," Field said,

referring to those who call the Voice of Canadians 'racist.' "They cannot accept what people say without looking for some hidden agenda. It is they who contort statements with which they disagree into evil intent."

Field said that most of the letters printed in local media missed the point.

"We Canadians are lazy, we are apathetic, we have let our principles fall into disrepair and outright abuse," Field said. "We have dishonoured them, we have breached them, we have ignored, derided and turned a blind eye to their destruction and we will pay a terrible price for that indifference."

Field said that he holds the government, left-leaning media, academics and grant seekers accountable for undermining the basic tenets of free people.

"Be proud, be a Canadian! Don't keep quiet because those who oppose your views call you racists, bigots or rednecks. You are their best friends. Why? Because you are their guarantee that they can continue to talk without getting shot."

Outside the meeting hall, some protesters gathered handing out pamphlets decrying the alarmist message of the Voice of Canadians.

NEWSSHORTS

Valuable figurines stolen

Halton Regional Police were summoned to the scene of a Tenth Side Road residence, Friday, when it was revealed that a home had been entered and several valuable figurines had been stolen.

Police believe that the break-in occurred between 8:30 am and 6:30 pm, through a rear door which may have been unlocked. The culprits are believed to have exited the home by the same door.

Among the items listed as missing were between ten and 15 Royal Daulton figurines; three Swarovski glass figurines; assorted pieces of jewelry and bank-books.

According to police a dollar value on the missing items is still being assessed.

Computer, phone stolen

Halton Regional Police were called to Centennial Middle School after a Macintosh Notebook computer and a Nokia cellular phone were reported missing.

Police are uncertain how or at what time the theft occurred, but they do know that it happened between Feb. 11-12.

The value of the missing items is estimated at \$2,800.

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