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Abortion is an issue which divides most political parties. Within the Libertarian party there has been a tremendous amount of debate about this issue.

The Libertarian party has adopted a position of having no position on abortion. That is, that each candidate is free to have their own opinion.

I personally believe that abortion should not be a political issue but is a moral one. A woman should have the right to decide for herself what is best for her! It boils down to who, in fact, owns your body, the government, or yourself.

Being a male, it is difficult for me to decide for a woman what is best for her. After all, each situation is different. Perhaps Libertarian Heather-Ann Lapsley summed it up best when she said, "I remember, when I was younger and abortion was illegal. Women went to unsafe, unsanitary backstreet abortionists, and some of them died. There is no way you are going to stop a determined woman from getting an abortion with a law."

In any agreement of this magnitude there are bound to be winners and losers. The problem is to minimize the adjustment of those affected. That is why there is a 10-year phase-in period.

The losers are the industries that rely on government protection to survive. Everyone else is winners. Free trade, in theory, is a good idea. Libertarians would go even farther and negotiate with other countries to end tariffs, duties and other barriers to free trade. Consumer prices would fall and excellent Canadian products would win global markets.

At one time Canada had pride in itself. During the First and Second World Wars the Canadian Air Force and Army had some of the bravest and best trained fighting men. Encouraging a strong army and air force would restore some of that pride.

Increasing our military commitment would accomplish a number of things. It would provide discipline for a disenchanted youth. It would provide training for our youth in highly specialized trades. It would strengthen our economy from within, while providing self defence from foreign invaders.

Let me stress this again, a stronger military would be used only in self defence of our borders against foreign invaders.

Dennis Corrigan is a fine and dedicated man, who has been fighting for civil liberties since he began with the party. I'm proud to be working with him.

Mr. Corrigan stresses lower taxes all the time. And you can vote for free trade and against higher taxes. A new wave is sweeping the world. Japan is a world leader in imports and exports. Communist countries are beginning to open their economic doors to Western technology, and Socialist Britain is being saved through a mass privatization program.

A Libertarian government under Dennis Corrigan would adopt a number of initiatives to save our country. By selling off crown corporations we would greatly reduce the tax burden on Canadians and reduce the deficit. By offering the shares to Canadian citizens, primarily the employees, pride and initiative would once again be restored in their work.

A Libertarian government under Dennis Corrigan would define civil liberties and restore them. This new form of economic prosperity combined with a return to self-government by individuals, would mold a strong and courageous Canada.

The Canadian government is the largest landlord in Canada. It is also one of the largest polluters. No wonder damage to the environment goes unchecked. A Libertarian government would sell the land back to its citizens. Then we would implement tough penalties against a land owner who pollutes another's property.

Libertarians have been fighting for lower taxes since their inception. What we are advocating is "real tax reform." Today's high taxes, started by the Liberals, continued by the Tories and fully supported by the NDP, deny us the benefit of our labors.

Libertarians would immediately simplify the income tax system, with a substantially-increased basic personal exemption of \$10,000, and a flat rate, 20-per-cent tax. The Libertarian government would also phase out all other involuntary taxes, and balance the budget and keep it balanced.

These reforms would reduce the tax burden for all Canadian wage-earners, and eliminate federal taxes altogether for those who can least afford them.

A Libertarian vote is a vote against big government. I believe I am the only alternative to the big three parties, and their disastrous path of higher taxes and less freedom.

I intend to identify local Libertarian support and build a strong base for future Libertarian activity in the Halton-Peel riding at the grassroots level.

Residents pleased by decision

A jubilant Belfountain Task Force on Development could barely control its cheers as Town of Caledon Council agreed to review the Official Plan as it relates to Belfountain.

Led by Councillor John Alexander, Regional Councillor Clark Glassford and Mayor Emil Kolb, a majority of councillors at the regular Oct. 17 council meeting approved the Task Force's motion authorizing the Planning Department to recommend an appropriate growth and development policy for the small, picture village and to write these regulations into the Town's new comprehensive by-law 87-250.

It was a major achievement for the Task Force which for the past year has been opposing the high density housing development proposed on its southern border.

Belfountain Task Force Chairperson, Helen Notzl, was pleased but reserved. "I think it's wonderful that the Town of Caledon Council is responsive and is seriously reviewing how development should occur within the sensitive environment of Belfountain. There are some excellent laws which apply to Belfountain, but there are also some contradictions."

The Belfountain Task Force has put forward that the Official Plan has never been fully enacted and that the previous bylaw, bylaw 1330, has been superseded by Niagara Escarpment Commission jurisdiction. Since much of the land designated for high density development encompasses lowlands, unique woodlots and hills which are the watershed of the village, the NEC previously has classified the land as largely unsuitable for development. Bylaw 1330 would allow only 25 acre estates, recognizing the land as viable agricultural acreage. The Official Plan recommends village infilling with relatively small lots, but at the same time notes Belfountain as a low and slow growth area.

Notzl, asked if she felt the Task Force has won, said, "We've won the right and duty to work effectively with the Town. Up to now, we've fought for that right, now we can propose real solutions."

Opposing the resolution was a delegation from Enterac, which is proposing to develop 56 lots, 77 of which are inside Belfountain Village boundaries. Enterac, explained legal counsel, Roger Elliott has fully cooperated with the Town of Caledon, undertaken \$250,000 of studies and is on the virtual eve of completion of its work, the bulk of which Enterac feels is in accordance with the Official Plan. "At issue is the integrity of the process," Elliott protested.

Chairperson Notzl was quick to point out that cooperative completion of studies by developers should not be an automatic ticket to approval. "Not all the dollars in the world should justify approving something that is wrong," said Helen Notzl. "If Enterac can't find water, for example, how could the development proceed?"

Elliott also pleaded with Council to direct Planning staff not to impede the process of the application and to deal with it on merit.

Both Councillor Alexander and Mayor Kolb were quick to point out that the resolution does not impede Enterac's application process. Mayor Kolb said, "the residents of Belfountain have never indicated a determination to impede development and are always willing to meet with the developer of the subdivision."



The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority welcomed several new members at a ceremony in Acton recently. From left are: Jeanne-Marie Resney (vice-president of Xi Delta Beta of Georgetown) and her pledge, Susan Hillis; Wendy Behling (vice-president of Theta Phi of Acton) and her pledges, Ann Scheepers-Niven, Wendy Green, and Stephanie Costley; and June Campbell (vice-president of Preceptor Gamma Chi of Georgetown) and her new pledge, Ann Gray. (Herald photo)



A contest staged by North Halton Sports ended in a flurry Saturday, as prize winners were presented with their respective prizes. Customers were invited to enter the contest which allowed them to build up points through purchases and other special events. The grand prize of a VCR was won by Rita Davidson, with over 20.6 million points. Seen here, from left are Sally Plackett (7th \$100 gift certificate for Ollie's); Lenore Lee (10th 10cc cream maker); Julie Colleton (11th sports print); Pam Anderson (salesperson); Judy Pomeroy (owner); Rita and Brad Davidson; Ingrid Fokkens (salesperson); John and Christopher Henderson (6th portable TV); and Linda Lee (5th sheep dog). Other prize winners not available for the photo were Suzanne Presswood, Barb Merk, Bea Henderson, and Wendy Nix. (Herald photo)

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