

NDP candidate assails the tax system

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Georgetown resident, Noel Duignan, called for a fairer tax system in his acceptance speech after being officially elected as the New Democratic Party candidate for the riding of Halton-North, Tuesday, at the Canadian Auto Workers Hall in Milton.

The current tax system places an unfair burden on the shoulders of low income people, Mr. Duignan told an audience of approximately 35 people.

"For every three dollars the government collects from personal income tax, a dollar is paid in corporate tax," he said. "It's time to stop this railroading," added Mr. Duignan.

Mr. Duignan, who won the

nomination by acclamation, joins Liberal candidate Walt Elliot, Progressive Conservative candidate Dave Whiting and Family Coalition Party of Ontario candidate Giuseppe Gori, as the political candidates for North-Halton who will go head-to-head in the expected fall election.

Mr. Duignan focused part of his speech on the last three years performance of current North-Halton MPP Walt Elliot.

"Where was Mr. Elliot to stand up against the government increasing your education taxes?" Mr. Duignan asked rhetorically. "Education taxes in this riding increased by 16 per cent this year," he said. Mr. Duignan predicted the tax burden in the riding and across Ontario will be that much heavier



Noel Duignan

there is insufficient affordable housing, said Mr. Duignan.

He explained the Liberals have been giving developers and speculators "a free ride", that has driven up housing prices and reduced the number of affordable houses.

Mr. Duignan made brief reference to the environment noting that the Greater Toronto Area is becoming more like a huge garbage dump, and that quarries should be banned from the Niagara Escarpment. Mr. Duignan went on to say the Liberal government wouldn't stop these happenings because the corporate bottom line rules.

New Democratic MPP Bruce Charlton, Hamilton Mountain, was on hand Tuesday to give support and advice to Mr. Duignan.

The first question Mr. Duignan should ask Mr. Elliot once an elec-

tion is called is "why is the government calling one?" suggested Mr. Charlton.

"The Liberals can't find enough money for hospitals, they can't find enough money for education, and they can't find enough money to deal adequately with the environment, but they can find \$100 million to run an election when it isn't necessary," said the MPP.

According to Mr. Charlton, the Liberals will soon call an election because they don't want to run a campaign when the Patricia Starr case is before the courts. "Whatever else will come out of the affair they want to avoid it during an election," he said.

The Liberals will also call an election soon because "we're (Ontario) in a recession and the government is not willing to take the measures necessary to minimize it," said Mr. Charlton.

Speed limits changed on four local roads

Halton Regional Council approved Wednesday that several speed limits governing roads in Halton Hills be increased or lowered.

The speed limits on four roads in Halton Hills will be changed. They include the stretch of Trafalgar Road just south of Regional Road 42; on Ballinafad Road from Trafalgar Road to just east of Shortill Road East; and on Regional Road 43 between Highway 25 and the Fourth Line.

The speed limit on Trafalgar Road just south of Regional Road 42 will be reduced from 60 km to 50 km per hour.

The Ballinafad Road speed limit will be reduced from 80 km per hour to 50 km per hour and Regional Road 43 speed limit will be reduced from 80 km per hour to 60 km per hour.

Council also approved the speed

limit on Trafalgar Road between Highway 7 and just north of Maple Avenue be increased from 60 km per hour to 80 km per hour.

The reduced speed limits were justified on the basis of restricted visibility on the three roads and sharp curves in the roads, according to a Region report on rural road conditions throughout Halton Region.

Trafalgar Road between Highway 7 and just north of Maple Avenue should be increased, according to the report, because the recent reconstruction of this portion of the road was done to accommodate a 90 km per hour speed limit.

next year because of the federal government's Goods and Services Tax.

Mr. Duignan acknowledged the provincial government is opposed to the GST but he predicted they won't protest it much. Once the GST is passed, Mr. Duignan explained, prices will be higher and therefore the revenue from the provincial sales tax will be that much more.

When the NDP candidate wasn't questioning Mr. Elliot's record, he attacked the provincial government, and specifically Premier David Peterson.

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