

EDITORIAL PAGE

A new era in Ontario

A new era was ushered into Ontario politics last Thursday with the election of the New Democratic Party, under the stewardship of NDP leader, Bob Rae.

In the previous 35 years of recorded electoral history in Ontario, there had been, virtually, nary a whisper of a social-democratic party becoming a serious contender to form a majority government in the trillium province - Stephen Lewis' protestations notwithstanding.

Despite the NDP victory, it cannot be stated by any stretch of the imagination that Mr. Rae's political party captured the hearts and minds of the Ontario voters.

In fact, despite the NDP majority, the party captured only 37.6 per cent of the popular vote while the second place Liberal Party captured 32.4 per cent of the popular vote and the trailing Progressive Conservative Party won 23.5 per cent of the popular vote.

Not what any sensible person would consider an overwhelming vote of confidence in our newly-elected provincial government.

If truth be told, the NDP victory was more a protest vote against the other two established political parties in Ontario rather than a blanket endorsement of the NDP's.

A record number of voters turned out to cast their ballots in the 1990 provincial election and this speaks volumes in terms of the responsibility these voters felt towards the welfare of their province.

It is a responsibility Mr. Rae, and the elected MPP from Halton North riding, Noel Duignan, should take seriously.

After having sprinkled a little bit of rain on the NDP victory parade, let's also allow a little sunshine.

The NDP election victory in Ontario is a reality.

The doom and gloomers and similarly, those peeking over the horizon expecting to see a horde of banner-waving socialists descend on Ontario hell-bent on pillage, should be relegated to the back of the class.

Give the NDP a chance. The newly-elected government has five years - not five minutes or five months - to implement their policies and attempt to govern Ontario as best they see fit.

Defeated North Halton Libertarian Party candidate, John Shadbolt, seemed to sum up the feelings of Ontarians quite succinctly when he stated on election night evening, "The people wanted a change ... The people were protesting against the Liberal Party and since they had already kicked-out the Progressive Conservatives several years ago, they felt they had to give the NDP a chance."

The Ontario gauntlet has been dropped, Mr. Rae. It's up to you to defend the province's honor or retire from the field in ignominy in light of your pre-election promises.

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Letters To The Editor

Letter Of The Week

Georgetown the good?

Dear Editor:
I would like the residents of Georgetown to be informed of my experience last Saturday evening as I walked home from the fair, after helping the organization I belong to, fundraise.

I was walking down Church Street, when a car stopped on the corner of Edith Street, across the road from me. As I turned down Edith Street, I was half-way down when a young man ran up behind me and demanded to have my purse.

I told him he couldn't have it, he took it off my shoulder so I tried to pull it away from him but was unsuccessful, he ran back to the waiting car and off it sped.

Very shaken I went to the Canadian Legion where I got help and my bleeding hand was tended to.

This was not a pleasant experience and one I thought would never happen to me in Georgetown. So please be warned, don't carry money around in a bag which can be snatched away from you.

And to the young man and the other occupants of the car, just stop and think how would you like this to happen to your Mother.

Yours sincerely,
A very concerned and disappointed Georgetown resident

Ground water studies must have full documentation

Editor's note: The following letter was released to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Mr. Ian S. Keith
Director of Planning
The Corporation of the
Town of Halton Hills

RE: Item No. 260 on the General Committee Meeting Agenda September 4, 1990.

- Report No. P.D. 90-154 dated 1990 08 07 with respect to Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application - EAGLE RIDGE EQUITY INC., Part Lots 9 and 10, Concession 3, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueing). (File: H/C/89-90/49)

supply.

I can provide you with many similar examples from the area and, in due course, will endeavour to document these cases, but for the time being, I am satisfied that council is now aware of the problem and has, thankfully, voted to defer your recommendation; "that the Niagara Escarpment Commission be advised that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills recommends that Application H/C/89-90/49 in the name Eagle Ridge Equity, BE APPROVED" (page 5, Item #260 Agenda, General Committee Meeting).

Frankly, Mr. Keith, I am dismayed that you and your staff would make such a recommendation, prior to the implementation of groundwater studies by the proponent, in view of the fact that the golf course will be a big user of water. Even more remarkable is that you make these recommendations with the full knowledge that the groundwater supply in this area is critically low. Mayor Miller stated, at last night's meeting, that the council has previously had to deal with the groundwater problem for this area.

Furthermore, to my knowledge, there has been no notification by the Town of Halton Hills or the

Niagara Escarpment Commission to the local residents, that this development application is even being considered, let alone voted upon by council. Some dismay about the timing of a vote on your recommendations and your apparent lack of procedural protocol on this matter was also evident on the faces of some councillors. This "in through the back door" approach to the planning process is completely unacceptable. Is this meant to be a common sense process or a puppet show? Or should I simply ask ... "who's pulling the strings here?"

As a resident who could be greatly affected by this proposal I must insist on being made aware of any future developments and/or information regarding this proposal. I also feel that any groundwater study of the area would be incomplete without full documentation as to the current status of existing wells in the area. This data would provide the terms of reference, should a disruption of groundwater supply occur within a pre-determined period following the start-up of golf course operations.

Yours truly,
G. Vandevalk
Halton Hills

Picnic table thieves

To the person or persons that stole my picnic table:

Real funny guys. I bet you and your lowlife friends had a real laugh while you were loading my picnic table onto your truck last week. Stealing someone else's property gives you some sort of perverted sense of accomplishment?

While you and your lowlife friends sit at the table swilling beer and laughing about the whole affair consider what else you have stolen.

You have stolen the meeting place where my daughter and her friends would gather to play dolls; the place where my two younger sons would sit under and use as a fort; where my oldest son and his friends would gather to rest after a game of road hockey or soccer and where my entire family would sit to enjoy a cool drink on a hot day.

Maybe one of your neighbors has noticed a beat up grey-looking picnic table suddenly appear in your backyard and thought you were moving up in the world.

Wrong, you jerk, you have just moved down another notch. Enjoy it you thief, but consider this.

Not only are the police looking for that table, but so are your neighbours, the gas man, the hydro reader, the postman and who knows who else after reading this letter.

I can get another picnic table but can you ever get back a sense of pride.

Chris Gougeon
Georgetown

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