

## Community

# New converts attend Reform Party Open House

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The Reform Party's stand on fiscal management and immigration are two reasons the turnout was excellent last Wednesday at the Party's Halton-Peel Riding Association first-ever public information meeting at the Cedar Springs Motel in Halton Hills, says one of the association's directors and Georgetown resident Rod Pinkney.

Mr. Pinkney said following the meeting over 100 people attended the public information session and those in attendance said the party's biggest appeal is its support for huge cutbacks to the

number of federal government civil servants and stand for tougher immigration legislation.

Once in power, the party would make drastic reductions in federal government middle and senior management civil servant positions, said Mr. Pinkney.

On the issue of immigration, Mr. Pinkney said, Canada's current immigration laws make it too easy for people to claim refugee status.

"I don't buy that just because a boat load of people spend money to get to Canada that they should automatically be granted refugee status," said Mr. Pinkney.

He also commented the party would attempt to improve the

work ethic among Canadians. Too many people are looking for handouts these days, he said. The party favors a return to the work ethic that was prevalent during the 30's when he was a kid, explained Mr. Pinkney.

Mr. Pinkney went on to say people attending the information meeting, like the party, question the need for the federal government to fund multicultural and bilingual programs.

The party believes it's great that people retain aspects of their culture and language when they

emigrate to Canada, but they shouldn't expect the Federal Government to provide financial support to achieve this goal, he said.

Mr. Pinkney said the association will have a candidate to run against current Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner in the next federal election. However, he wouldn't venture to predict how the candidate would fare.

Contacted last Thursday, Mr. Turner said the Reform Party will only have a chance both locally and across Canada if bet-

ween now and the next election, Canada breaks up.

The only negative reaction to the party expressed during the information meeting was the fact the party has had little exposure in Quebec, said Mr. Pinkney.

"Quite a number of people at the meeting thought we shouldn't ignore Quebec because there are a lot of anglophones in that province," he said.

The party will be unsuccessful at developing a national base, "if it looks like the party is picking a fight with Quebec," he added.

### Making space in your kitchen

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—It is a common fact that in most homes, the kitchen is the centre of attention. Although the living room or family room is usually the most comfortable, the kitchen has always been the traditional spot for members of the family to gather. It is another well-known fact that there is never enough space in this particular room of the house, no matter how large it may be.

There are a few things that you can keep in mind to maximize kitchen space. Some require remodelling while some can be put into practice at any time.

First of all, bulky appliances like electric mixers, blenders and food processors should not be kept on the counter where they take up valuable space and make the kitchen look cluttered. An appliance garage (which is really just extended cupboard space large enough for small appliances), with a roll-down panel or hinged doors keeps them neatly tucked away when they are not in use. Electrical outlets can be included in this space, so the appliances can be used where they sit.

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containers that take up a lot of room. These fit into the corners of your bottom cabinets where you would normally have to really reach at things.

A centre island provides additional counter space, which is especially useful if your large appliances take up a great deal of your present space. Additional burners and sinks can even be added here or you may wish to put stools around the island to eliminate the need for a kitchen table.

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