

# Senior citizen questions NDP policy wisdom

Dear Sir:

As a retired person I would like to draw to the attention of your retired readers the disservice that has just been delivered to them by the Provincial Government.

I refer to the change in O.H.I.P. that travellers will face and what Mr. Duignan reported in the press last week. He advised that O.H.I.P. will only cover part of your costs if you are taken ill outside Canada and he advised travellers to buy insurance.

Mr. Duignan, I wrote you earlier in the year that purchasing insurance was not the answer for many people because pre-existing medical conditions are not covered in many of these insurance policies. How many seniors do you know that do not have a pre-existing medical condition? There are a heck of a lot of young people that have problems also. You failed to reply or do anything about my concerns. Worse you have just, last week, advised people to buy insurance, as if that took care of everything, and you know that is not so.

I agree that O.H.I.P. should not cover the inflated cost for hospitalization for Canadians outside Canada, but I object to people being cancelled out of O.H.I.P. coverage and the government of the people providing them with no alternative.

Imagine, if you may, that the car insurance industry unilaterally decided that our car

insurance did not cover us as of Jan. 1992 in the U.S.A. and we would have to buy another policy for travelling in the U.S.A. Then when some went to purchase the extra policy they discovered that for some reason peculiar to them it would not pay out if they had an accident in the U.S.A. The end result would be for that group they would not be able to drive in the U.S.A. What a hue and cry you would hear from the socialists in Ontario about those capitalist bad boys! Well for all Ontario citizens with pre-existing Medical conditions the N.D.P. has done just that.

Your advice to buy insurance when travelling outside Canada is shallow and misleading and many people can be hurt very badly because the N.D.P. has come out with another half baked plan.

How much of this \$200 hundred million being spent in the U.S.A. was for drug and alcohol abusers being shipped to the U.S.A. for treatment? Are seniors who spent their whole life contributing to O.H.I.P. the victims of this recent and very liberal policy of treating abusers in the U.S.A. and are they the ones who are going to lose benefits because of this?

To all seniors with existing medical conditions I think the N.D.P. has just condemned all of you to internment in Ontario for the rest of your natural life unless

that is you are very well heeled and can face medical bills in tens of thousands of dollars. Freeze your butt off this winter in On-

tario.

On second thoughts maybe this has nothing to do with hospital coverage and is the N.D.P.'s

secret weapon against cross border shopping!

Name and address withheld by request.



Plans for

## Cookbook '91

are now under way

### The Halton Hills Herald invites you to submit recipes

*\$250 in cash prizes*

1st prize \$125

2nd prize \$75

3rd prize \$50

Be part of the Halton Hills Herald's 1991 Cookbook by sending us one or more of your favourite recipes. You may be eligible to win part of \$250 prize money if your recipe is one of the top three chosen by our special panel of judges. We'll also print the best of the other recipes you submit to us.

Rules Include:

- Write plainly or type double-spaced on one side of the paper only.
- Print your name, address and telephone number on each recipe.
- Give complete cooking or baking instructions, including type of cooking utensils, oven temperatures and times.
- Use all imperial measures.
- There is no limit on the number of recipes you can submit, but to avoid duplication you may want to submit more than one recipe. Organizations may also submit recipes.
- Recipes may be for any type of food or beverage.

Other features include stories and photographs on meal planning, cooking with microwaves, special holiday dishes and other kitchen tips. So send us your favourite recipes because we'd love to see what's cooking in your kitchen!

## The perfect candidate

Dear Editor:

My Perfect Candidate

In his article in the September 4 Herald, Mr. Testa eloquently makes the case against the record of the current Council and bemoans the lack of any candidate with a bold contrary platform. Bearing in mind the Town agenda of the last several years perhaps a more 'Green' agenda is appropriate for the next few years. I would vote for the candidate with the following platforms:

1. Enhanced programs for the needy in our community; no more development permits for new subdivisions which cause the eviction of people already living in existing affordable housing units.
2. Positive target to reduce Town taxes by 3 per cent per year for the next three years; no new debt.
3. Positive location for all large trucks onto already-designated major arterial routes (Highway

7. Winston Churchill and Trafalgar, not Mountainview, Sinclair, etc.).

4. Positive target of 3 years of no growth in the number of dwellings in Georgetown.

5. No major road widening or regrading; no removals of large healthy trees for development projects; no new roads.

6. No new sewage pipes; no growth in water treatment capacity.

7. Sale of new civic center to private industry; relocation of council back to original facilities.

8. No new commercial building at the expense of existing car parking spaces.

9. Positive steps to protect natural wildlife and species in wetlands, forest and floodplain areas.

And even if my elected candidate were to achieve only a fraction of the above platform, he would have served the Town well.

Roger Stopford,  
Georgetown.

## Hats off to Hewitt

Dear Editor:

The Herald's August 21, 1991

### Generous support

To the Editor:

The Georgetown Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their generous support during Ken McColm's visit to Georgetown.

Mayor Russ Miller, Acton Precision Millwrights, Georgetown Lion's Club, Medi-Serv, Highgate Music, Maple Lodge Farms, Miracle Food Mart, Glasvan Trailers, Knechtel's Food Market, Loblaws, Knights of Columbus and The Town of Halton Hills.

Lisa Burrows,  
President.

headline rated Joe Hewitt a "9" for his Council attendance.

Over the last three and one-half years, I have attended almost all Town Council meetings, several Niagara Escarpment Committee meetings and a number of Regional Council meetings. I have been continually impressed with Joe Hewitt's exceptional knowledge of the applicable Official Plans and the processes involved in their implementation. His comments at these meetings have indicated that he has researched the material under discussion. He makes informed decisions based on the facts, not on noise and numbers.

Even if he has missed an average of three evening meets a year for family holidays, fighting fires and professional development, he clearly deserves a "10" as a Councillor.

Sincerely  
Kent McClure  
Georgetown

### Write us a letter!

The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z6.

All letters must be signed. Please indicate your address and telephone number for verification.

The Herald reserves the right to edit letters due to space limitations.

