

# MP throws support behind popularizing national anthem

Because it's close to Christmas, I won't dare put anything depressing in this column-which most people would say includes just about all the news from Ottawa.

Nope, instead today here is a happy story. It's the story of the Little Project That Could.

Eight months ago a constituent called me-a guy who lives in Halton Hills and works as a morning man at the Orangeville radio station. Ross Carlin had this crazy idea that we should have a new version of the national anthem-O Canada. Something contemporary, he told me, something to make people feel proud and patriotic. Maybe we could even make a music video of

it, or a TV show, or get all the radio stations in Canada to play it-all this spilled out of my telephone as Carlin went on.

Well, he sure infected me fast. A week later Ross and his partner Brian Lyon were in my office. My life was about to be invaded.

The months to come would bring an intense amount of work; lots of deal-making; millions of phone calls; improbable meetings with important people; bluff and bravado; busier evenings and weekends; and a passion so intense that everyone who touched this project became a patriot.

I helped Ross and Brian and Hayward Parrott (a genius recording engineer) by going out and selling sponsorships to cor-



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porations. We have actually raised several hundred thousand dollars from companies like Ford, Maclean-Hunter, Coke, CN, Canada Post, Prudential Insurance and Canadian Airlines. We convinced more than 200

Canadian recording artists to perform a new arrangement of O Canada. We convinced the CTV network to not only give us money, but also hours of air time for a documentary on the anthem.

We are now talking to radio stations across Canada, asking them to play this song in both the versions it has been recorded in-a contemporary vocal tune, and a symphonic arrangement performed by an all-star 71 piece orchestra.

The O Canada Foundation has been formed, and 16,000 cassettes with the music on it will be sent to each school in Canada. Soon Ross will be having a press conference to announce the details of who sang and played for Canada-

when you can hear the music on the radio-how you can get a copy, and what comes next.

I sincerely believe we need things like the revitalized O Canada to remind us of what an amazing country we live in. Problems... Of course. But there's also pride at what we have built here on the northern half of Northern America.

To have played a small part in this makes me feel most satisfied. I am also proud that out of our community comes a gift of music for Canada's 125th birthday in 1992.

Ross and Brian and Hayward have become my friends. Along the way, we also now realize, we got glowing hearts.

# Province plans to improve Ontario's training system

At the end of November, Minister of Skills Development, Richard Allen, announced our intention to restructure the province's training system through the creation of a new provincial board, provisionally called the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board (OTAB).

As you know, our province is facing great challenges. The types of jobs available to workers are changing and so is the population of Ontario. Women and the disabled, for example, do not have access to the right kind of training to make the transition from training to work. Companies, meanwhile, cannot find workers skilled enough for the jobs they offer.

Ten Ontario ministries currently deliver 48 programs. Business, workers and the people who need skills training find the system confusing and bureaucratic, and these training programs respond inadequately to labour market demands for highly-skilled adaptable workers.

OTAB is a new training structure directed by those who can best identify and respond to training needs: labour, business, training providers, and community/social action groups. While the provincial government will be responsible for seeing that the board initiatives respond to government policies and commitments, OTAB will have responsibility in four major areas:

- workplace and sectoral training
- apprenticeship programs and services
- labour force adjustment programs and services (providing skills upgrading for workers fac-



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ing significant change in their workplaces)

- labour force entry/re-entry programs (offering skills training to those entering the work force for the first time, or re-entering after a prolonged absence)

An integral part to the new training board's structure will be a network of about twenty "local boards" responsible for identifying and planning how to respond to training needs in their areas.

I can think of several reasons for wanting to put OTAB in place:

- to improve job prospects and job security for workers
- to provide Ontario's restructured economy with a highly-skilled work force
- to get better value for the taxpayer's training dollar by eliminating the confusion and overlap of the current system
- to improve the representation of women, the disabled, aboriginal people, and visible minorities in the workforce
- to encourage private sector investment in training
- to ensure stakeholder participation in training decisions

When Allen announced this im-

portant initiative, he also released skills to Meet the Challenge: A Training Partnership for Ontario, a discussion paper that will provide the framework for a province-wide consultation on the structure and mandate of a new board. Consultations will continue until April 1992. If you want more information about OTAB, please call my Milton office Tuesdays through Fridays at 878-1729.

On a far more serious note, I'd like to talk about some of the events that happened last week during "Commemoration Week".

December 6th marked the second anniversary of the Montreal Massacre of fourteen female engineering students-simply because they were women. Our provincial government declared December 6th as a Provincial Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. On

December 2nd, Attorney-General Howard Hampton recognized the White Ribbon Campaign-a nation-wide men's campaign to stop violence against women. Some of you may have wondered about the white ribbon on my office door or about the ribbons or armbands we were wearing. Perhaps the following statement by the Men's Network for Change will best explain the reason for the white ribbon:

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