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Jobs at risk

In November 1991 the provincial government introduced a discussion paper on reforming the Labour Relations Act. The Government over the past several months has held open consultations with many groups and individuals.

Most recently the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce met with our MPP Noel Duignan.

At this meeting the Chamber expressed their concerns, which are no different than those of many businesses and individuals.

Why is the Government proceeding with this legislation when the majority don't feel it is necessary?

Answer. It has been a long-time party policy of the NDP to reform the Labour Act.

When two comprehensive economic impact surveys conducted by the Ontario business community found the government's plan will kill Ontario jobs and investment, why proceed?

Answer. The government not only rejected these studies, but also has refused to conduct their own study.

This legislation as it stands today will not only take away your rights of workers, but it will mean the government will take control over the workplace.

From the government's stand point it is an excellent time for this type of reform to take place. Most of us are worrying about keeping the jobs we have or are out looking for employment and reading about the doom and gloom of the economy. No one is taking the time to think about the affects of this reform to the Labour Act.

Get informed; your job depends on it. Write or call Mr. Duignan and tell him NO. If the changes are made as planned we will ALL be looking for jobs as small businesses, which make up the majority of businesses in Halton Hills, will be forced to close or relocate to the United States.

A scare tactic you say. No way, get informed your **BUSINESSES AND JOBS ARE AT RISK.**



People's Forum

Glen water problem bubbles over

Dear Editor,
With P.O.W.E.R. and F.O.A.D. canvassing on our behalf to the powers that be about water quality in Halton, I would like to relate my own little horror story right here in Glen Williams.

In October, my wife was considering taking children in to babysit through an agency. One of the prerequisites of the agency was a visit from the health inspector, which was arranged a week after his visit, we were informed that our water was unfit to drink, because it had a total coliform count greater than 80.

He suggested we call our landlady and tell her of the problem so she could make arrangements for the provision of safe drinking water. When our landlady was contacted, not only did she refuse to provide us with safe drinking water (she later delivered three one gallon jugs of water, one of which was an old bleach jug).

She refused to give the health department access to the property to conduct further tests. She then went to accuse the health department of waging war on all wells in the Glen, of purposely condemning them so they could push through the installation of town water that much faster.

The day after she was called, she came down and dumped

some bleach down the well, so much in fact that the house smelled and our eyes watered.

We were advised by the health department not to bathe ourselves in this water, and certainly not our one year old son. A week later, another sample was taken, then tested.

The result was not safe to drink, even after boiling. (Previously, we were told we could drink the water if it were first boiled for at least 20 minutes.)

After another week, yet another test was taken after the well was flushed. The result is that we can drink the water again, only after at least 20 minutes boiling.

The health inspector finally did get together with our landlady, and took a look at the well.

He said that until the cracks in the well casing were repaired, we

would not be able to drink the water without first boiling.

Our landlady now accepts that the water is bad. She now also accepts that the town water coming to the Glen has nothing to do with the health department and their inspection practices. She also has decided that since town water is an inevitability, why waste money on well repairs, when she is only going to have to pay for town water as well?

I'll tell you why - because the health of my wife, my son, the lady downstairs, and myself depends on it.

They sound like awfully frivolous reasons, I know, but I like to think they're valid.

Well, I'm sick of playing bacteriological pink-pong.

In March I'm moving my family to Acton - It'll be worth the drive.

Dave Lowen

Thanks from Kinsmen

To the Editor:

The Kinsmen Seniors Tour of the Lights went as planned on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. Approximately 140 seniors enjoyed this year's tour. Fifty volunteers gave their time and effort on this night to this worthwhile event. This was made up of Kinsmen, Kin

wives, the Centennial Alumni Choir, the Laidlaw bus drivers, Bennett Health Care volunteers, Grant Greenway of the United Church and of course Santa Claus.

The Tour started at the Georgetown Market Place at 7:45 p.m. It wound its way down through the Glen, up through Wildwood and down Ontario Street. This is where we chose this year's best light display. Our congratulations go out to the residents of Jason Crescent for the excellent job they did decorating their street.

The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown would like to thank the following businesses and volunteers for their time, door prizes and food:

- Bi-Way; Cakes of Elegance; Dairy Queen; Delrex Smoke and Gift; Food Stuffs; Fletchers Family Shoes; Georgetown Fruit Market; Hallmark Cards; Halton Hills Herald; Halton Regional Police; Haydens Music Shop; Irma Beauty Chalet; John Boughton Jewelers; Knechtel's; Mac's Milk; Michaels Family Restaurant; Neilsons Co. Ltd.; Oxbow Books; Terra Cotta Cookies; Tim Hortons; Up Up and Away Balloons; Vanderburgh Flowers; Youngs

Joe Hurst
Acton
The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown

Community Forum

Are we still in a recession?



STEPHEN THOMSON, GEORGETOWN

"Sure, I'm out of a job. I've been looking for six months. I'm 26-years-old and I don't have a job. I'm not picky. I'll take basically anything."



HILDA DARCIE, HALTON HILLS

"I think we are just pulling out of it."



JANE DECLOE, GEORGETOWN

"I think we are. If you look at it from a retail point of view, business is really down, hours are being cut and I've been reading in the paper that more people are out of work."



LARRY SCOTT, GEORGETOWN

"Definitely. Just look at the number of jobs lost and companies going under or moving to another country because they can't survive here."

Replace present morass

To the Editor:

In Alberta it's thumbs-down to french.

In Quebec stores signs must not be shown in English.

Both provinces favor, practice unilingualism.

Neither desires the other tongue.

Bilingualism Canadian style. Like, who wants it?

Bob Rae, Ontario's Lightweight, Francophile premier,

Would declare for Bilingualism, but fears Anglo backlash.

New Brunswick is officially bilingual.

Other provinces prefer a unilingual approach.

Politically fawning, pretentious, redundant,

Federal Bilingualism lacks grounds well support.

In Canada a deficit-plagued government squanders zillions

Feeding bilingualism to a largely apathetic public.

Anglophones who need French,

Francophones who need English,

Are free to become bilingual. No legislation necessary.

Those remaining,

Everywhere in Canada, Will try for the good life With single official tongue.

A federal unilingual government

Addressing the nation in one voice,

Replacing the present morass

Of trying to deal with two official languages;

One in which most Canadians

Have little or no interest.

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