

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

## The voters spoke

It must be tough enough to lose an election campaign, but even harder to take for Green Party candidate Brent Bouteiller and his supporters who staged a serious election campaign to be badly beaten by a phantom in Wellington-Halton Hills.

The NDP candidate, Anastasia Zavarella, did not put up any signs, attend all-candidates meetings, contact local media, or apparently meet many voters, yet she still garnered 7,151 votes – that’s 13 per cent of the votes cast.

Those numbers must also give pause to the Liberal candidate, Barry Peters, who also staged a serious campaign, and yet only received 1,883 more votes than the NDP candidate who phoned it in. The voters have spoken, but what is the message?

Asked about the votes for a no-show candidate, MP Michael Chong, who took 63.7 per cent of the vote in a near coronation, said he had to “respect the voters.”



**TASTY TREATS:** Fran Morris (left) and Vilma Bedell were just a few of the volunteers at the Churchill Community Church’s indoor bake, plant and garage sale held last weekend.

– Kelly Kennedy photo

### Wellington-Halton Hills

Party	Candidate	Votes	Vote Share(%)
CON	Michael Chong	35,132	36.70
LIB	Barry Peters	9,034	16.38
NDP	Anastasia Zavarella	7,151	
GRN	Brent Bouteiller	3,515	6.37
CHP	Jeffrey Steutker	316	0.57

## Letters

### Reader concerned there may be cracks in quarry expansion plan

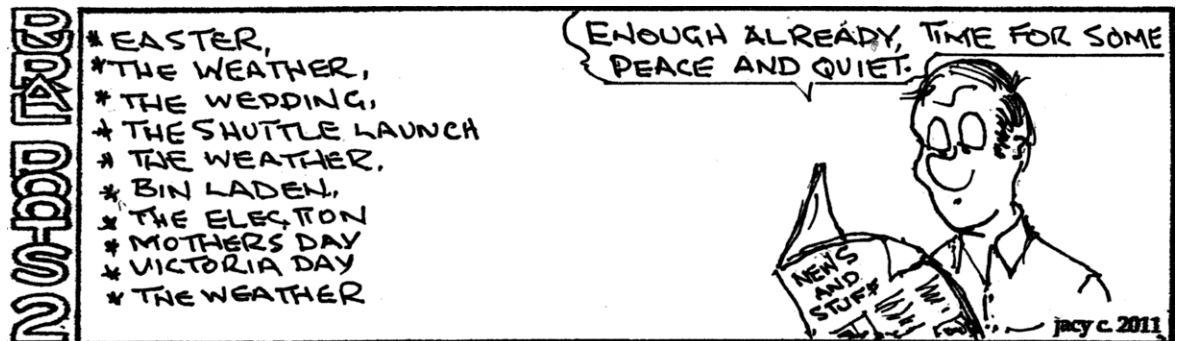
Dear Editor,

When I was at my computer in Acton, one January afternoon around 3 p.m. the room began to shake and I heard a low rumble. I thought immediately of the earthquake felt in Acton last year! I called Environment Canada to report the quake. A few hours later, I was informed it was not an earthquake but a quarry blast. What a surprise! Never did I dream a blast from the Dufferin Quarry, south of Town,

would be felt at my home in northwest Acton! It made me wonder if the cracks in my home, built in the 50’s, were a result of these tremors.

The proposed Dufferin Quarry expansion moving closer to Town concerns me! Have homes in Acton been constructed to withstand the effects of blasting nearby?

C. Rumley  
Acton



## Looking Back



### Ten Years Ago

- Acton councillors Rick Bonnette and Clark Somerville are unhappy with plans for corporate branding in Halton hills – allowing corporations who make donations to have a building or room named after them.
- Unless an eager group of volunteers step forward, organizers said there will not be another Leathertown Festival this year.
- Just days after safety gates were installed at the Fourth Line rail crossing where four people had been killed in two accidents, Halton MP Julian Reed said all rail crossings in Halton could be eligible for improvements.

### Five Years Ago

- Acton will have its own trustee at the Halton District School Board table following a decision to add one extra trustee for Halton Hills.
- The Town will rebury remains found during archaeological work for a new Acton Agricultural Society fair building in Prospect Park.
- Halton’s crime rate dropped by 7.6 per cent over 2005. Violent crimes increased by 1.6 per cent while there was a 5.5 per cent drop in motor vehicle collisions.

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