

Pharmacy fight gains steam

Last week in the Ontario Legislature, my colleague Elizabeth Witmer asked a question on the government's pharmacy proposals. Her question exposed the McGuinty Liberals' indifference to small town and rural Ontario pharmacy service.

Mrs. Witmer disclosed that the Ministry of Health produced a briefing document last year, which advised the minister that smaller independent and rural pharmacies would have a "low capacity" to survive the changes the government announced recently.

Evidently, this prudent advice from ministry staff was ignored, as the government declared war on pharmacy April 7.

Anyone who has visited their neighbourhood pharmacy in the past month has likely heard what the changes may mean: less service for patients, and the possible closure of some pharmacies.

Speaking in the Legislature, I have called upon the Minister of Health to withdraw her proposals to cut pharmacy service, tone down her rhetoric, and sit down with the pharmacists' association to seek common ground. I believe a compromise could be found to encourage savings AND maintain service.

If you are concerned about this issue,

Ted Arnott



more information on the campaign to support local pharmacies is available online at stopcuts.ca. I am receiving stacks of petitions and postcards on this issue, which I intend to present to the government.

...

In my ongoing efforts to reach out to Halton Hills residents, my staff and I are continuing to schedule meetings with constituents at the Mold-Masters Sports-Plex arena's boardroom. If you need to meet me, please call 1-800-265-2366 to set up a time.

In addition, I plan to once again visit the Georgetown Market Place mall on Friday, May 14, from 1-2:30 p.m., to listen to your ideas and concerns.

—Ted Arnott is the MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills



In response to the McGuinty government's cuts affecting community pharmacies, Young's Pharmacy in Georgetown is participating in the "Stop the Cuts" campaign to preserve patient services. As in many pharmacies across Ontario, customers are being encouraged to sign petitions to the McGuinty government. Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott recently visited the pharmacy to discuss the issue. From left are, Brenda Garbutt (store manager), Amy Garbutt, Sarah King, Lorraine Holland, Paulette Thibault (pharmacist), and MPP Ted Arnott.

Submitted photo

Retirement planning for the future you want

Whatever your picture of retirement looks like, we can help you prepare for it financially.

Using our proven step-by-step approach, we will work with you to develop a retirement plan that reflects your unique needs.

We are certified as Registered Retirement Consultants (RRC)[™] through the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning and have the training and resources to provide you with meaningful advice about the financial solutions that are right for you.

Please contact any of the following CIBC Imperial Service Financial Advisor & Retirement Specialists in your community to discuss your retirement plan.

Guelph and Mountainview Road

- Jamie Ferreira-Cook 905 877-0930
CIBC Investor Services Inc.
- Dale Porter 905 877-0385
CIBC Investor Services Inc.
- Stacey Hamilton 905 877-8301
CIBC Investor Services Inc.
- Janice R. Kouyoumjian 905 877-6215
CIBC Investor Services Inc.

Call or visit today.



For what matters.

Hurry.. Sale ends this week!

Save \$10. Take Delivery before May 15.



100% Money-Back Guarantee
Get a \$5.00 refund on returned bag

\$139.
Includes Delivery within zones

Enter to WIN a BIG YELLOW BAG!

ENTER WIN CODE
MG1351
BigYellowBag.com

You call - we deliver, even if you're not home.™



CIBC Imperial Service® is most appropriate for individuals with household investable assets greater than \$100,000. CIBC Imperial Service is part of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC"). Banking products are provided by CIBC. CIBC investment products and services are provided through CIBC Investor Services Inc. ("CIBC ISI"), Member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund, or CIBC Securities Inc. ("CIBC SI"). CIBC ISI and CIBC SI are CIBC subsidiaries.™ Trademark of CIBC. "CIBC For what matters." is a TM of CIBC.® Imperial Service is a registered trademark of CIBC.™ Trademark of CIBP.