

Georgetown plays amazing role in history

An eight-year-old child cries out at night for his dead parents, for the loss of his entire world, in a land far away, almost a century ago.

The people of Georgetown heard his cry, and that of 108 other Armenian boys and 29 girls who came to Canada after the Armenian genocide in 1915, and had their dreams restored by a compassionate community. It's an amazing story of how a small Canadian town sought to overcome the prejudices of the day to embrace our common humanity.

And it was entirely appropriate that Halton Hills Council recently designated Cedarvale Park building where these "Georgetown Boys" found safe refuge so many years ago, as a protected historic and cultural site under the Ontario Heritage Act.

On Saturday, June 26, I was honoured to join Mayor Rick Bonnette and members of town council as we welcomed hundreds of Armenian-Canadians from all over Ontario to Georgetown.

We witnessed the unveiling of the historical plaque which will serve to tell the story of the Georgetown Boys to future generations. We also witnessed, and felt, the warm gratitude of Ontario's Armenian-Canadians for

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the good deeds done long ago by the citizens of Georgetown who came before us.

My column last month focused on the McGuinty Liberals' new Harmonized Sales Tax, or HST. This new tax came into effect on Canada Day and affects goods and services including many essentials like our fuel and hydro bills, which were not previously subject to provincial sales tax.

For most families, the HST will mean a big hit on their household budgets. It is another tax hike from a government addicted to tax hikes. We have no choice but to pay it.

Will voters punish the McGuinty Liberals for the latest in a long string of broken promises on taxes? That remains to be seen, most likely 15 months from today, when the next provincial election is scheduled to take place.

But many of you have asked me what a Progressive Conservative

government, led by Tim Hudak, would do in response to the HST.

Unfortunately, the Liberals made a deal on the HST that will be exceedingly costly to undo. If Ontario were to reverse course on the HST, Ontario taxpayers would be on the hook for a penalty of \$4.3 billion.

That same deal would also appear to compel the next government to lock in the HST at its current 13-per cent rate until at least 2012. Moreover, we're told that even a one-per cent cut to the HST could cost the treasury some \$2.7 billion. That's why we are now looking at every possible alternative to bring tax relief to families.

Sustained tax relief is only possible when the economy is growing and overall spending is constrained over time. If you have an opinion as to which taxes should be reduced first—the ones that most affect your budget—I would be pleased to hear from you. More information the HST is at www.daltonsalestax.com.

I want to wish everyone a safe and fabulous summer!

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments, toll free at 1-800-265-2366, www.tedarnottmpp.com



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... Lend Me Your Ears

A diminished social life is one of the most difficult aspects of age related hearing loss. Many people avoid drawing attention to their hearing loss by having fewer social contacts when it becomes difficult understanding what is being said. The result is an altered and lonely existence that family and friends may mistake for dementia.

Learning new strategies to cope with hearing loss could go a long way to restoring confidence and improving communication. The Hearing Clinic recommends the following: Inform people of the hearing loss so they may modify their speech; eliminate background noise; watch the speaker carefully and sharpen natural lip-reading abilities; ask the speaker to repeat what was said if necessary, and above all else; have your hearing thoroughly tested and properly fit with one of today's modern hearing instruments. Contact The Hearing Clinic if you or someone you know needs assistance.

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* Please do not experiment with your denture. Never try repair, reline or adjust the denture yourself. These "do-it-yourself" jobs can be very destructive to the tissue and bone ridge on which the denture rests. Only a dental professional is qualified to refit your denture properly.

*The assumption that dentures will last a lifetime is incorrect, because though the denture will not change, the tissue will. This inevitable tissue change will result in an ill-fitting, uncomfortable denture. Relines, duplications or a new denture will be necessary to correct this problem.

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