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## Tory shuffle

So, Premier Mike Harris has decided his cabinet needed a little shaking up. Good idea. A change is as good as a rest.

After a little more than a year in power, we're reasonably happy with what the Tories have accomplished despite the constant bleating of the special interest groups who just don't get the point that this province was in serious need of some belt-tightening. That meant making tough choices and the Harris-led Tories have shown a willingness to make those tough calls, unlike the gutless NDP government before them.

While this can hardly be deemed a major shake-up, it was clear the Tory cabinet needed a change.

Social Services Minister Dave Tsubouchi, he of the "bargain for dented cans of tuna" fame, was demoted and replaced by Janet Ecker while Environment Minister Brenda Elliott of Guelph, was also demoted. Both demoted ministers often appeared in over their heads and hopefully will learn from their mistakes.

The rest of the shuffle was basically a shifting of responsibilities.

These moves should surprise no one. Harris realized that a change was needed and made it. It's basically the same way he has handled the job of running this province.

## Thanks again

(This letter was also sent to A&P, Acton Citizens' Band, Country Style Donuts, Dollar Store, Halton Coffee Shop, IGA and Loblaws as well as The Independent & Free Press.)

Dear friends:

I would like to thank you for your contribution to Wastewise's fifth birthday celebration on June 29. The event was well-attended and your support helped make it enjoyable for all.

As a registered charity, Wastewise depends on volunteers and local business. I am still overwhelmed and touched by the support and generosity demonstrated each and every time Wastewise has special requests. This event was no exception and once again, the community was there for Wastewise.

Diane van de Valk,  
Project Manager

## Change or comply?

Dear editor,

It is interesting to note in the recent article by staff writer Lisa Tallyn that the main concern of United Aggregates Ltd. is to change the law rather than comply with it.

Kit Woode

## Our Readers Write

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## Cleanup crew did a great job

Dear editor,

Recently a large gravel truck, carrying a load of large-size gravel, began to spill its load out of the back of the truck.

We were passing the truck in our car and waved frantically to the driver who waved back and slowed down. Later, we made the same trip on Guelph St. and saw a snow plow there and the police directing traffic.

Thanks to the road workers who did a great job. The police directing traffic were also great and those workers could not have done a better job. Thanks to all.

Kathleen (Molly) Crowhurst

## Letter of the day

### The ugly side of downsizing

I would appreciate the opportunity to use your paper to put some closure to an incident which recently affected a very special group of children and their families.

Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to work with a loving group of children and co-workers at a local day care centre and, unfortunately due to downsizing, myself and some of the terrific staff have been ripped from the children's lives and have been unable to say goodbye.

It is hard enough to explain to adults what downsizing is; this is a concept which is way beyond the comprehension of young children, they just see that a trusted friend is no longer there. Every day I wake up and a piece of my heart is missing as I won't be able to see "my kids" again. The smiles and hugs are missed terribly, as are the children's beautiful faces.

To my kids and their families I miss you all very much, and wish that we could be together every day, but there were too many teachers at our school and some of us had to leave. That doesn't mean that we can't still be friends.

To my former co-workers, you know what I think of you all and I thank those of you who have taken the time to stay in touch. I wish everyone all the best as they follow their hearts.

Dee Dee Haynes Ridley

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