

# COMMENT

## More Letters to the editor

### Revenue neutral carbon pricing is the way to go

**An open letter to Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown regarding Revenue Neutral Carbon Pricing.**

I was truly encouraged to hear your commitment at the recent Ontario Progressive Conservative Convention to support carbon pricing, and especially calling for revenue neutrality.

It was courageous of you to do so, especially as cries of no were heard from the audience as you proclaimed Climate change is a fact.

It is a threat. It is man-made. We have to do something about it, and that something includes putting a price on carbon.

I trust you will continue to ignore the nay-sayers so we can all move forward toward a better future.

My hope is you will continue to press the Liberal government to adopt the revenue neutral carbon pricing model and to back away from its costly cap and trade scheme, which does nothing to protect low income citizens during the necessary transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.

Revenue neutral carbon pricing is key to achieving what we all want: a robust economy, increased employment in sustainable full-time jobs, a reduced tax burden and above all a clean, stable environment for everyone.

Please accept my congratulations on being a truly progressive conservative.

*Gord Cumming,  
Georgetown*

### We must grow with sympathy

As part of Ontario's Places to Grow initiative, a Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe was consolidated in 2013.

In order to curb sprawl and protect farmland, the growth plan suggests directing a significant portion of new growth to the built-up areas of the community through intensification. The plan also recognizes that valuable heritage assets must be wisely protected and managed as part of planning for future growth.

This begs the question: Are intensification and conservation of built heritage assets mutually exclusive?

Foreseeing the potential impact on established neighbourhoods, the Town of

Caledon suggests intensification should be compatible and sensitive to existing neighbourhoods in scale, form and style.

Intensification of Georgetown's downtown core may be inevitable, but here in Halton Hills, our elected officials, not developers, have the power to ensure that growth takes place in a manner that is sympathetic to existing historic streetscapes, while supporting our community brand: Small Town Living At Its Best.

*Patricia Farley,  
Branch President  
Architectural Conservancy*



*The way we were*

This image is from an event a decade after the start of The First World War when General Sir Arthur Currie presided over the unveiling of the war memorial in Remembrance Park on Aug. 30, 1924.

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Heritage Halton Hills/  
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### From our readers



### FEATHERED BEAUTY

Local amateur photographer Rein Pater sent in this photo of a red-winged blackbird. The bird inhabits grassy areas and prefers wetlands, including both freshwater and saltwater marshes. Have a photo you want to share? Email with details to [cgamble@theifp.ca](mailto:cgamble@theifp.ca).

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