

Our MPP Reports

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Since this is my last column before the provincial election on October 6, it seems appropriate to write about some of our Party's ideas and plans for the future. We are focusing on three big themes: the need to leave more money in your pocket, to ensure the delivery of government services we all require, and what we

can do to clean up the provincial government. None of these goals will be easily attained. But strong leadership involves setting the bar high, and then working together to cross it. We in Ontario have it within ourselves to achieve great things. We can lead the country once again. Specifically, we call

for the removal of the provincial portion of the HST from home heating and hydro bills, as well as the removal of the Debt Retirement Charge from those same skyrocketing hydro bills. This is intended to provide some immediate relief for hard-working Ontario families. In addition, income taxes would be five

percent lower over the course of our plan. Small business would be spurred to create the new jobs we need, and we'd cut red tape and waste. The plan includes provision for a balanced provincial budget no later than 2017-18. Projected health care funding increases would be continued, and we would focus on patients and

outcomes, not bureaucracy and inertia. Education funding would increase and full-day kindergarten would be phased in by 2014. University and college spaces would increase, to meet the demands of the 21st Century economy.

The gasoline tax would be shared with local governments large and small, not just those with transit systems as is the case today.

To clean up the mess in government, we would want to demand greater accountability and innovation, and protect families from those who would seek to take advantage of us. A "Truth in Government Act" is needed, and we need to improve the delivery of government services.

You will hear more about these proposals in the coming weeks.

Our community's opposition to the McGuinty Liberals' "GTA West Corridor Study" continues to gain momentum. I have listened and taken action.

It is becoming increasingly likely that the Hon. Kathleen Wynne will no longer be Ontario's Minister of Transportation soon after October 6. Therefore, it would be prudent for the Government to immediately suspend the GTA West Corridor Study, pending a comprehensive review of the province's transportation priorities. This they should do, allowing a new Minister to take a fresh look at the practicality, feasibility, affordability, and environmental impact of the proposals after the election, especially their controversial "Alternative 4-3."

It has been an honour serving you in the 39th Provincial Parliament. Thank you for the trust and faith you have placed in me.

Wellington - Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is www.tedar-nottmmp.com



On Tuesday July 26, 2011 at approximately 6:57 p.m., County of Wellington OPP officers were conducting radar enforcement on the Fourth Line of Guelph-Eramosa Twp, where Constable Patrice Gonzalez of the County of Wellington OPP Traffic Management Unit located a 2001 Mercedes traveling well above the speed limit. This auto was clocked on radar at 108 km/h in

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the 50 km/h zone. A 49-year-old man from Elora has been charged with Race a Motor Vehicle as well as Fail to Surrender License contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. The accused is scheduled to appear in

Guelph court on September 7, 2011 to answer to the charges. On Thursday July 28, 2011 County of Wellington OPP officers investigated the occupant of a 1999 Saab found traveling on Main Street near

Division Street in Rockwood. Police soon located a small quantity of Marijuana and Cocaine. Randy Thomas Legate aged 23 of Rockwood has been charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Cocaine contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. The accused is scheduled to appear in Guelph court on September 13, 2011 to answer to the charges.

NOTICE OF PROJECT HIGHWAY 7 RECONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE TOWN OF ROCKWOOD MTO CONTRACT # 2011-3002

The Ministry of Transportation has awarded the above Contract to Graham Brothers Ltd. for the Highway 7 reconstruction through Rockwood Ontario

The project extends 0.75 km east of Wellington Road 44 to 0.3 km east of Halton Regional Road 32 (Eden Mills) and includes road reconstruction and the rehabilitation of the Eramosa River Bridge.

Construction this year is expected to commence on August 2, 2011 and continue through until November 2012.

Traffic on Highway 7 will be reduced to one lane daily using flagging operations and restored to two way traffic at the end of each working day. Access to all businesses will remain open at all times.

Some delays are expected so motorists are requested to use alternate routes when possible. The Ministry of Transportation regrets any inconvenience caused by the above traffic restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Project please contact John Riggs, Project Manager, Delcan Corporation, Tel. (519) 681-8771; Fax (519) 681-4995. For lane closure and construction information, please phone the Ministry of Transportation toll free, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-268-4686 or log on to: www.mto.gov.on.ca



EWCS encourages whole community to use new bus service

To the editor There are a number of reasons we each choose to live work and play in East Wellington. The towns, villages and hamlets of Erin, Rockwood, Hillsburgh, Orton and others have many charms and offer us a life we wouldn't have in a bigger city. However we do miss out on some of the services provided in more urban municipalities and this has a greater affect on those who are the most in need. EWCS tries to bridge that gap and is very proud to have launched a new public bus transportation service. The bus picks up at multitude of stops in our catchment area including the senior's apartments in Erin

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and Rockwood; and has a good choice of stops in Guelph such as Stone Road Mall, Canadian Tire and several different banks. (All of the details are available online www.ew-cs.com or at EWCS offices). It is really uncommon for rural areas such as ours to be offered this sort of service. And while the inspiration may have been to help

seniors, shut-ins, and the disadvantaged; this is just an amazing service for the whole community. EWCS is committed to running this program on a one year trial and will look at adjusting stops and routes if necessary on a three-month basis and we welcome your feedback. The important thing I want to bring to every-

one's attention is: while we know that people desire this services (through our recent "New Horizon's for Seniors Needs Assessment Survey") we need residents to use it. The round trip fee is only \$10, but without a steady ridership the program won't be able to continue. Its use it or loose it.

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