

The way we were



Stewarttown Mills

Stewarttown was once the capital of Esquesing Township until it was absorbed into Halton Hills in 1974. Many industries thrived in this once-bustling community, the most long-lived being the flour mill. Pictured here in 1907 are members of the Lawson family who owned and operated the mill through four generations. It was sold in 1962 to Master Feeds. Over the years the structure survived numerous fires and was rebuilt before it was finally leveled in 1972.

Information: Heritage Halton Hills. Photo courtesy of the Esquesing Historical Society

From our readers

TOP GUN

Cadet William Murray from 756 Wild Goose Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Georgetown, (right) receives the Lieutenant-Colonel James Gale Award for Top Cadet on the Basic Aviation Technology & Aerospace Course from his course officer Captain Matthew Dierickse (left) and award namesake James Gale. Cadet Murray was one of 48 cadets who completed a three-week basic course which focuses on teaching cadets the fundamentals of aerospace, airport operations, aircraft manufacturing and maintenance.

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An alternative view

Last month, I wrote about jobs and the economy, and our PC caucus' ideas to revitalize manufacturing in Ontario.

We believe it is the responsibility of the provincial government to create an economic climate where entrepreneurs and companies will want to invest and create new jobs. And we believe it is the responsibility of opposition parties not to simply oppose, but also to present constructive, alternative suggestions for making things better.

Our latest discussion paper, *Paths to Prosperity: Advanced Manufacturing for a Better Ontario*, is presented in that spirit.

We propose steps to make Ontario's electricity costs more competitive, by replacing the subsidy program for wind and solar projects with an energy policy based on what's best for the economy as a whole. A new power rate for manufacturing and resource-based industries should be considered, to restore our traditional competitive advantage.

The government could also seek to negotiate trade deals with neighbouring states and provinces, so that we're not dumping our surplus power at the lowest possible price.

In strengthening the skills of our workforce, we suggest that our public education system has a vital role in preparing students for the job opportunities of the 21st century.

It is a given that the apprenticeship system needs to be modernized, and we question the need for the costly new bureaucracy of the College of Trades. And we seek greater workplace democracy when it comes to the choice to join a union.

To better stimulate job-creating investment, we call on the government to articulate a truthful plan to eliminate the deficit in less than five years, accelerate the tax benefit of major capital investments, and create a new tax credit

for start-up companies.

We take aim at red tape, the silent killer of jobs, calling for a top to bottom review of Ontario's regulations, with the goal of eliminating the regulatory burden by one-third over the three years.

Planning to build the regional transportation infrastructure that the GTA and Hamilton areas need could be expedited by having one provincial agency that has the clout to make things happen. We suggest building new subway lines in Toronto should be the priority over new surface-level transit.

We also see promoting exports as an opportunity, along with greater co-operation with our prosperous provincial neighbours.

The entire discussion paper can be found at our party's website at: <http://www.ontariopc.com/policy/>

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The Georgetown Hospital Foundation's ongoing fundraising activities received a big boost this summer from community-based events.

On July 29, the President's Cup Golf Tournament, held at The Club at North Halton, raised \$76,000 for our local hospital renovations. Thanks and congratulations go out to John Duncan and his team for all their hard work.

On August 15, we learned participants in the Halton Hills Community Bike Challenge had crossed the 200,000 km threshold, meaning the Georgetown Hospital Foundation would receive \$50,000 from Georgetown Canadian Tire, Paul C. Armstrong Insurance and the Peter Gilgan Foundation.

Regional Councillor Jane Fogal deserves enormous credit for organizing this effort, and channeling our love for cycling into something meaningful for the Georgetown Hospital.

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