

The way we were



Halton Brick Company

Though in Terra Cotta, this image from the 1920s shows what was named the Halton Brick Company. The business, which opened in 1911, was a major employer and was booming in its day. It along with two neighbouring factories produced bricks from shale quarried in the area. Credit Valley stone used to make up the bricks became known for its quality across the country. The factories closed in 1929 as a result of the Depression and were dismantled in 1939.

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From our readers **HOLY COW!**

Georgetown dairy farmer Jeff Nurse (centre) was recently honoured with the 2013 Curtis Clark Achievement Award at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. The award is presented annually to the dairy cattle exhibitor who possesses the ability, sportsmanship and character to be respected by his fellow breeders and showmen. Nurse, 67, owner of Monteith Holstein, has shown cattle locally, regionally and at the Royal Winter Fair and World Dairy Expo. The Nurse farm has also hosted many tours for schools and other groups.

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Parties CAN work together

In our minority Provincial Parliament, the moments of non-partisan co-operation are few and far between.

In one sense, this is just "politics as usual," with each party seeking to gain whatever short-term advantage it can over the other parties, in the lead-up to the next provincial election.

Yet at the same time, people are fed up with politics as usual. Wherever I go in Wellington-Halton Hills, there is disappointment with government, cynicism about the political process, and disgust with the abhorrent behaviour of some politicians.

For most, politics as usual is seen to be failing us.

Yet, on an issue-by-issue basis, there are opportunities for co-operation across party lines.

On October 29, I rose in the Legislature to inform MPPs that the Georgetown Hospital's new Emergency Room was now open and accepting patients. I proceeded to thank the Minister of Health, who was in the House at the time, for the provincial grant she had approved two years ago. To conclude, I extended a public invitation for her to visit Wellington-Halton Hills again, when the newly-renovated Georgetown Hospital has its official opening.

Immediately after I'd finished my remarks, the Minister came across the House to my desk in the front row of the Opposition benches. I thanked her again, and we shook hands.

By working together, where it's possible to do so, we can accomplish so much more.

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Working together with Liberal MPP Bas Balkissoon and NDP MPP Paul Miller, I have introduced a Private Members' Bill to recognize one of the most outstanding and accomplished Ontarians of our time, Lincoln Alexander. After a long life of public service, he passed away in October 2012.



**TED
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Bill 125, An Act to Proclaim Lincoln Alexander Day, if passed, would proclaim January 21 of each year as Lincoln Alexander Day in Ontario.

Alexander's life was an example of service, determination and humility. He overcame racism, always fighting without malice for equal rights for all in our society. He changed attitudes and contributed greatly to the inclusiveness and tolerance of Canada today.

He served as an MP, federal cabinet minister, Chair of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Chancellor of the University of Guelph, among many other leadership and community roles.

Bill 125 has the support of Alexander's widow, Marni Beal-Alexander, other Alexander family members, and the Ontario Black History Society.

When I introduced the Bill on October 30, it was greeted by a spontaneous standing ovation in the House, from all sides. Our bill is scheduled for second reading debate in the Legislature on November 28. It is my hope that the Bill will be called for third reading, and passed into law before Christmas.

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In the past month, I've enjoyed attending numerous community events in Halton Hills: the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards; the Agricultural Societies of Ontario regional meeting in Acton; Remembrance Day observances in Acton, Glen Williams and Georgetown; the Rotary Club of Georgetown's Norm Bigg dinner and the Santa Claus parades in Acton and Georgetown.

I want to thank everyone involved in organizing these events, all of which serve to demonstrate the very best of our community.

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