

# COMMENT

*The way we were*



## Acton's Public School

The Acton Public School stands imposingly at the top of Education Lane about 1925. After a fire in 1956, it was replaced by a modern building in 1959 and renamed Robert Little School. The street was also given the simpler name of School Lane.

Text by John Mark Benbow Rowe, Acton: The History of Leathertown; photo courtesy of Esquesing Historical Society

From our readers

## BEAUTY OF THE SUN

Alice Rice sent in this photo while out for a walk along the Credit River in Norval and couldn't help but notice that spring is trying to make its return.



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## Christine Elliott has a solid plan

In the bitter chill of yet another cold winter's day last week, Whitby-Oshawa MPP Christine Elliott offered the people of Ontario a harbinger of spring, and better times ahead.

Christine has my support in her bid to be the next Premier of Ontario.

She has also been endorsed by MP Michael Chong, as well as a large number of my Caucus colleagues.

In her remarks to a crowd of shivering reporters outside Queen's Park, she outlined a compelling plan that will strengthen Ontario's economy, and encourage the creation of the new jobs we need.

First, we must build a competitive business climate to stimulate job creating investment.

By making regulatory reform an immediate priority in the first 100 days of an Elliott Government, by taking steps to simplify the tax code, and reducing business taxes, we would send a powerful signal that Ontario is open for business once again.

Second, a renewed focus on skills training and reforming the apprenticeship system would pay immediate dividends in the form of job creation.

Young people and employers need incentives to pursue the existing job opportunities in today's economy.

By opening up student loans to apprentices, more young people will pursue careers in good-paying, skilled trades.

Third, Christine proposed a new approach to supporting creative innovation and entrepreneurship in our economy.

By issuing a competitive challenge,

rewarding excellence in achievement, speeding up the work of the Ontario Securities Commission, and creating an Advanced Manufacturing Fund to support research and development, we would seek to lead the world in innovation.

Next, Christine outlined her vision for strengthening our economy for the long term, including new ideas to pay for the new infrastructure we need.

She also committed to bringing stability to our hydro rates, which have skyrocketed in recent years, costing Ontario thousands of jobs.

As the Official Opposition Critic to the Minister of Economic Development, Infrastructure and Employment, I wholeheartedly endorse Christine Elliott's thoughtful economic plan.

After a long and cold winter, it is exactly the ray of hope that Ontario needs.

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I was glad to join Mayor Rick Bonnette, MP Michael Chong and members of Town Council at the Georgetown Hockey Heritage dinner, held at the Acton Legion on March 2.

Congratulations to Dr. Ron Lefebvre, this year's award recipient, and thanks to everyone who works so hard each year to organize this celebration of our national passion, the sport of hockey.

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments.

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