

# PLENTY OF WORK AHEAD FOR ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT AMONG THE MANY PRIORITIES FOR RIDING, WRITES TED ARNOTT



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Column

A little over a month ago, on June 2, the provincial election was held — and I was honoured to be re-elected as the representative for Wellington-Halton Hills at Queen's Park.

Over the course of the campaign, I met countless constituents who shared their concerns with me.

I met a small business person in Elora whose product is being, in my opinion, unfairly taxed.

I met a mother in Rockwood who has a daughter with cystic fibrosis, who needs help with the cost of a new medication. I met a person in Acton who is concerned about urban sprawl and the need to protect our best farmland.

I met a young woman in Puslinch who is working hard this summer to save money for university.

I met a senior in Georgetown who wondered what we are going to do to improve long-term care and another individual who can't make ends meet on the Ontario Disability Support Program.

I met a woman in Salem who is on a long waiting

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list for orthopedic surgery. I met people across the riding who are struggling to make ends meet with the high price of gasoline, food and housing.

On June 3, I was back to work in our riding office and penned a letter to Premier Doug Ford highlighting some of these issues, as well as other urgent needs in our communities.

One such need is Halton Healthcare's Georgetown Hospital. The hospital is in the process of planning for redevelopment, and I want to do whatever I can to support this project and the hospital staff and administration as they move through the multi-stage approvals process administered by the capital branch of the Ministry of Health.

We are asking for Halton Healthcare to be given permission to move on to the next step in planning and be provided with a planning grant of approximately \$15 million to do the necessary work.

I will continue to advocate for the project with the new minister of health.

The community is also a key part of hospital redevelopment projects, so together with our local and provincial health-care partners: Let's get it done.

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## A LESSON IN IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSIFICATION

A BALANCED PORTFOLIO CAN REDUCE RISK, WRITES PETER WATSON



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The RCMP opened an investigation in 2016 as a result of investor complaints about Fortress Real Developments.

Two senior executives of that firm were charged with fraud.

According to a news release by the RCMP, "Allegations were received that the company was fraudulently obtaining investments in a syndicated mortgage investment scheme."

The allegations have not been proven in court.

Investing has many different types of risk.

However, there is one thing you do control: diversification.

An investor who loses a

to work because of his losses. There may be hundreds of stories of pending financial hardship.

This example of the allegations of fraud can be a reminder to us all. Diversification is a key element of investing.

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