

CANADA MUST BECOME MORE ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENT

This is in response to Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong's column in the October 27 Independent Free Press titled 'Fuel Prices out of control.'

I concur with most of his comments regarding fuel prices. However, when he blames the global energy crisis for the increase of these costs, I must disagree.

According to the Fraser Institute, the federal

government's damaging energy policies created a 35 per cent decline in oil and gas investment between 2015 and 2020.

Furthermore, Bill C-69, which added subjective criteria, such as 'social and gender' considerations for approval of pipeline projects, further eroded energy exploration and production in Canada.

We should be energy self-sufficient. The feder-

al government also enacted other industry restrictions, like the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, which limits trade and therefore revenue.

As to other inflation matters, several countries (Greece, Switzerland, Japan) managed to contain rising prices.

It is the Trudeau Liberal government's profligate spending that is responsible for the high cost of groceries in Canada today.

A \$6,000 bill for one night at a London hotel to attend the Queen's funeral is just one example.

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LOW VOTER TURNOUT NOTHING NEW

Only 28.09 per cent of the 47,008 eligible voters exercised their right and duty to vote in the Halton Hills municipal election.

This is not news. These turnouts are usually very low. Let's not agonize over the many reasons as to why, from apathy to lack of civics education. Who cares?

That's the headline — Who cares?

Apparently more than 70 per cent of us do not (apart from those who could not vote). Like climate change, it takes a lot of televised human suffering before the level of awareness increases to create calls to action and

remediation.

The tipping point for freedom and democracy is not so far behind that of climate change. Instead of causing disasters in nature, we create political and social disasters.

We watch the tides of authoritarianism rise on every shore. And we stare as countries burn. And we turn away as violent winds rip down institutions that can no longer stand. We squint at the pattern of divisive politics and destructive movements shaping around us.

Turn the tube off. Turn the tube on. Settle into Netflix in a house that still

stands, undisturbed by others.

We are not as good at feeling empathy for our groups as we are one on one.

So you voted or you didn't. From all this I know that probably seven out of 10 of my neighbours will consider driving electric vehicles at some point; and only three out of 10 will have our backs when elections become extinct.

My respect to those who cast a ballot and more to you who did even more than vote but stood up, ran and asked to be counted.

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Our office has recently had files where verbal agreements explode and the client comes in saying but we agreed, so we can't enforce this. The legal expression is "verbal agreements are worth the paper they are written on." If issues surrounding the children are not written down, misunderstandings can occur, couples start disagreeing. Remember you separated for a reason. If you have an agreement in writing, even if you draw up something yourself it is better than a verbal understanding. Courts look at written agreements and start from there when determining what is best for the children.

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- Accessibility
- Active Transportation
- Committee of Adjustment
- Halton Hills Public Library Board
- Heritage Halton Hills
- Site Alteration
- Property Standards



For membership applications and more information on Advisory Committees, visit the Town's Advisory Committees of Council webpage. Scan the QR code or visit haltonhills.ca/Committees.

Application submission closes on Friday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. The Town is looking for members that can assist Council in strengthening Halton Hills as a diverse and inclusive community.