

Tannery security tightened

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Maple Leaf Mills is putting some teeth into its efforts to curb trespassing and rampant vandalism at its abandoned tannery property in Acton.

The company has hired guard dogs and handlers to patrol the site, will improve fencing at a PCB storage facility, and will improve trespass warning signs.

Halton Police have been made agents of the company so they can enter the site and lay charges against vandals, who, to date, have done approximately \$250,000 damage to buildings on the site.

In a briefing to Council on site security, Fire Chief Bill Cunningham said Maple Leaf Mills and its new owner are taking a more proactive role in controlling the site. They have taken out an application to demolish the main building where much of the vandalism damage has occurred.

When questioned about the wisdom of having guard dogs to discourage trespassers, Cunningham said people who obey the law will have nothing to worry about.

"The dogs will be with handlers and I don't want to go into a lot of details but people don't have the right to go on that property."

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott, who initially raised concerns about the property, said his main concern is that the site is secured.

"I'm happy to see some strong measures are in place to control what happens there."

"A lot of the nonsense in the area surrounding the tannery stems from characters coming off that property after they've been down there smashing and trashing."

Growth, jobs top Acton election issues

ELECTION UPDATE

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Four of the five Halton North candidates in the June 8 provincial election feel job creation is the No. 1 issue relative to Acton.

Only Progressive Conservative candidate Ted Chudleigh felt future growth in Acton was of more concern to Actonites.

"The growth of town in its relationship to regional government is probably the No. 1 issue," he said after opening his Mill Street campaign office on Thursday. "To date, Acton hasn't been well done by in regional government."

The 51-year-old Tory feels GO-Train service from Acton to Guelph is also important, given Acton's proximity to Hwy. 407.

Liberal Walt Elliot agreed with his opponent, saying train service to Guelph is critical, because of the impending growth. However, Elliot said the growth topic has yet to come up during his door-to-door blitzing.

Balancing the provincial budget and the health care system are other Elliot concerns.

"The average family income in this area is around \$65,000 and we all know someone who has been laid off or is in jeopardy of losing their job," Elliot stated last week.

Elliot went on to tackle an issue that is of concern to some downtown Acton merchants and to some extent, area residents.

He's concerned about the "congested and dangerous" situation regarding truck traffic at the corner of Mill and Main Streets.

"This issue has to be looked at as the town expands. If a transport truck is coming at you, there isn't much width there to maneuver."

John Shadbolt, in his second election campaign with the Libertarian Party, is upset that the government taxes people. He's also miffed that there are so many rules and regulations working against businesses that many companies have trouble just getting started.

"Today," Shadbolt began on Thursday, "business is working for the government. We have to take the power away from them,

because the whole retail business is a mess.

"Downsizing government is the answer. There are a lot of people who have innovative ideas on how to reduce the tax rate. But the government has to give people a chance to survive."

As far as Shadbolt is concerned, GO service in Acton isn't a big issue. Not when you consider the hovercraft industry to be the future of Acton transportation.

"The only reason it's not here yet is because nobody has produced one viable for what is required," reasoned Shadbolt. "How soon it will be, I don't know. Next year, 10 years, I don't know."

"Just think about it. You could fly over bare fields and you wouldn't need to clear snow off roads. You would save billions."

Incumbent Noel Duignan feels if the numbers don't justify running GO service to Guelph, it may be better to consider expanding bus service.

Meanwhile, as a business consultant, Alex McKee of the Family Coalition Party claims he has brought over \$2 million in invest-

ments from the outside to small business in Halton Hills.

"That's a claim that the two previous Halton North MPPs can't make," he said last week. "I know what's involved in attracting investment."

In other election news:

- Due to a late rental payment for his use of the former Acton Photo Shop on Mill Street, McKee was forced to close his Acton campaign office last week.

McKee said on Monday that he understands the owner Ron Burgoyne's disappointment in receiving his money late, but stressed he was paid and accepted the money, albeit late.

"We did get the money to him and that's important," McKee said, adding he has a receipt.

"It's embarrassing for us and our supporters.

"It (closing the office without warning) was a very callous act, very bush league. But politics is a tough game. I sure won't give him my business anymore."

- Shadbolt had CFTO-TV ar-

rive on his doorstep last week, interested in talking to him about support for the Libertarian party and questioning him about his innovative campaign signs.

"Our signs are so far ahead of the game, it's almost high-tech. It takes less than \$1 to change them," beams Shadbolt, adding the signs — created by Orangeville artist and inventor Leslie Clendening — are altered every two days.

"And everything on the sign can be used for the next election, so there's no waste."

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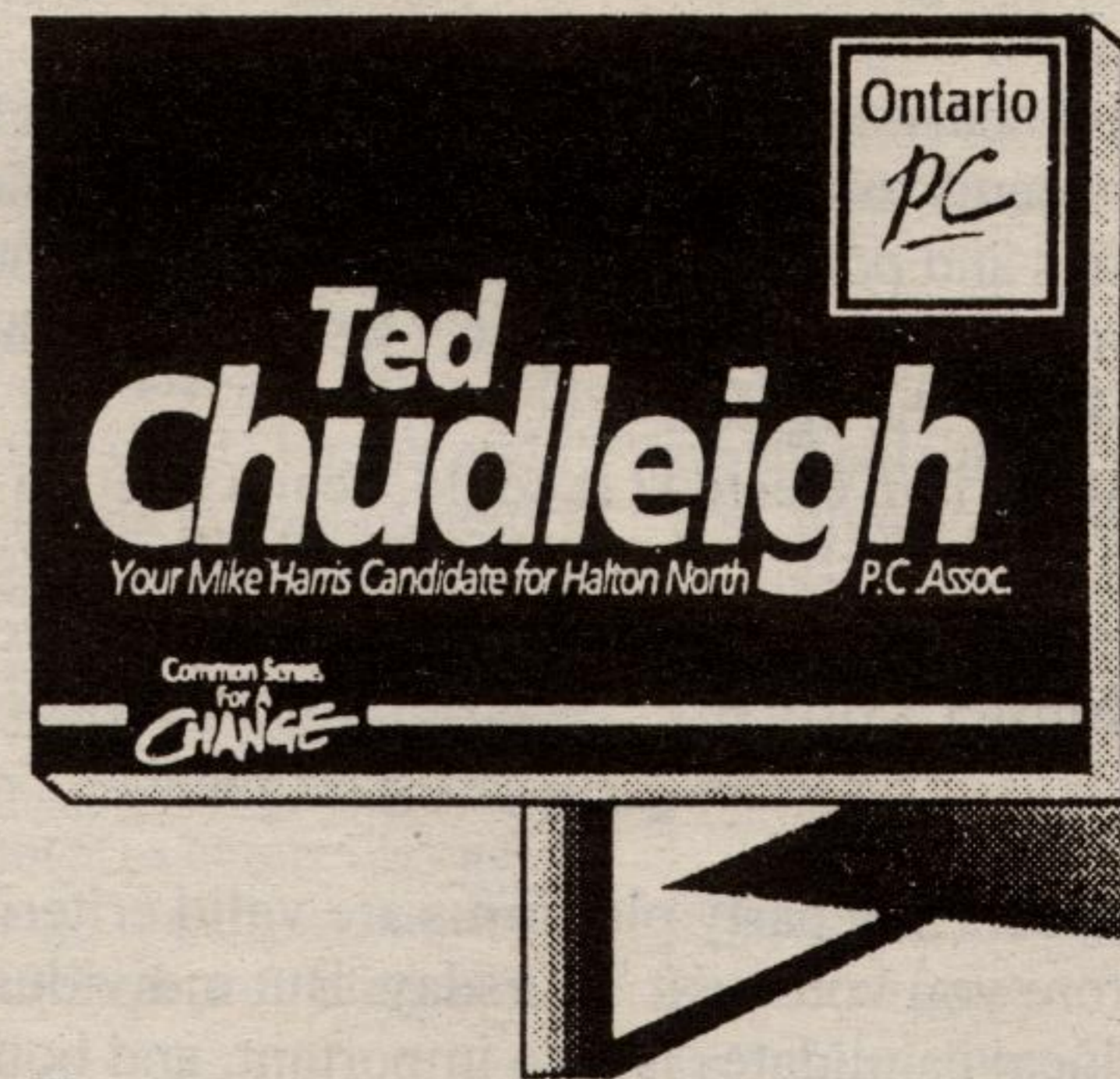
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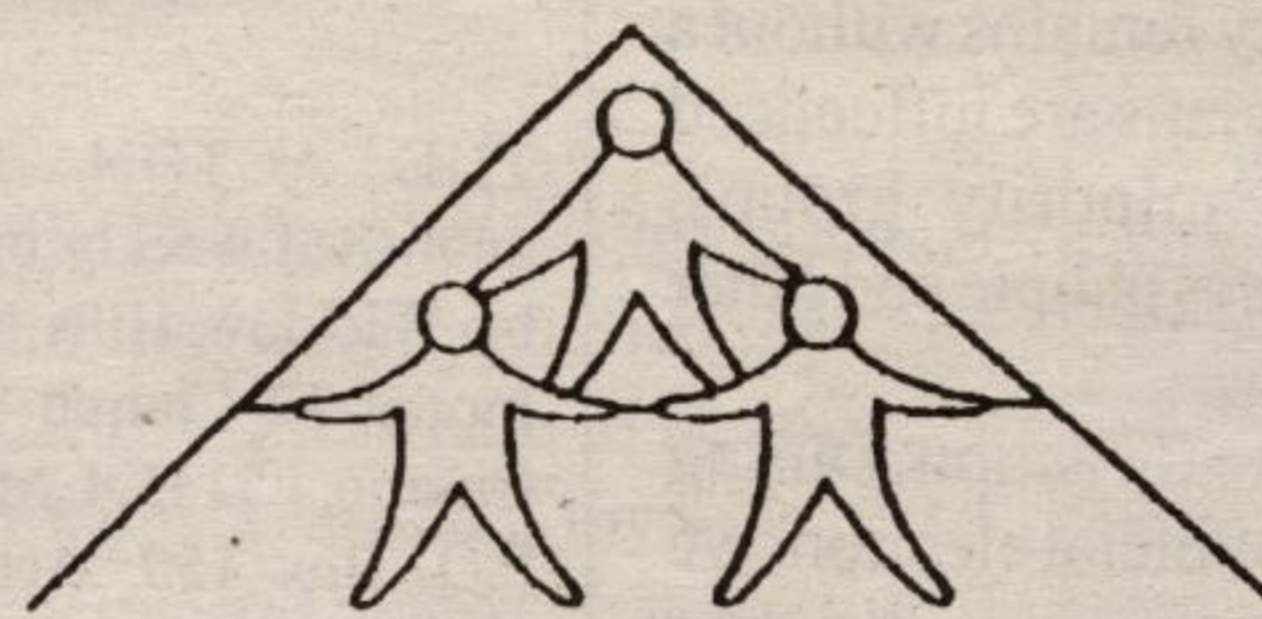
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Election of Board of Directors Open to all Community Members

Guest Speaker will be Anne Day on the topic of Change