



Queen's Park Report

with
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Finance Minister Ernie Eves' recent announcement of a balanced budget came as no surprise to the millions of Ontarians who have come to understand that Premier Mike Harris does what he says he will do.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the budget announcement was that Ontario's budget for last year, projected at a small deficit, was actually slightly in surplus, thanks largely to higher than expected economic growth.

That economic growth is due primarily to tax cuts which have spurred our economy. In fact, the American economy, which is often cited as a driving force in our own economic performance, was itself turned around by tax cuts in the early and mid-1980s.

The debate is over. Tax cuts fuel the economy. Tax cuts create jobs. Through our Taxpayer Protection and Balanced Budget Act we have ensured that balanced budgets and manageable tax levels will become the rule not the exception.

This year's budget provides 67 new tax cuts and a debt reduction goal of at least \$5 billion. Health care spending is now \$22 billion annually, by far the highest level it has ever been, and there are new financial commitments to education and infrastructure.

Since 1995 more than 700,000 new jobs have been created in Ontario. Tax cuts have provided a fertile environment for entrepreneurs. New and growing businesses making real products and offering real services, require labour, which in turn provides real jobs and real hope for thousands of people.

In contrast, the federal government's job creation strategy is little more than a welfare program which simply transfers money to people for use in unproductive endeavors, such as testing the conductivity of grapefruit, or, publishing books of poetry by the newly literate.

In addition the Ontario budget provides a rebate of Ontario Income Tax up to \$200 per taxpayer. That money will circulate through the economy as each taxpayer decides how best to spend it. Some will choose debt reduction, some will pay education or health expenses and others will invest the money. In every way it is used it will benefit the individual who decides how to use it and in a larger sense it will benefit everyone as it ripples through the economy.

The average family with two kids and a household income of \$60,000 a year now pays \$1,870 less in taxes annually than they did in 1995. People from all across the province now understand the power of lower taxes and balanced budgets.

The Cornwall Standard-Freeholder perhaps said it best on May 3, "Fortunately the vast majority of taxpayers will see the budget for what it is: The best piece of news they've had in decades."

Phyllis Benedict, president of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario praised initiatives directed at primary school students. Dave MacKinnon, president of the Ontario Hospital Association called the budget "a significant step forward."

President of the Ontario Medical Association, Dr. Ronald Wexler, said, "Today's provincial budget is a significant reinvestment in health care for Ontario and a vital step in the process of beginning to fix our health-care system."

Mary Webb, senior economist at Scotiabank said, "Harris' commitment to cutting taxes every year, year in and year out, has, over those three or four years, really amounted to a substantial tax cut. So we do have Ontario consumers significantly more buoyant and I think that is contributing to our very strong growth."

BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX Compass Correspondence

I noted with interest in a recent edition of the Compass about the passing of Claude Picket. I had the privilege of interviewing Claude and Mary for a magazine in the early 90's. I would like to share a few memories of them.

His career was in construction, working on the beginnings of the 401, but his heart was in cattle. He built "Pickland" into one of the top Holstein herds, not only in Halton County, but Ontario, Canada and perhaps world wide. Astute purchases at auction sales, combined with selective breeding made this herd one of the very best. His keen eye for picking good ones, along with the knack of making genetics click, vaulted Pickland to the top.

"Pickland" cattle excelled in the show ring with top placings at

numerous shows, including the prestigious Royal Winter Fair. Pickland cattle topped many public auctions and set records for top prices in these sales. They were pioneers in exporting the now famous Canadian Holstein cow all over the world.

The Japanese discovered the high quality Holstein cows in Canada, and anxiously acquired Pickland genetics to breed from. The process of exporting live animals to Japan and almost anywhere outside of North America was difficult, with lengthy health regulations to satisfy on both sides of the ocean. Pickland cattle were held in such high regard that one year the only few Holsteins to enter Japan were from Pickland. The exporting of

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The Town of Milton Council Recap

by
Councillor Cindy Pearson Lunau

RURAL CLEANUP: Sincerest thanks to the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee for making a difference to our roadsides! This year's cleanup campaign was the most successful ever! Special thanks to Jean Woods for co-ordinating this effort, and for all the very many folks who pitched in to pick up!

ROAD SAFETY CHALLENGE: The Road Safety Committee of Milton, led by Jan Mowbray, competed in the Provincial Road Safety Challenge competition, with a full week of activities. Congratulations and thank you!

FOND, BUT SAD, FAREWELLS! Joyce Johnson (formerly of Nassagaweya) retired after 23 years with the Town in public works, community service, and beyond. Jack Starr, Nassagaweya's favourite building inspector, formally retired but hopefully will return a few days each week to help Nassagaweya residents finish their projects.

CRAWFORD COURT DEVELOPMENT: Council held a Public Meeting on an amendment to the zoning by-law that would restrict the permitted uses of the Crawford Crescent property owned by Nick Cortese. A technical report will now be prepared on the development of the property, across from the Mall in Campbellville.

HYDRO: The firm of Metzler & Company is now considering applications for the Board of Directors for the new Milton Hydro Corporation. If you are interested in being considered, call Gary McCracken at (416) 955-0414, ext. 243 for information.

TOWN HALL FACILITIES: The Annex is now open, a new home for the Planning and Development Department. Growth in all directions!

FARMERS' MARKET: Council approved closing Main Street each Saturday until Oct. 28th, 6 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to permit the traditional Farmers' Market. (This market has Nassagaweya roots!)

MILTON TRIATHLON: This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th based out of Kelso, using a route along Sixth Line Nassagaweya, 20 Sideroad, Fifth Line Nassagaweya, and 15 Sideroad. Between 600 & 800 participants are expected. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call Harry Barnes at (519) 856-1154 or harbar@town.milton.on.ca

ACTION! Downtown Milton transforms to another time & place for *The Moving of Sophia Myles*. Film crews will be evident between May 31 and June 6, and you may even spot Della Reese (Touched By An Angel) as the wife of a pastor of a mid-western church.

SLOTS DOLLARS: The Town received another \$2 million, bring the total to just over \$4.5 million. On June 12th Town Council will consider a report on potential uses of these funds (reserves, special projects, community groups, etc). There will be an opportunity for public input at a future date.

AGREEMENT FORESTS: Regional Council approved a study to consider the management and operation of Halton's Agreement Forests over the next 20 years. Councillor Lee serves on the Steering Committee. Watch for dates of Public Meetings which will be part of the study.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS: (Not Council Notes, but most certainly worthy of note!) Emily Boycott winner of five medals (three gold & two silver) in the Ontario Special Olympics! Nassagaweya Tennis Mix & Match Tournament Champions "A" Roberta Rosiello & Bill Pearson; "B" Mike Grimwood & Craig Harding. Nassagaweya's Triathlon Wonder, Harry Barnes winning yet another meet in Florida and organizer of Milton's Triathlon on June 4th. Tina Newlove for her Art Show. The Scouts for a record number of trees planted during Earth Week at Dufferin. Jutta Schuberts on her 80th (and looking forward to 100) Birthday Party. Another successful Hike for Heath organized by the Milton District Hospital Foundation.

Your representatives:

Your questions, comments, concerns are important. Please call us. **Barry Lee (519) 824-0679 or 1-888-317-2292; Lieven Gevaert (519) 856-4529 or Cindy Lunau cindy@in.on.ca (519) 853-3772.** Town Hall 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494. www.town.milton.on.ca



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Attention.....to those Milton residents currently enrolled in the monthly Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Program (PTP)

The first installment of the final PTP billing was originally scheduled to be withdrawn from your bank account on June 01, 2000, with the last of the 5 (five) installments being October 02, 2000. Due to delays in the billing process, **the remaining 5 (five) PTP withdrawal dates have been changed to:**

July 04, 2000
August 01, 2000
September 01, 2000
October 02, 2000
November 01, 2000

Please note that there will **not** be a withdrawal during the month of June as previously notified. A statement will be mailed to you shortly advising in writing of the withdrawal due dates and their respective amounts.

The due dates for the installment PTP plan remain as June 30, 2000 and September 29, 2000. Should you require further clarification, please contact Corporate Services direct at (905) 878-7252 ext. 393.

NOTICE

Municipal Elections 2000

Make sure you are on the Voters' List

TAKE NOTICE that Municipal Enumeration Forms will be mailed by the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation (OPAC) to households within the Town of Milton. This form will be mailed in a distinctive envelope with the words "Municipal Elections" printed in blue letters on the top left.

Please note that not every household will receive an Enumeration form. The Ontario Property Assessment Corporation has advised that only those properties where OPAC has indications that voter information, for one reason or another requires updating, will receive the form.

The Enumeration form contains information to determine who is noted on the Voters' Lists for the November, 2000 Municipal and School Board Elections. Accordingly, please follow the instructions set forth on the form and return same to OPAC by June 1st, 2000.

Any questions pertaining to the form should be directed to the help line number noted on the Enumeration Form itself.

Note: Any person moving out of the Town of Milton before the November Municipal Elections, are advised to contact the Clerk's Office in the municipality to which you are going to reside, thereby ensuring that you are on the correct Voters' List.

Helen Lisi
Town Clerk

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