

Gary Carr Report

Canada's Government: the Best Job Creation Record in the G7



Since taking office in 1993, the Liberal government has overseen an unprecedented period of growth in the Canadian job market. Unemployment, once at dangerously high levels, now sits at a near-record low. Job creation over the past 12 years currently stands at more than 3.1 million, a number that grows each and every month. The Canada-U.S. Unemployment gap has been cut by two thirds, making sure Canadian talent stays here at home.

In 1993, the Canadian unemployment rate stood at just over 11 per cent and workers were paying more than \$3.00 per \$100 of earnings in employment insurance (EI) premiums. Since then, both those rates have been on a steady downward path. This August, the unemployment sat at 6.8 per cent and EI premiums at \$1.95. Low unemployment saves the government millions per year in insurance benefits, money that goes directly to the priorities of all Canadians. And it allows us to cut EI premiums, saving the average worker hundreds of dollars a year.

Today, Canada has the best job creation record in the G-7 (United States,

Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Japan) the fastest growth in living standards in the G-7, and the only balanced budget in the G-7. These are accomplishments that make a real difference to the lives of Canadians: low interest rates, stable employment and more disposable income.

This government has also put the Canada Pension Plan on solid footing for the next 75 years, ensuring a long term, stable public pension system for generations to come. Along with job numbers, average incomes have also been steadily on the climb over the past 12 years. This means that not only have record numbers of jobs been created, but also that many of them have been high paying.

Canada's job creation shows no signs of slowing down, and is an important pillar of this country's world class economic achievements.

If you have any questions or comments on any issue please feel free to email me at carrg@parl.gc.ca or call me at (905)693-0166. I look forward to hearing from you.

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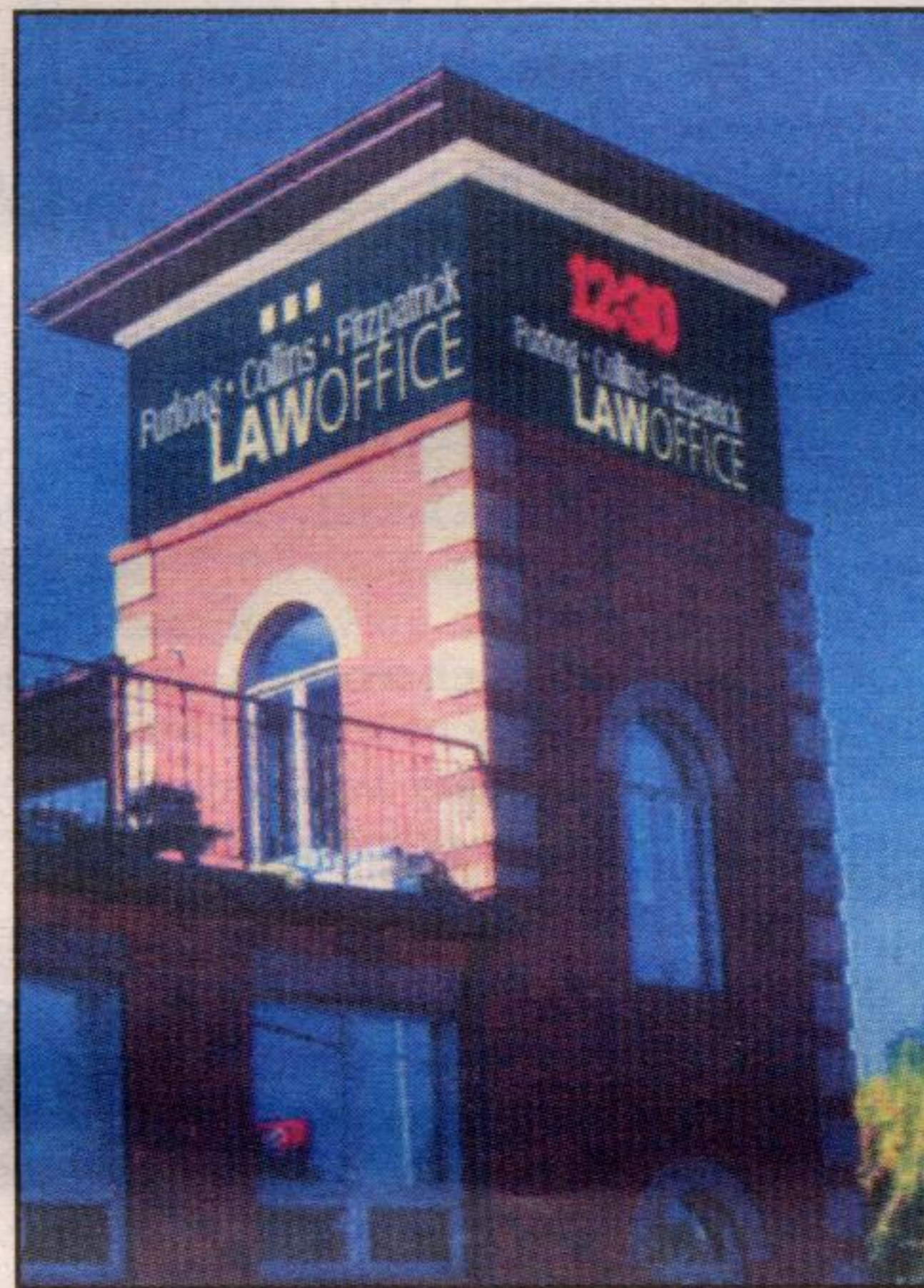
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United Way of Milton hosts 15th Gala Dinner and Auction

The United Way of Milton invites you to attend the 15th Gala Dinner and Auction. The funds raised at this event will go to support many local non-profit agencies that are funded by the United Way of Milton. The Gala and Dinner Auction will be held at Granite Ridge Golf Club on Friday, November 4. The event will begin at 6 pm with dinner at 7:30 pm. This fun event will feature many exciting silent and live auction items. One of the featured live auction items is a "Shopping Experience at Sobeys Express, Milton". The top bidder will receive a \$500 gift certificate generously donated by Sobeys Distribution Centre, Milton and a \$100 gift certificate donated by Sobeys Express Store. Limousine transportation provided by Memory Lane; lunch before provided by Kelsey's and rounded out by the helping hands of some of our local firefighters. A great way to stock up on all those Christmas groceries needed to make your Christmas special.

The United Way of Milton is dedicated to building a strong and healthy community for all. The United Way of Milton provides financial support to 24 agencies in the Milton community. These agencies, in turn, provide programs and services that benefit one in three residents. The United Way of Milton believes strongly in the message of the campaign theme - *Neighbours Helping Neighbours*. Year after year, market research shows United Way to be one of the top charities in Canada, making your community the best it can be.

The United Way of Milton thanks Woodbine Entertainment Group for their support as its Patron Sponsor of this event. The United Way of Milton would also like to thank Donaldson Financial Group and Genivar for their generous support. With their help the event will be a great success.

United Way of Milton needs your support. Plan to attend, bring friends and be *Neighbours Helping Neighbours*. Tickets are available from the United Way office. For more information please contact Phyllis Lee at 905-875-2550.

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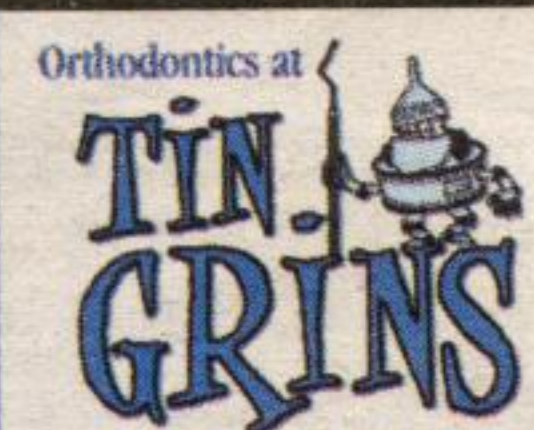
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