

Chudleigh named economy critic

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh has been named opposition critic for the Ministry of Economic Development by the leader of the official Opposition Ernie Eves.

In his role Chudleigh will be holding the Liberal government accountable on the economy, jobs and growth.

"I believe that maintaining economic prosperity in Ontario should have been the key issue in the recent provincial election," said Chudleigh, who served as parliamentary assistant to Bob Runciman when he was the Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

Chudleigh said the Liberal government is already breaking promises. He said they have put land developers on notice their contribution to economic growth is not welcome in Ontario. He added the Liberal government is showing seniors no respect for their contribution by indicating they will increase the provincial portion of their property tax. He added the

Liberal government is choosing not to balance the budget, endangering an economy already stung by reduced demand from the U.S. and a rising Canadian dollar.

"(Premier) Dalton (McGuinty) has five months left in the fiscal year. We would have made the hard choices necessary to balance the budget as we promised," said Chudleigh.

"Dalton is choosing not to do that. It has taken him only days to start down his trail of broken promises. Already two fundamental promises, to maintain tax levels and to balance the budget, have fallen by the wayside."

Chudleigh said he fears that the direction established by the Liberal government will chase away investment and growth from Ontario and could lead to a downward spiral ending in a serious economic recession.

"I will do everything I can to keep the focus of the government on economic growth and continued prosperity for Ontarians," he said.



Kennedy capers

George Kennedy School has been providing students with Quality Daily Fitness (QDF) for several years and the QDF team, comprised of Grade 4 and 5 students, recently led the school in a new activity at an assembly (above). Leading the group were Kennedy teacher Michelle Lass and student Raeanne Dingwall. (Below) The school also recently presented their Tribes awards to numerous students for their good interaction and citizenship skills. Among those reconized were, in front, from left, Mitchell Davey, Chelsea McEwan, Jacob Rice, Andrea Huckins, Stephanie Bowen, Aaron Steffens and Serena Yiu. In back, Emaan Ali, Kara Brubacher and Nicole Kiepura.

Photos by Ted Brown



CH among best employers

Conservation Halton has been selected as one of Canada's top 100 employers for 2004 by the editors of Macleans magazine.

This is Macleans' fourth edition of the best-selling book that has become a benchmark with the business community and job seekers.

"We are very pleased that our environmental agency has been selected as one of Canada's top 100 employers," said Conservation Halton Chair Jean Williams. "The board and staff have worked hard during the past few years to improve our human resources practices. We know how important it is to attract and keep quality staff dedicated to protecting the environment."

After an extensive review of more than 51,000 companies, 6,000 invita-

tions were sent to selected companies and organizations, which were asked to complete a comprehensive application detailing their operations and human resource practices.

The selection criteria involved the review of seven key areas: physical workplace; work atmosphere and social; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time off; employee communications; performance management; and training and skills development.

Conservation Halton is a community-based environmental agency that's responsible for flood control, wetland protection, environmental planning and the development of conservation areas for recreation and education. The agency has about 75 permanent staff members and 300 seasonal employees.

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