

# OPINION

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## How about it, Stephen?

If there was any doubt about Wellington-Halton Hills being a Conservative stronghold those doubts were dispelled last Tuesday.

Incumbent Tory MP Michael Chong was elected for a third straight time and his plurality has only strengthened since first being elected in 2004.

After defeating Bruce Hood by 2,000 votes in 2004, Chong steamrolled Rod Finnie by roughly 11,000 votes in 2006. Tuesday he had nearly three times the votes Liberal rookie candidate Bruce Bowser mustered in coasting to a win by nearly 18,000 votes.

Clearly, the local electorate likes the job Chong has done.

We hope Conservative leader Stephen Harper has taken note of how well his former Minister of Sport and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs has performed and restores the 36-year-old to cabinet.

True, the pair crossed swords over the "Quebec as a nation" issue two years ago which led to Chong's resignation from cabinet. Harper, who has been pegged as being intransigent and even mean-spirited, can prove otherwise by welcoming Chong back to the cabinet.

Chong is well-liked, even by his rivals, and has a solid grasp on issues such as health care urban growth and agriculture. He lives in a rural riding and has come to understand the issues— primarily growth-related— that face Halton Hills. Strengthening his voice on Parliament Hill could only be good for our municipality.

He is a bright, young-thinking MP who has shown he will act on behalf of his constituents and not abandon his principles for mere political gain.

Harper would be wise to restore Chong to cabinet. He has, after all, earned a promotion.

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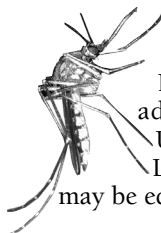
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No (69%)

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Steve Nease



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Residential streets aren't parking lots

Dear editor,

Re: The recent photo in the newspaper about a car accident on Arbor Glen Drive where a vehicle crashed into a parked vehicle.

My concern is not about the young man who caused the crash—and I hope that he is okay—but with the residents who constantly use our

streets as a parking lot.

Anytime— day or night— cars, vans and even trucks are parked on our streets— sometimes parking on both sides reducing the streets to one lane.

This makes is very unsafe for cars and school buses, as they have to constantly maneuver around parked vehicles through our neighbourhood.

Be a courteous car owner— follow the bylaws: No overnight parking on streets, a maximum of three hours parking during the day and don't park over the sidewalk. Take pride in our neighbourhood and make it safe for everyone— use your garages and driveways.

L. Wragg,  
Georgetown

### Scouts say thanks for Cleanup support

Dear editor,

On behalf of the 4th Georgetown Scouting Group, I would like to thank all those who participated in a very wet Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup on Saturday, September 27.

These include all groups and all ages from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and parents. This was our fourth year, and we had more than 80 participants. We collected 695 kg. of garbage, and even one car chassis.

Special thanks go out to TD Bank Georgetown Guelph Street and Boston Pizza. We had an excellent time, and I hope to see even more people out next year. I also wish to thank *The Independent & Free Press* for their coverage of this annual event.

I'm sure all those who use Silver Creek are grateful too!

Kevin O'Brien,  
Venturer Advisor,  
4th Georgetown Group

### Morgentaler not worthy of Order of Canada

Dear editor,

Last week, in Quebec City, Henry Morgentaler received the prestigious Order of Canada, normally bestowed on those who have made a significant contribution to the well-being of Canadians.

How does being personally responsible for the killing of more than 100,000 unborn children and indirectly responsible for the deaths of thousands more, contribute to the well-being of our country?

At a time when the Canadian birth rate is already below replacement value, and over 3 1/2 million unborn Canadians have been killed by abortion since 1969, how could Canada's leading abortionist possibly be honoured for contributing to the betterment of our society?

Rather, Morgentaler's legacy lies in the promotion of a Canadian culture that reveres convenience, comfort and personal autonomy over reverence for the dignity of all human beings from conception to natural

death.

The result being broken hearts, broken lives and broken families.

This, indeed, is a dark day in Canada's history.

Joanne Matters Executive Director  
Halton Pro-Life

### Vendor thanks Falls

Dear editor,

The Georgetown Farmer's Market has once again come to a close, on probably the best weather on a Saturday during the entire summer.

With that, I would like to thank Kim Falls for her enthusiasm, commitment and endless effort throughout the season. I am certain that I am only one of many vendors who say, "Thanks for all you do, Kim. We appreciate it".

Enjoy your months off before the next market day starts in 2009.

Sandy Henderson,  
Discovery Toys Consultant  
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