

# Arnott continues call for hearings on Ont. job losses

MPP Ted Arnott is continuing to call upon the Ontario government to commence public hearings on the job losses in Ontario's manufacturing sector.

Under Arnott's proposal, first raised in the Ontario Legislature in May 2005, and supported by the Legislature last fall, the all-party Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs would immediately conduct this review of the competitiveness issues which manufacturers are

facing. Ontario has been bleeding factory jobs at an alarming rate with the loss of more than 100,000 good paying jobs.

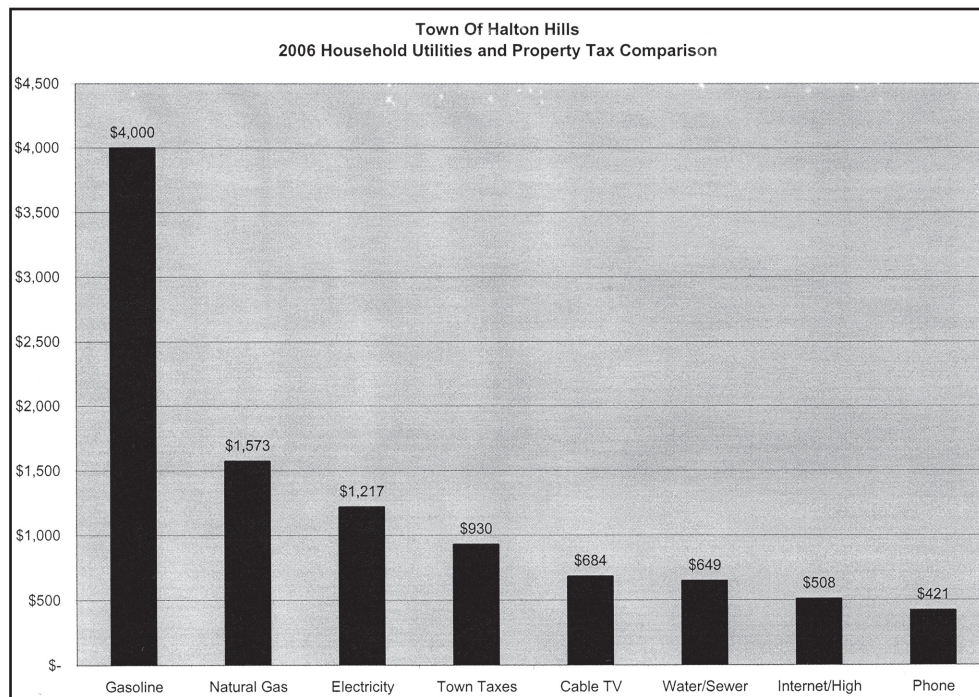
"I can't understand why the Government is unwilling to allow a committee of MPPs from all parties to look into this problem," Mr. Arnott stated. "By continuing to ignore our manufacturing sector, they are wilfully complicit in the job losses we've experienced during the past year and a half."

Although there have been

no Provincial hearings, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science, and Technology recently released a major, 142-page report with recommendations for federal action to support manufacturing jobs. The committee has been studying the manufacturing issue since May, 2006.

Arnott is a Member of the Provincial Legislature's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, which recently wrapped up its pre-budget consultations. On February 1, he tabled a notice of motion with the Committee asking that Provincial hearings on the manufacturing job losses begin as soon as the Provincial Legislature reconvenes.

Arnott is the Conservative candidate for Wellington/Halton Hills in October's provincial election.



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just make the best of it," Somerville said.

The \$11.1-million capital spending plan approved by the budget committee for this year includes the following projects in Acton:

- \$2,500 to oil Canada geese eggs in Prospect Park to stop them from hatching and help reduce lake pollution
- \$671,000 to resurface Main Street from Knox Ave. to Acton's southerly limit
- \$55,000 to resurface

- Vimy Street
- \$10,000 for the engineering work to reconstruct Wallace Street from McDonald Boulevard to Commerce Crescent, a \$720,000 project in the 2008 budget
- \$43,000 for Acton arena repairs

## Website helps find doctors

Halton Region's website www.halton.ca now makes it easier for residents to connect with newly recruited family physicians in Halton Hills, Milton, Burlington and Oakville. Up-to-date contact information is provided for the family doctors, all of whom are welcoming new patients to their practices.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this additional help

to people in our community who are looking for family physicians," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "More and more people are using the web to find the information they need and this is a very good example of how we can use our website to make it easier for people to access services".

The listing of new doctors is provided by the Halton Physician Recruitment Initiative which was established in 2002 to address Halton's shortage of

family physicians through a comprehensive marketing and promotion strategy. It is a collaborative effort between Halton Region and representatives from the local municipalities of Halton Hills, Milton, Burlington and Oakville, local physicians and senior area hospital staff.

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