

# Outrage at oil prices

Following is a letter to the Editor aimed at all candidates in the upcoming federal election.

Dear Candidates

As are most Canadians, probably yourselves included, I am not just outraged by the circus surrounding fuel prices in Canada but by the fact that neither the government or the opposition parties are honestly addressing the issue in their campaigns. Given that:

Almost all the oil refined in Eastern and Central Canada comes from offshore sources I.e. none from the US,

All the oil for Western Canada refineries comes from Western Canada

Hence, Canadian oil supplies are not affected by hurricanes hitting the US.

The price of a barrel of oil did not change significantly

this week.

This week, gas prices at the pump across the US averages an increase of less the \$0.01 per gallon.

Pump prices in Canada average \$0.13 per litre or about \$0.42 per US gallon.

How can you, in good conscience, allow the oil companies in Canada to continue to exploit the people of Canada? How can you allow this continued erosion to Canada's economic well being? You know that these outrageously high prices ripple down into the economy, inflating prices and costing jobs in every industry except for the oil patch itself.

How can you as political leaders not discuss this and not promise or develop a plan or policy which your party would implement if

in power?

I understand that some of you will argue that high fuel prices contribute to reducing the strain on the environment. I would support those prices only if the money did NOT go into the pockets of greedy oil executives and their minions. If the higher prices were a result of a carbon tax and the funds were fed back into the economy through income and corporate tax breaks as well as other economic incentives, I could accept paying inflated prices. But please, this election campaign must address the ongoing criminal activity on the part of big oil.

(Note that email addresses for some candidates are not available on their websites.)

Dan Poirier,  
Acton



**HERITAGE FUNDS:** Another successful Mayor's Heritage Golf Tournament was held in June at Blue Springs Golf Course. The tournament, organized by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, raises money to support local heritage projects. One of the tournament sponsors, Scotiabank, recently presented a \$5,000 cheque to the Foundation. Here, presenting the cheque are, (l to r) Tracy Marsh, Lorraine Bellizzi-Hoare (Scotiabank Acton), Mark Baker (Scotiabank Georgtown), to members of the tournament organizing committee, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Eric Connolly (Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills), Kathy and Bill Sanford of Heritage Acton who were on hand to accept the donation. A portion of the tournament proceeds are given to Heritage Acton to help with the continuing renovation of Acton's historic Town Hall on Willow Street. - Submitted photo



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# Household Hazardous Waste



#### Accepted free of charge:

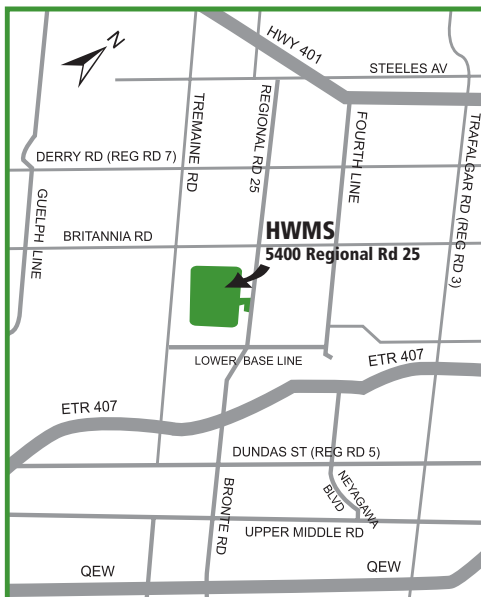


- Aerosol cans (full)
- Antifreeze
- Automobile and household batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes (8 maximum)
- Fuels
- Garden chemicals
- Household batteries
- Household cleaners
- Motor oil and filters
- Paints and stains
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks
- Solvents
- Varsol (clean or used)

Residential household hazardous waste can injure waste collectors, and can damage the environment if disposed of improperly. Household hazardous waste must not be put in the garbage or poured down the drain.

Instead, residential hazardous waste can be taken to the **Household Hazardous Waste Depot** located at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS), 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton. The HWMS is open Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Each year the Household Hazardous Waste Depot recycles or properly disposes over 800,000 litres of residential hazardous waste!



There is a 20 litre maximum per visit. All containers must be left at the Depot.

#### Not Accepted:



- Commercial Hazardous Waste
- Radioactive Waste
- Explosives (for example: dynamite, ammunition, nitro glycerine)
- Biological Wastes and PCBs

Empty paint cans (dry with lids removed) and other empty containers (with no liquid or powder residue) can be disposed of with regular garbage.

#### Paint Reuse Shed

Looking for paint to repaint your home? Pick up usable paint and stain at the Reuse Shed for free. The Paint Reuse Shed is conveniently located beside the Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Open from spring to fall. The HWMS cannot guarantee which colours will be available.

