

Chudleigh helping draw up strategy to preserve shoreline along Georgian Bay and Great Lakes

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The Champion

Those looking for Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh lately would have better luck searching the coast than his Milton constituency office.

The local politician has been spending the lion's share of his time working on an extensive Great Lakes Heritage Coast preservation project.

In his duties as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources, Mr.



Ted Chudleigh

Chudleigh has been drawing up a strategy to preserve 2,900 km of shoreline along portions of Georgian Bay, Lake Huron and Lake Superior.

The project is part of the Ontario government's Living Legacy initiative, which added 8 million acres to the Province's protected areas last year.

Of those, several sites were specifically targeted for analysis and the shoreline project, which houses 65 parks, was the largest of the bunch.

"Since that time I've been travelling extensively along the Great Lakes Heritage Coast," said Mr. Chudleigh.

In gathering input from those who live or work along the shoreline, the word preservation kept popping up.

"The protection of the coast is first," said Mr. Chudleigh. "It doesn't matter if you're talking to industry or residents or cottagers or boaters."

That public sentiment was turned into a dis-

ussion paper, which is currently in circulation.

Now the goal is to find out if the paper has nailed what needs to be done.

"This current tour is to go into as many communities as we can and ask if we got it right," said Mr. Chudleigh.

The discussion paper takes a shot at balancing preservation and development.

"It's to ensure development takes place in an ecological sustainable manner," he said.

And it cast an eye toward stewardship of the coast.

A management team forged from those who live and work in the area is the best bet for managing the coast, said Mr. Chudleigh.

The team will be charged with untangling any red tape strangling sustainable development.

"There are lots of regulations held by lots of government departments," said Mr. Chudleigh. "Their role would be to coordinate those regulations to make sure they don't work against each other."

Tourism is another drive of the plan, and increased signage, interpretive centres, visitor lookouts and trails are part of the discussion.

But larger tourism initiatives — such as the building of hotels or resorts — would need to meet the principle of sustainable development.

"It's a matter of where the resort is situated, how it affects the shoreline," said Mr. Chudleigh.

If response to the discussion paper is favourable, it'll be transformed into a detailed plan and submitted for final acceptance.

And though the Progressive Conservatives may not come across as a green party, Mr. Chudleigh said he stands by both his own record and that of the Province on environmental

issues. "We don't have the reputation of being an environmental government but look at some of the things we've done."

He cited reorganizing and strengthening the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and increasing Ontario's protected lands by 2.4 mil-

lion hectares as examples.

In total, the Province now has 9.5 million hectares of protected lands, in which 650 parks are situated. And through the Living Legacy, guidelines have been set for industries such as forestry and mining.

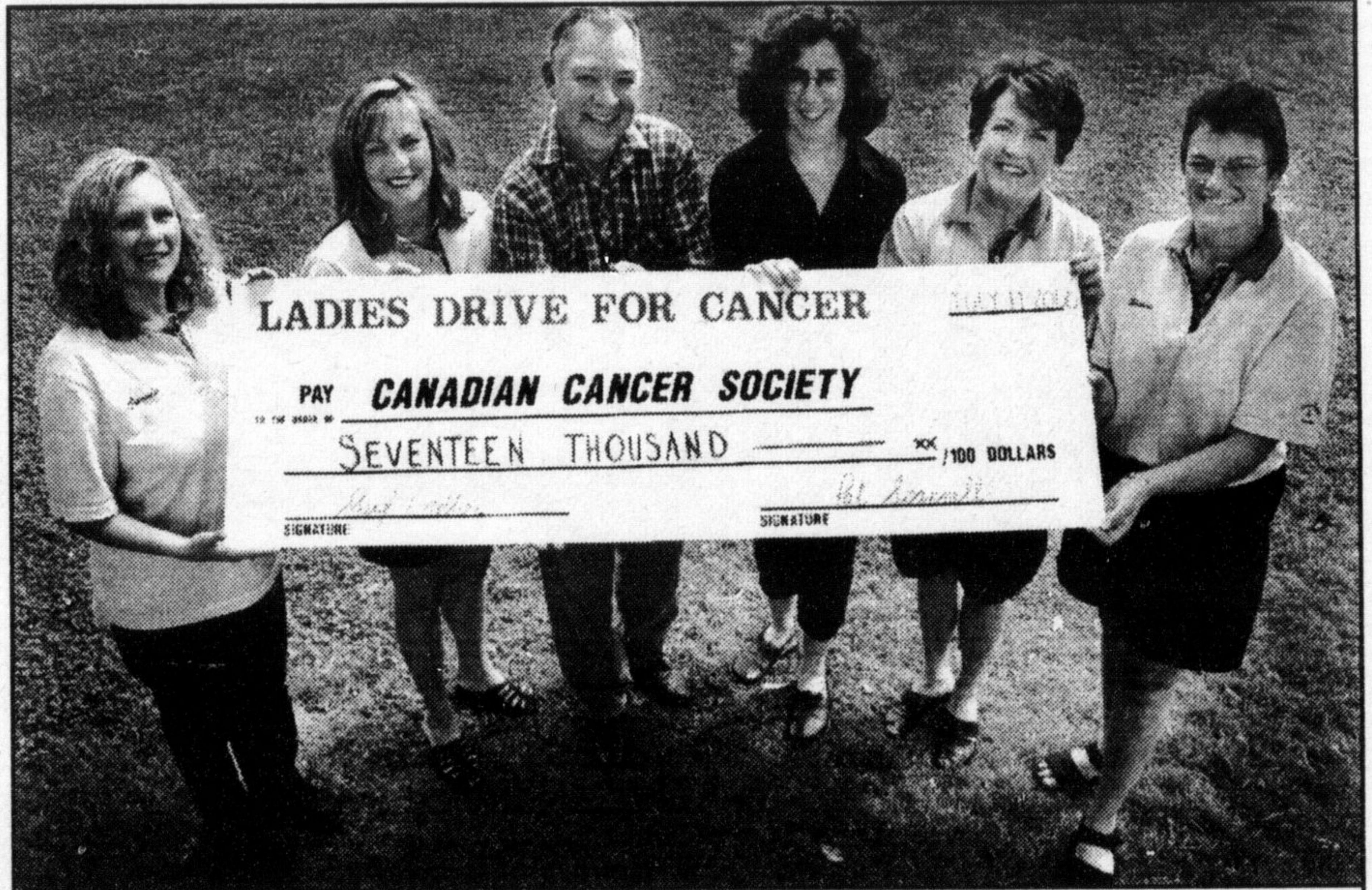


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