

COMMENT

Tories need more than a new leader

So Joe Clark plans to step down as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party because he doesn't believe he could lead his party to victory in the next election.

Well, at least he has it half right.

While it's true the Progressive Conservatives have little chance of winning a federal election with Clark as their leader, we doubt whether it really matters who leads the party.

The Liberals aren't about to lose their stranglehold on Parliament Hill as long as both the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservatives remain in existence.

With those two parties splitting the right wing vote between them, the Liberals will continue to keep their ruling majority in the House of Commons.

And it doesn't look like those two parties are about to get together any time soon. Too bad. In a democracy, a strong opposition is required to keep the ruling government honest and responsible.

So when it comes to electing their next leader, we suggest the Progressive Conservatives look for someone who could possibly win over the Canadian Alliance instead of just simply keeping it at bay.



OUR READERS WRITE

Reader disgusted by driver who hit cat on Derry Road and then just sped off

Dear Editor:

This letter is directed to the driver of the green family van who was going west on Derry Road at Commercial Street July 23 at about 4:35 p.m.

You hit a cat and didn't so much as slow down.

You are a heartless, despicable coward. The words I want to call you are, unfortunately, unprintable. You didn't even try to stop.

To the driver of the dump truck behind me who did stop, I say thank you with all my heart for blocking the westbound

traffic so I could scoop the animal from the road and attempt to save it.

To the driver of the white company van who couldn't wait three minutes and had to swerve around the dump truck and almost hit me, I say you're a complete and utter idiot.

Be thankful that wasn't a child on the road.

To the owner of the young male neutered orange tabby, I'm so sorry. My vet and I did all we could.

C. McGillivray
Ontario Street

Exxxotica and strip joint won't turn Miltonians into sexually-depraved monsters, says reader

Dear Editor:

The naive or ignorant would try to suggest that Milton's recent venture in the "adult" sectors of business is the opening of a door to an apocalyptic battle between religiously good and religiously wrong.

Without thought or sound backing, claims are generated that state all those who enter such establishments will immediately, beyond the control of themselves, be turned into sexually ragging monsters — unholy creations of God.

The only way to avoid such a devastating tragedy coming true in the homes of Milton, according to them, is to ban these institutions altogether and take a hand at the right side of our "Father."

These are pretty bold statements for some pretty bold Catholics, in a not-so-Christian world.

What are all those who don't guide their lives by a dated book of

varied collections to do? They may or may not have any problems with these practices, but they sure don't express them in a religious manner. They take the polite and socially-conscience route and keep their beliefs to themselves.

Problems exist and problems don't exist — it all comes down to the individual's perception of reality and their placement in idealistic faith.

Christians believe, for the fact they represent the largest religion majority in Canada, that they have the right to dictate their values on the rest of the country — telling the "natives" to forget their own primitive values and adopt the obviously divine and understanding rulings of their God.

You want to talk religion in this whole debate? Let's talk about the great ignorance and arrogance of our cult.

It's not the sex shops that will

destroy Milton, but the factionalist and authoritative attitudes of an aged church that will.

Corruption lies only in the minds that allow it to brew. The choice to enter the holy land of Exxxotica and the up and coming, soon-to-be finely established strip-club of Milton, should be made by the individual. A person should apply his/her own morals and ethics to decide whether or not to enter these establishments, not the sounded reasons of the blasphemous.

Live your life according to yourself and allow others to live their lives according to themselves. When a real social problem emerges, we'll all get together in a civil manner and settle it.

Until then, may I suggest you read up on some more of the proverbs, practice your creeds or polish your cross.

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