

# OPINION

## Promises, promises

The official start to the October 10 provincial election actually doesn't begin until next month, but the flurry of announcements, pronouncements and promises heard in recent days from the Liberal government would lead many to believe the campaign is already under way.

For example, Premier Dalton McGuinty and his ministers in the past week have promised to:

- spend \$79 million to plant 50 million trees by 2020
- spend \$30 million over three years for an inter-regional bus terminal in Toronto
- spend \$309 million in additional education funding over the next two years
- build high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the QEW

between Oakville and Burlington as part of the \$88.7 million contract to widen the highway

- spend \$2 million for an OPP plane and overhead surveillance equipment

- spend \$30 million to help clean up Hamilton Harbour.

And those were just some of the promises the Liberals have offered up in the past few days.

One can't help but wonder what there will be left for McGuinty to promise when the election writ actually falls September 10 and the campaign begins in earnest.

McGuinty, of all people, should realize the danger in making promises that may not be kept.



## ReadersWrite

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### Beware of banking e-mail

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to warn *Champion* readers about fraudulent e-mails being sent under the name of TD Canada Trust, informing them that it is "obligatory for all customers of TD Canada Trust" to click on a hyperlink provided to update their records.

This e-mail looks and sounds as if it is a legitimate request, but I personally checked with my TD Canada Trust branch, which confirmed that the e-mail in question did not originate from TD Canada Trust.

I was further advised that a bank would not normally communicate with its customers by e-mail unless a specific bank employee had pre-arranged with a customer to do so on a specific matter.

Readers need to be warned. Do not

click on the hyperlink in this fraudulent e-mail. Doing so will likely send them to a website that looks official and will request them to provide account numbers, passwords and other personal information that could be used for identity fraud or even to gain access to their savings.

My Milton branch has already received hundreds of calls from concerned customers, so it is reasonable to assume that thousands of copies of this e-mail have been sent to unsuspecting receivers, and those who bank with TD Canada Trust could be duped into releasing private and personal information.

This e-mail was not authorized by the bank. Delete it immediately.

**RON HUDSON  
ACTON**

### Support for fundraiser was outstanding

DEAR EDITOR:

On August 7, the For Life and Music event successfully raised \$1,160.32 through generous donations for ovarian cancer research.

I thank you first for donating.

I want to also thank all the musicians: John and Sara Acheson, Maxwell Wray, Alex Kadet, Frank Cosentino, Wayne Kelso, Kevin Dempsey, Clark Johnston, Andre and the J-Tones and Uri Swelli.

I thank the venue owners and employees of Brunello's, Nascar Sports Bar, Pasqualino's, South 202, The Ivy Arms, The Olde Dickens, Bryden's and The Post Office. Without the support of

the local restaurants and bars this event would never have been the success it was. Thank you very much for opening up your businesses to us.

I acknowledge the volunteers and my co-organizers Jenna Masciantonio, Jessica Addante, Dan Rodrigues, Andre Bisson, Lorenzo Castelli and Corey Brouwer and the sponsors, Tamblin Financial Services and Mirella Marshall of Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty. Without everyone's contribution, the project would not have made it into the community. Great work.

**ELLIOTT MARSHALL, ORGANIZER  
FOR LIFE AND MUSIC**

### Hydro One project needs a technology upgrade

DEAR EDITOR:

Hydro One is attempting to have its Bruce to Milton Transmission Project approved.

I am willing to accept that Ontario requires more transmission capacity and that Bruce One and Two are returning to service. Thus, it claims, the line must be built.

I add that the project should include built-in protection against outages. In fact, there is a well-established, proven technology that satisfies all these without new transmission lines. Now the industry standard world wide, it has been approved for other Hydro One projects across Ontario, but not for this one.

I will offer this loose analogy for comparison. The alternate technology is a household electrical system with insulated, grounded wires and circuit-breaker panels. The transmission line is pre-1940s household electrification. Bare, ungrounded wires are strung through glass or ceramic insulators, nailed to wood either within or on the walls, and a fuse box.

This technology still exists in many Third World locations today.

However, these areas are striving to bring their lowest to highest tier electrification to the present, with capacitor enhancement for all more recent transmission lines and all new transmission lines, where these are absolutely necessary.

Why is Hydro One so hidebound and resolute in their desire to saddle our new house with 1930s bare wire and fuse technology?

Lastly, the capacitor enhancement is but 15 to 30 per cent of the \$630 million cost of a new, unprotected, transmission line, which we will all end up chipping in for.

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