## Book of condolences for Flaherty available at MP's office until end of April

Coming to know Flaherty quite well while they were in Caucus together for close to a decade, Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said his approach to finances was similar to his own. \_\_\_ "I admired the way he analyzed problems and z solved them," he said.

Chudleigh added that the slew of tributes from G8 nations in Washington speak volumes about the impact Flaherty had not only in Canada, but on the global stage.

"That's a testament to how well respected he was by so many countries and so many indi-

viduals. Not only was he a giant in Canada, but he offered a lot of advice to other nations," he said.

Milton Chamber of Commerce President Lesley Mansfield recalled when Flaherty visited Milton with Raitt in 2011 and spoke to a group of small business owners about the importance of engaging young entrepreneurs. "As a community, we are shocked and saddened to have lost a visionary leader, a great Canadian and a truly caring, family-oriented man," she said.

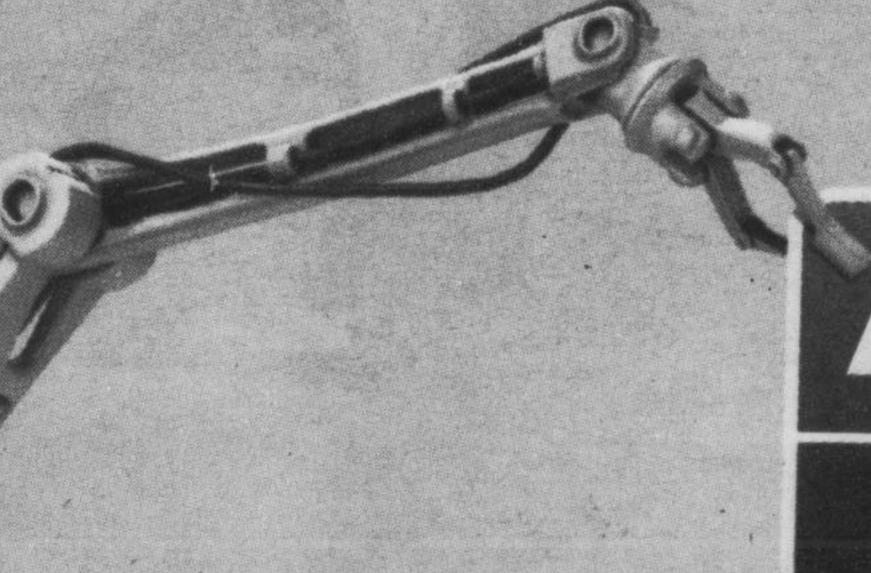
A book of condolences for Flaherty is available for the public to sign at Raitt's constituency office. Halton residents are invited to sign the book until April 30 after which time it will be presented to Flaherty's family. Raitt's office is located downtown at 86 Main St. E. Flaherty served as the country's finance minister for the past eight years. He had a long track record in politics, serving as the Whitby-Ajax MPP from 1995-2005 and Whitby-Oshawa MP since 2006, both under the Tory blue banner. He stepped down from his high-pro-

file post on March 18.

Flaherty's wife, Christine Elliott, represents Whitby-Oshawa in the Ontario legislature. His family released a statement last week.

"Christine Elliott and her triplet sons, John, Galen and Quinn would like to make Canadians aware that her beloved husband and father passed away peacefully today in Ottawa," read the statement.

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