

MP Lewis gets feel for constitutional debate

Doug Lewis, member of parliament for Simcoe North announced today the results of the constitutional questionnaire which was sent to all households in Simcoe North during July.

Lewis stated he was pleased to see well over half of the questionnaires contained very informative comments.

"Unfortunately," added Lewis, "the number of responses was disappointingly low. The questionnaire was sent to over 30,000 households in Simcoe North but, to date, we have received just over 800 responses."

Responses were as follows:

1. The British North America Act, an act passed by the Parliament of Great Britain, has served as Canada's constitution since 1867. In your opinion, has it generally been a firm foundation for the governing of Canada?

Yes: 90.52 percent
No: 9.48 per cent

2. Should any new constitution adopted by Canadians depart radically from our present system of government in Canada?

Yes: 11.28 per cent
No: 88.72 per cent

3. It may be difficult to reach agreement on all the principles to be contained in a new constitution. What degree of agreement do you feel is necessary to reach a workable compromise without abusing the rights of any one province?

All provinces must agree: 40.18 per cent
8 / 10 provinces must agree: 21.17 per cent
8 / 10 provinces must agree including Quebec: 9.44 per cent

7 / 10 provinces must agree: 12.88 per cent
7 / 10 provinces must agree including Quebec: 7.02 per cent

Other: 9.30 per cent

4. As a province with a majority French-speaking population, Quebec has often expressed a desire for "special status". Are you prepared to grant the province of Quebec special powers not granted to all provinces?

Yes: 8.37 per cent
No: 91.63 per cent

5. Should the new constitution guarantee a minority speaking either of the two official languages the right to have their children educated in the language of that minority or is it sufficient to trust the province to provide such facilities where the need exists?

Constitutional guarantee required: 37.19 per cent
Provinces can be trusted: 62.81 per cent

6. As a matter of local rather than national interest, do you think the province or the county school board should decide whether there is a legitimate demand for minority language school facilities?

Province: 33.02 per cent
School board: 66.98 per cent

7. The Senate was designed to provide balanced regional representation and act as a part of the system of checks and balances of government. House do you feel it should be constituted?

Wholly appointed: 9.1 per cent
Partially appointed by provinces: 22.0 per cent

Wholly appointed by provinces: 12.5 per cent

You may not feel it provides any worthwhile purpose. If so, should it be abolished completely?

Yes: 28.8 per cent
No: 51.6 per cent

8. Canada's natural resources are found in different provinces and territories. How should tax revenues, based upon the sale of natural resources, be divided among different jurisdictions?

All to the Federal government: 7.4 per cent

All to the Provincial government where the resources are located: 7.0 per cent

Divided between the jurisdictions by a method which recognizes the expenditures and responsibilities of both: 85.6 per cent

9. Do you believe that a new constitution must guarantee human rights or is it sufficient to have a constitution which sets out the method by which Canada shall be governed without a guarantee of human rights?

Guarantee of human rights essential: 56.8 per cent

Method of governing Canada is more important: 43.2 per cent

Open house at MHC opens up new world of role of CST

by Ken Regan
Community Services Team of the Mental Health Centre, Penetanguishene, held an open house on Wednesday, at their new offices on the MHC grounds.

The open house was designed to familiarize the general public with the team and their many services.

The new building, which was once the residence of the Hospital Superintendent, has been recently renovated to give it a warm, homey appearance, something that makes for more comfortable work surroundings and also allows clients and visitors to feel more relaxed.

Community Services Team has been in operation in this area for about ten years, but their services and their functions are not readily known by most of the general public.

The team consists of specialists from several fields, including social work and psychiatry and their main function is to provide accessible, professional counseling, educational, and resource services to the immediate community and outlying districts as well.

Services

It operates on roughly a 60 per cent direct service, 40 per cent indirect service basis. This means they allocate about 40 per cent of their efforts to providing consultative and resource information to physicians, family and children's services and public health nurses.

Part of this percentage of the services goes also to educational programs for individuals and groups and another part of it is designated for preventive program planning.

An example of the preventive programming is the pre-schooler program which allows parents and children to work together in developing a child's behavioral patterns properly, at an early age so they can benefit quickly from their experiences.

In the area of direct services, the team offers family therapy sessions for families who are having trouble coping internal stress or perhaps are merely having problems communicating with one another.

It is a practice that is given a lot of weight by the C.S.T. and is in keeping with their group philosophy that "people and problems do not exist in isolation."

Therefore, the emphasis is placed on working together as a family to solve family problems.

The team does provide couple, (marital), therapy and individual therapy as part of their direct service program, for those who need or prefer it.

The key word used by team members is "preventive." The idea is to assist or educate or provide necessary therapy for people with any type of emotional or stress related problem before; and "before" is also a key word; before their problem requires admission to hospital.

Clients

Though the team does admit clients to hospital, their success in helping families and individuals to resolve, or cope with their troubles gives invaluable help to not only those they assist, but also to the hospital which is busy enough and to the community who which benefits from having a happier, healthier citizen in it.

The open house also gave the public a chance to see first hand the professional and technical manner the team uses to assist its clients. For example, the use of video tapes of therapy sessions, (with clients approval only), and allows the team to review the session looking for clues to the puzzle of the pro and it also allows the team to assess their own performance as a professional in the field.

This method of "peer supervision" helps to ensure the client gets adequate treatment and also lets the professionals analyse each others performance and upgrade themselves if need be.

It is difficult to examine the extent of

the Community Services Team's work and work methods because both those aspects are tremendously complex. The important point to remember is that the C.S.T. is accessible to help anyone to cope with their emotional problems, whether they be work related, marital, sexual, family oriented or just plain personal, in the emotional sense. And everything is done with absolute confidentiality.

It is also important to know that the team is working in your community providing counseling, educational and preventive help in order to allow you to help yourself.

Load shifts, van rolls over

The driver of a cargo van that rolled over late Tuesday morning at the intersections of Highway 27 and Vinden Street was released from hospital the same day after being rushed there for treatment to injuries he suffered in the freak mishap.

Midland OPP say 25-year-old Brian Dick, driver of the van, was making a turn to go eastbound on Vinden when both his right front and rear right wheels went over an abutment while he was changing gears.

It is understood the truck's load shifted causing the vehicle to roll over on its side causing an estimated \$7,000 damage.

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