

# Chretien delights partisans at Liberal rally

by **MARK BOURRIE**  
External Affairs minister Jean Chretien showed a partisan crowd of Liberals why he will likely be the next French Canadian prime minister at a rally at the Midland arena, Sunday night.

Chretien arrived late at the beer and corn fest Sunday night, but didn't disappoint the crowd of about 500. He gave a strong patriotic speech

that brought the crowd to their feet for several standing ovations.

Chretien attacked the Conservatives as a party that gives shelter to the right wing of the Canadian political spectrum. He said while that party appears to be adopting a middle of the road course, a large number of right wing zealots stands ready to bring in its own policies.

Calling right wing Conservatives dinosaurs, Chretien mentioned Simcoe South MP Ron Stewart.

"You know who supported Brian Mulroney when he ran for the leadership? It was the far right wing of his party. Some of them are about 20 miles right to the rest of society. You have one in the next riding, Stewart. Stewart is what I call a dinosaur.

"I don't say that the Tories are all dinosaurs, what I'm saying is that all of the dinosaurs are Tories. That's why I came back."

Chretien said that, while the country does have some problems under the Liberals, gains have been made in social services and the Constitution has been adopted.

"I'm proud of what we've done. I have nothing to hide. You

remember four years ago, that, if we were still to have a country after the referendum in Quebec, Joe Clark was prime minister at that time, he said to Pierre Elliot Trudeau, 'I don't want to think about it.'

After the meeting, Chretien told reporters that the Conservatives in Quebec have given shelter to separatists who seek to weaken federalism by defeating a Liberal government.

"I think that one candidate running for the Conservatives said if there was another referendum, she would vote yes (in favor of

separation) again. If they have converted to the Canadian cause, if they have sworn allegiance to Canada, that's fine with me, but I haven't seen that with these people.

"I tell you one thing, the committed separatists don't like me."

When asked about the possibility of another leadership bid, Chretien joked and said, "you know, we only have leadership conventions every 16 years."

Simcoe North Liberal candidate Al Martin sponsored the rally to give his campaign a

boost and spoke on the state of his election bid.

Martin said the Liberals have a good chance to capture the riding from the Conservatives. After the meeting, he said he has found his support is growing, despite the national perception that the Conservatives are winning the campaign.

He said his strength appears to be picking up in the Orillia area and remains strong in the Midland-Penetanguishene region.

Martin, a former member of parliament, lost the 1980 election by only 66 votes.

# Ogilvie's vote gone over again

by **MURRAY MOORE**  
The question of whether former Midland council member William Ogilvie, while a member in 1977 of the town's council, voted to accept an agreement which included permission for the area's dump to receive liquid industrial waste, was denied by Ogilvie during a Midland council meeting on Monday.

Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler argued that official records show that Ogilvie did vote for the bylaw in 1977.

Ogilvie spoke to the council until rising objections from some members of the council to the length of Ogilvie's speech lead to his stopping.

At the end of the

meeting, after Ogilvie had left as the council was preparing to vote on a motion to have him removed if he continued to voice audible comments from his seat in the audience, Ehler responded that Ogilvie's statements were "dribble" and "not true, just not true."

The next day Ogilvie said he felt he succeeded in proving in his deputation that dumping of liquid hazardous waste had been going on at the area's dump, with the knowledge of certain individuals, for years before he was elected to the 1977 Midland council.

Ogilvie denied voting for bylaw 77-1, which he is said to have voted for. The bylaw is said to accept an agreement which includes approval

for the deposit at the area dump near Perkinsfield of liquid industrial waste, with the permission of the Ministry of the Environment.

A recorded vote was not taken on that bylaw, Ogilvie said yesterday. A notation in the minutes that the vote for approval of the bylaw was unanimous does not mean anything, he said.

The lack of an agreement recently reached, to keep the area's dump open for three more years, would cost Midland \$1 million in each of the next three years, Ehler told the council.

There is "no question whatsoever" that bylaw 77-1 included reference to the hauling of liquid industrial

waste, with the approval of the Ministry of the Environment, Ehler said.

Ehler also said that Ogilvie's additional allegation that the minutes were tampered with was "twisted garble."

"This municipality would go down the pipe if it did not have an agreement with the area municipalities," Ehler said.

Midlanders don't realize how close the town came to having to dump its garbage in temporary locations, as the residents of Etobicoke are doing, Deputy-reeve Claude Buck told council.

The deputy-reeve criticised "the media" for not publishing equal coverage on both sides of the bylaw 77-1 dispute.

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Your gracious compliments and wonderful tributes were heart-warming and greatly appreciated.

It was an unexpected pleasure to be honoured in such a way by all of you. Thanks a million!

- Eleanor Edwards

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