

NDP not tied to special interest groups



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Voters in Simcoe Centre need look no further than our own riding for the issues of greatest concern facing Ontario. Everywhere we see the sorry legacy of environmental damage, plant closures, unemployment, disappearing farmland, insufficient and affordable housing and inequitable taxation wrought by 42 years of Conservative rule. The job of reversing government policies which have put profits ahead of people will not be easy, but it must begin on May 2 with the election of New Democrats. We are not tied to special interest groups. We are committed to the interest of every Ontarian by promoting fairness and equity.

The death of our Simcoe Centre environment is staring us squarely in the face. The illegal and immoral pollution of residential, agricultural and recreational lands and waters near Perkinsfield and Barrie must stop now. The polluters and the

Ontario Ministry of the Environment which protects those polluters must be dealt with harshly.

We, New Democrats, propose an Environmental Repair Fund to clean up the dumpsites which contain deadly toxic chemicals. A tax on the production and import of specified chemicals would pay for the investigation and clean-up of these sites. We propose full public hearings for waste site establishment before the fact, not after. We also propose job creation programs based on environmental renewal.

Our precious farmland is disappearing at the rate of two 180-acre family farms a day. Simcoe Centre, long noted for its agricultural wealth must not suffer any longer. We New Democrats propose revisions to the Foodland Guidelines and the Planning Act to protect prime agricultural land and low interest, long-term loans to food producers.

The closure of the Black and Decker plant in Barrie is symptomatic of Conservative policies which put profits ahead of people. We

New Democrats propose plant closure legislation which would require justification by multi-national corporations who would seek to move in and out of communities like corporate gypsies. We propose retraining programs for working people who are displaced by justified closings and mandatory benefits for part-time employees such as portable pension plans and equal hourly pay-rates. Equal pay for work of equal value is a right, not a favour.

Equitable taxation would be the rule under New Democrats. Corporations and wealthy individuals must begin to pay their fair share of taxes for the programs which benefit us all. The provincial government must set the example in this equitable distribution of wealth. We New Democrats are committed to return the provincial share of the funding for education to 60 per cent, not the 47 percent currently funded by Frank Miller's Conservatives. We are committed further to decent, accessible health care based on a fair share of provincial government funding.

We are committed, too, on the matter of the elimination of OHIP premiums. Ontario is one of only three Canadian provinces which allows extra-billing, user fees and privatization of the health care system. We further propose a Denticare program for children and the aged.

On May 2, we all have an important responsibility to begin to make the changes in Ontario which put people first. Frank Miller's campaign strategy is to avoid the issues and trust voter apathy to carry him into office. At every doorstep I meet voters who are anything but apathetic, who know the issues and who have indicated their dissatisfaction with the Ontario government.

On May 2, I ask for your support in ending the attitude which takes this riding for granted. This riding deserves representation in the legislature by a member with community involvement, political experience and personal concern. Vote to end the policies of yesterday. Vote for the policies which will address the issues of today and tomorrow.

Overdue boaters located

At about 9 p.m. on Saturday, Herman Fuhler of Pier 69, Waubashene, reported three men left by boat at 7:30 a.m. that morning to go fishing in the Penetang area and hadn't returned. The Midland OPP

boat and RRC Trenton were advised.

At daylight, Sunday morning, the search began with boats and an OPP helicopter involved.

The persons missing were John Thorn (23 yrs.) of Toronto, Ont.,

Shane Harrison (31 yrs.) and Christopher Pynn (23 yrs.) of Downsview, Ont.

Harrison and Thorn rented a room at the Tay Motel for Saturday night but never showed up.

Bob Burke of the Tay

Motel advised Midland OPP he had been contacted by Thorn who advised that they would be late returning to pick up their gear as they had boat problems.

The search was then terminated.



WW II Battle of Atlantic remembered by cadets' march

This year, the full Royal Canadian Legion Midland Branch 80 Pipe and Drum Corps will sound the beat for the Midland Sea Cadets Sunday March to the cenotaph, in honour of the 73rd anniversary of the World War

II Battle of the Atlantic.

Thirty cadets ages 13-19, from the 286 Trillium Corps, will leave the Midland Civic Centre at 9:30 a.m. and proceed to the cenotaph for a remembrance service at 10. From

there, the march will continue down King Street to St. Paul's United Church.

Invitations have been sent to all local legions, and veterans from the naval service are expected to join the

boys on their remembrance march.

The name Trillium Corps refers to a navy corvette, like the ones built at Midland shipyards that played an important role in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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Animal Control will take dead animals

The problem of who is responsible for picking up dead animals from public property in Midland has been settled. Last year, when rabid animals were a problem, the question arose as to who should pick up dead animals from streets.

The new contract between the town and Huronia Animal Control Centre includes a clause giving Huronia Animal Control the responsibility of carrying away all dead animals on public property in Midland.

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LE 11 MAI, 1985

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HEALTH WALK FOR PENETANGUISHENE GENERAL HOSPITAL
May 11, 1985

'Healthwalk' Sat., from 10 to 12 noon

Town Dock
Start
Finish
PGH

'MERCHE de SANTE' sam de 10 a 12 hrs
Celebrate Canada Health Day
Proceeds for Electro Cardiograph Machine for Stress Testing
Penetanguishene General Hospital
Saturday, May 11, 1985
Refreshments at the Hospital