

Opinion

Art Dyer represents open council

For those of us who regularly attend council meetings in Tiny Township, councillor Art Dyer has enlivened many a morning with his frank remarks.

Though referred to by some as "the appointed councillor," Dyer has shown a profound understanding of the responsibilities an elected official must face.

He always speaks his mind and consistently asks uncomfortable questions for the benefit of the press and public, believing that virtually none of a council's business should be conducted in private backrooms.

This sort of open-minded approach to politics has been Dyer's forte during his two years on council. It is refreshing, representing the attitude that all municipal politicians should cultivate.

Dyer has developed a sincere appreciation for environmental concerns and shown an energetic, active desire to reform the operation Tiny Township. Particularly the latter aspiration should be applauded. We therefore endorse Dyer's candidacy and hope that the appointed councillor might become an elected councillor.

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Participants made tournament successful

Dear Editor:

The Midland and District Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society had a very successful third annual Daffodil Golf Tournament. The numbers were down a bit this year but the enthusiasm and enjoyment were as high as ever.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the people who donated prizes or worked so

hard to make the day such a success:

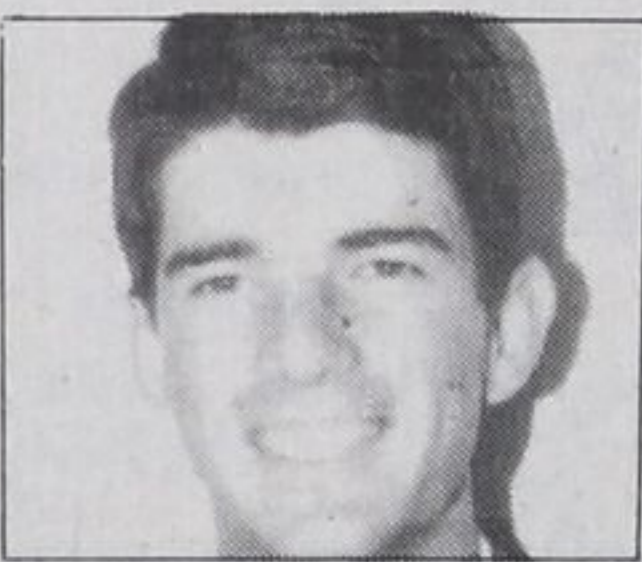
Midland Lions Club; Waltec Plastics; Brooklea Golf and Country Club; Scott Printing; Des Carpenter; Penetang Bottling Co.; Superior Propane; Ernie Mink Insurance; Humber Nursery Ltd.; Maclean Hunter TV; Huronia Motors; Mitsubishi Electronics; Perin's Flowers; Fred Hook Ltd.; George Ligowski; Huronia Office Services; Dial a

Movie; Penetang-Midland Coach Lines; Bank of Nova Scotia; McCreedy and Shirriff; TRW; Atlas Block Co.; Gates n' Greens; Hacker, Gignac and Rice; Lynn Funeral Home; Teskey, Heacock, Ferguson and Main; Waltec Sinkware; CKMP; Norma and Lloyd Roberts; and anonymous donors.

Last, but by no means least, we would like to thank the Midland Times and

Penetanguishene Citizen for their support in this fundraising endeavour. It is truly appreciated by our volunteers and most of all by the people we are able to help.

Sincerely
C.W. Malcolm
Public Relations Chairperson
Midland and District Unit
Canadian Cancer Society



As I See It

by David Krayden

It just works better that way

The New Democrats are alive and well - and living in the 1930s.

Despite the change of name during the last 50 or so years, Canada's premiere socialist party could still call itself the CCF because its economic dogma hasn't changed since J.S. Woodsworth fashioned the Regina Manifesto in 1933.

The New Democrat's candidate for Simcoe North was recently interviewed by one of this paper's reporters. Mike McMurter seems to be a likeable fellow, though I think it's convenient that he is a public "servant." If the New Democrats had their way, we would all be public serfs, working for the state in one capacity or another.

McMurter's major complaint about free trade is that we are going to "lose control" of our economy. He is only repeating his party's official line here, so it would be unfair

to attack McMurter personally for his words.

The NDP seems to think that governments actually do have "control" of their economies in the world today. Truthfully speaking, they do not.

We operate in a global economic system where the ideological barriers between communist and capitalist are simply veneers for the use and abuse of power. If socialist states are adopting free enterprise techniques for a market economy that's because it simply works better. Free enterprise is simply more useful for the efficient operation of an economy.

Why do you hear the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, calling for things like perestroika and a freer economy? Is it because he has suddenly been converted to the philosophy of the free market?

No, Gorbachev is just tired of seeing

lineups and shortages for the sake of ideological conviction. Isn't it fun to be a Bolshevik in the 1980s?

The Soviets tried centralized socialism for 60 years. From it, they got a monster named Stalin, useless military commitments in the Eastern Bloc and constant shortages of every consumer item imaginable. Their economy was remarkably well-suited for war production (which is why they knocked the stuffing out of the Germans during the Second World War) and space exploration. But if it wasn't a massive project like Sputnik or the Volga Dam, you had to wait a while.

If we adopt free trade, we will principally do so because it simply makes the economy work better. It won't lessen our control over the economy because we don't have much control now. How the government spends money is contingent upon the actions of the

world's banks. How the Kremlin spends money is determined by the same gang.

After the Second World War ended in 1945, West Germany and Japan were both obliterated and finished as military powers. But they soon took their places in the United Nations and played a leading role in the new global economy.

If you think the United Nations is a powerless organization and a mere figurehead for world government, you are correct. The organizations funded by the UN, like the International Monetary Fund, have the real power.

Canada's New Democrats should wake up to the economic environment of the 1980s just like the socialists in France have. Privatization and free trade are the policies there

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