

# Vox Populi Your letters to the editor

Dear Mrs. Walker,

It is with great admiration that I write this letter telling you how much we appreciate your efforts in making the "South Marysburgh Mirror" a delight to read, and the very informative editorials particularly in the last two issues: "The Breach that is Meech," and the latest "A mandate from the People". You have shown that your insight, and political acumen is very acute and both articles were excellent.

You mention in "A Mandate from the People" a few of the many shortcomings of our present governments both Federally and Provincially, and how the people can change this from within their respective parties.

Having been one of those who write numerous letters to a great number of M.P.s on the two levels of government including Premiers of other Provinces as well as Ontario, can only say that it is an exercise in frustration. I know of many dozens of letters that have been sent to our local M.P.P. and to my knowledge he has yet to address the questions put to him, and I am certain that if he had done so in the legislature he would not have been returned by acclamation by his party a few weeks ago. So much for representing his constituents in this riding. What is happening however he and the rest of our elected, are representing their respective parties to us, a complete reversal of what was originally intended. We have far reaching bills being passed that will alter this province for years to come, and while only 55 members out of 125 were sitting in the legislature, and this on a recorded vote. Where was the opposition that day, our cashing their pay cheques? And the Federal government have received the largest petition ever presented regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that was completely ignored by a typically arrogant elected body albeit Federal or Provincial.

How can you get the right representation in government even if you get 80% of the voters exercising their right, if the party leader can dictate how that member can vote when it comes to the constituents verses the party well being. We have all seen what happens when they don't follow the leader. The big three only represent the voter on election day, after that they represent the Party first and foremost. This will not change until a recall system is installed in our legislation.

This is why we are working so hard to bring an alternative to the voter, rather than one body with three heads. After 40 years with one party, I came away knowing the changes would never be made from within and this is why I am voting and promoting The Ontario Federation of Regions Party, as they are not being funded by special interest groups or big business, and are a grass roots party, advocating the changes that are greatly needed for a responsible government that is really answerable to the people and not a leader.

All I can say Bev, is I hope I am half as successful in my endeavour as you have been with the South Marysburgh Mirror. It shows what one determined person can accomplish.

Yours truly  
Robert Anthony

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