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## Here . . . and There

Like all communities of people, there are differences of opinion. To accommodate the differences and to manage change, there are by-laws that spell out, as clearly as possible what one can and can not do. Two cases have come to township council of late, one concerning a bed & breakfast and one concerning a proposed restaurant. The purpose of council is to hear these concerns and to act within the scope of the council's limited powers to resolve them in the best interests of the community. But from time to time, it is a good idea to look at what is in the best interests of the community.

The tourist industry is the fastest growing sector of the local economy. We need the tourists and as a consequence we need the businesses that will cater to them. We the residents of this community also need these businesses in the off-season. And if this sector of the township's economy is not allowed to develop, what do its detractors offer to replace that much needed growth. What jobs can they offer

to replace those that will not be created by a growing tourism industry. Where will those wanting the company of others over a meal, but not wishing to drive all the way to Picton just for soup and a sandwich, go to attain this companionship? Are we going to open our homes to them and invite a group for lunch three times a week?

**"We have an amazing community in a wonderful country."**

So much for here, but what about there?

The Federal politicians would like us to think that the state of the unemployed, the health care system, revamping the armed forces and a

whole host of very worthy concerns are the most important issues facing Canada at this time. Horse feathers! The whole lot will be in total disarray if Quebec is allowed to secede. We are being sold a bill of goods, if we believe that Quebec has the right to secede. If Quebec has the right, then the opposite is true... the other nine provinces of Canada and the two territories, could hold a referendum and oust Quebec from the country. What an absurd idea... but no less absurd than to think that one arrogant group of leaders can bamboozle their constituents and the rest of Canada into thinking that they can, for their own interests, destroy this country.

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