

Gov't. by the people

By Bill Hodgson
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If a Government is to be effective, it must also be responsive to the wishes of the public. And in the process, Government must admit its mistakes. The decision to drop the new seven per cent tax on energy last week is one of the most dramatic examples of this in some time.

When the tax was originally announced by Provincial Treasurer John White, in the budget, it was designed to raise \$5 million dollars to help remove some of the burden from property taxation. Mr. White thought then, and still does, that it was a wise tax and that the majority of residents would find it more attractive than increases in property or other taxes. However, such was not the case.

Many members of the Legislature of all parties felt that the energy tax was regressive because it would have an equal effect on everyone, no matter what their income. As well, the public was quick to respond. Thousands of letters were sent to members of the Legislature and they almost universally condemned the tax. Therefore the only correct action was to remove it. The real question was not whether the tax was good or bad, but whether the people of Ontario wanted it. It was obvious they did not.

Premier Davis summed up this attitude in the House on April 24 when he said: "The Government and the party I lead will continue to remain responsive to the wishes of this Province. If this means we must change our minds or modify our policies, let it be known that we will be prepared to do so."

There are two lessons to be learned from this incident of withdrawing the seven per cent energy tax. Both of them are essential to an orderly democratic process. The first is that a successful Government has to listen to the views of the public. And if the public feels that Government is in error, changes must be made. In other words Governments, like people, have to be big enough to admit mistakes.

The second lesson is that each individual can bring about change if he takes the time to make his views known to the Government. In this instance thousands of people did just that.

Both of these concepts of the effective working of Government seem so simple that we sometimes tend to forget about them. However, it's well to be reminded about them now and then, because they form the very foundation of good Government.



Caryn Phoenix, 17, a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is The Tribune's 'Teen Pick of the Week'. Jim Thomas

Teen Pick of the Week

Loves country life

STOUFFVILLE — Seventeen year old Caryn Phoenix, like so many of today's young people, is 'in love' with country life; in fact, the farther she's separated from the cluttered, crowded atmosphere of the city, the better.

Caryn, a Grade 12 student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is actually a 'native' of Toronto. Her parents moved to Pickering

Swimming, sailing, water skiing and reading are her favorite pastimes. This summer she hopes to serve as a lifeguard at the Stouffville Pool. She was involved in 4-H work.

On weekends, she's employed at the Stouffville Nursing Home.

Following graduation, Caryn hopes to travel possibly in Europe. For the present, however, she'll be more than content with watching the 'action' from a lifeguard post at the town pool.

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