

Hep C vote won't taint party, MP says

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Two hours before he voted to back his government's hepatitis C package, local Liberal MP Bryon Wilfert said his conscience was clear.

The House of Commons vote on the issue Tuesday means compensation will go, as the Liberals planned, only to Canadians infected by the disease through tainted blood

between January, 1986 and July, 1990, when a screening test to detect hepatitis C was available but not used.

It is thought that 20,000 Canadians will benefit from the \$1.1 billion package, but as many as 60,000 others will not, because they were infected before 1986.

Wiltfert, MP for Oak Ridges, said the government should not be held responsible for infections before

1986, since it could have done nothing to stop them.

"I have no difficulty looking at myself in the mirror," said the MP, who serves Stouffville and northern Markham.

Markham MP Jim Jones, a Conservative, joined MPs from opposition parties in backing a Reform Party motion to compensate all victims of tainted blood.

It was defeated because Liberal MPs, including Wilfert, all voted with their party for what Prime Minister Jean Chretien had declared a con-

fidence vote.

But though Wilfert was told such a vote could unseat the government, he said he'd vote against the motion because the Liberal policy is the right one.

If the government admits responsibility for all infected Canadians, "all



WILFERT

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sorts of groups' will come forward and say, "What about us?" he argued.

The federal government is still prepared to negotiate with the provinces some way of providing things like home care or free drugs for such people, said Wilfert. "No one is abandoning anyone."

The Conservative Party said Liberals "were forced to fall in and vote with the government line," a charge Wilfert denied.

Come to music night

Everyone is invited to attend an evening of beautiful music and song tomorrow at St. James' Presbyterian Church on Main Street, at 8 p.m.

The 28th annual Sacred Music Night, which is an interdenominational event, will feature a fine cross-section of local performers.

A free-will offering will

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The Regional Municipality of York has completed Phases 1 and 2 (Schedule B) of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects for the Highway 404 Corridor Sanitary Sewer Servicing Study. The Servicing Study was initiated in 1993 and has incorporated servicing decisions that were made as part of the York-Durham Trunk Sewer System Master Plan (completed in 1997).

The Servicing Study identified and evaluated servicing alternatives to select the preferred alternative that would meet the sanitary sewer requirements of future development within the Highway 404 Corridor in the Town of Richmond Hill and the Town of Markham, as well as meeting longer term servicing requirements for the Region of York. The preferred alternative consists of the construction of a new trunk sewer along the Rouge River Valley, from Leslie Street (north of Major Mackenzie Drive) to 16th Avenue (east of Woodbine Avenue), and paralleling the existing Valleyland trunk sewer from 16th Avenue to the York-Durham sewer on Warden Avenue (south of Highway 7).

Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the planning of this project, and will be received until Monday, June 1, 1998. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Regional Municipality of York intends to proceed with the design and construction of the sewer.

A report entitled, "Consolidated Class Environmental Assessment York-Durham Sewage System Highway 404 Corridor Sanitary Sewer Servicing Study", is available for viewing at the following locations:

Transportation and Works Department The Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket	MacViro Consultants Inc. Suite 600, 90 Allstate Parkway, Markham
Richmond Hill Public Library 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill	Unionville Library 15 Library Lane Unionville
Town of Richmond Hill 225 East Beaver Creek Road	Town of Markham 101 Town Centre Blvd.

If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with York Region, a person/party may request that the Minister of the Environment "bump-up" the project to an individual environmental assessment. "Bump-up" requests must be received by the Minister within 30 calendar days of this Notice at:

Minister of the Environment
15th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

A copy of the "bump-up" request shall be sent to:

Mr. Bruce Macgregor, P.Eng.
Director, Water & Wastewater Services
The Regional Municipality of York
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