

Life after a dead-end job?

A couple of press releases that found their way into Tribu-nal-land via the fax freeway the other day are worth noting, if only because they provide proof positive that indeed there can be life after a dead end job.

Both involve individuals who had obviously tired of their work, welcoming the new career opportunities that have come their way.

In the case of John Snobelen, the high school dropout who as former Ontario education minister carried a tool box consisting of nothing but a blunt hatchet, a switch to the Natural Resources ministry appears to be just what the doctor ordered.

Snobelen, this government release proudly proclaimed, has loaded his musket and gone after big game as he sets out to bring orderliness and fairness to his new domain.

After consulting with experts in the field, or perhaps that should be the forest, he has announced "major improvements" to the, wait for it, Moose Validation Tag Draw.

And just when we were beginning to fear the talents of this former public enemy number one of all Ontario teachers might be wasted by demoting him to a portfolio of limited significance!

It would appear the esteemed minister has even mastered the fine art of responding to the will of those most affected by prospective government legislation. "Sixty five percent of moose hunters who responded to last fall's survey indicated that they wanted this modification to the draw," said a self-satisfied Snobelen. He went on to state with a similar self-congratulatory tone that the changes, which increase the odds of groups of 10 hunters being granted a licence to stalk moose, are based on the recommendations of the Big Game Management Advisory Committee. Not only that, but the BGMAC was in turn responding to the results of an earlier initiative, namely, The Simmons Review of Moose Tags. "Wow! You could almost hear J.S. waxing indignant as he scoffed, "And they said this government doesn't listen!"

So there you go, John Snobelen is indeed alive and well and applying his ample democratic acumen to major moose matters. The second press release was the stuff of which dreams are made for those of us who sometimes succumb to the urge to blow a buck on a LOTTO 649 ticket when the payoff promises to be up there in the gazillions of dollars.

Anorud Singh of Toronto pulled no punches when he showed up at the Ontario Lottery Corporation office Monday morning to claim his third of the \$21 million jackpot from Saturday's draw. "I'm planning to quit my machine operating job," he announced



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straight off. Now there's a man who recognizes an escape hatch when he sees one. How often do we hear big lottery winners say how they're just going to go on as if nothing had happened. Yeah, right. After all, most people thoroughly enjoy rushing around to get the kids ready for day care at the crack of dawn each week day, fighting rush hour traffic, then subjecting themselves to the whims of a corporate boss driven by the bottom line.

But here, a 39-year-old man, father of four kids, who can't get his hands on his money fast enough to begin reaping the benefits of his good fortune.

And it's hard to argue with his shopping list. He's going to buy a house, travel, share with his family and invest. He's also going to indulge himself by purchasing a 4x4 truck.

And what will he do to fill his time upon beating a hasty retreat from the routine of the machine shop? He suggests he may just start up a business. Bravo! Spoken like any pumped up seven-year immigrant to Canada from Guyana who has bought into the Canadian entrepreneurial dream that anything's possible.

Good for you Anorud. And who knows, maybe some day when you're registering your business, you'll run into a certain John Snobelen when he resurfaces as minister of consumer and commercial relations in the next cabinet shuffle.

And if you're feeling compelled to put something back in after your windfall, you might just want to offer the good minister a position in the event he someday finds himself in a dead end job.



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK PROPOSES TO PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING:

1. WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8) FROM 16TH AVENUE (Y.R. 73) TO MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE (Y.R. 25) IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM.

- the widening and reconstruction of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) from 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) to Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) in the Town of Markham, to a basic width of 36.0 metres with additional widenings at cuts, fills and intersections to provide a basic four-lane road with a continuous centre left-turn lane and right-turn lanes at intersections;
- the provision of traffic control signals and illumination at the intersections of Calvert Road and Rodick Road with Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8);
- the provision of an underground conduit system and illumination at the intersection of Personna Boulevard with Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8);
- the carrying out of all related works and undertakings in connection with the above; and
- the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands for the works described above.

Pursuant to section 300 of the *Municipal Act*, the Transportation and Works Committee of the Regional Council will, at its meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of May, 1998 in Committee Room "A" at the Regional Administrative Building located at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, hear any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Anyone wishing to be heard is requested to advise the Office of the Regional Clerk, attention: Doris Sue (telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201 ext. 1303). If any party entitled to be heard does not attend at the hearing, the Committee may proceed in his/her absence and he/she will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

The proposed by-law and plans showing the proposed works may be inspected at the office of Brian Harrison, Director, Design and Construction Branch, at the Transportation and Works Department located at the Regional Administrative Building at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket (telephone 895-1200 or 764-6345 ext. 5088).

DATED at Newmarket this 2nd day of May, 1998.

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