

**EDITORIAL PAGE.**

Editor, The Lantern:

In January of 1988 a very significant appeal was heard by a Commissioner from the Ontario Municipal Board at the Bastard and South Burgess Township Offices. The appeal had been brought by Mr. Darragh Elliot, a landholder of property adjacent to the old Rothwell Perrin mill which is now occupied by Mr. Ken Mason and his business, Mason Marine. The appeal focussed on the grounds whereby the Township had granted a zoning change to allow Mr. Mason to operate at the site. Council changed from an industrial zoning to a commercial tourist zoning. The issues are not simple to follow but it is very clear that the township council was not prepared, or equipped, to understand the issues surrounding this application and the resource they are prepared to trade off for a quick tax dollar.

The Big Rideau Lake Association is not blaming the Council for this foul up. The responsibility lies with the Province. We are asking more and more of our elected representatives to assess developments with no training or assistance from the expertise that lies within the Ontario Municipal Board. It is long overdue that the Minister of Municipal Affairs creates a program wherein newly elected officials can receive some instruction and assistance in the examination of development proposals, so that they are able to assess and make reasonable decisions in the best interests of all ratepayers. The result of the hearing was that the Council decision was overturned and the Mason property was ruled Commercial General, giving Mr. Mason the authority to continue operating his store and repair facility but denying him any access to the water until he can prepare a more thorough development proposal. The result of Council's misguided benevolence in granting the first zoning change while disregarding the objections raised by this Association and by Mr. Elliott, is that Mr. Mason has spent considerable funds because of their decision. He need not have faced the problem if Council had paid heed to the warnings in the first place. He need not have faced the problem if Council, through no fault of their own, had any understanding of the complexity of these decisions upon the developer, the community and the resource.

Council should examine their own official plan, The problem starts in that document. The Official Plan imparts no understanding of the resource offered to the township in the form of the Big Rideau Lake. The plan fails to safeguard the resource or to realize that the major source of revenue for the township comes from seasonal residences located on the lakes in the township. The twenty first century is nearly here and this Council is still struggling to get past the middle of the twentieth century. The Big Rideau Lake Association needs a responsible and informed Township Council, responding to the needs of all the inhabitants. The Mason Marine zoning action was indicative of the problems and costs that Council must undertake if they cannot catch up to the issue of modern development management, Doug Kirkland, President. Big Rideau Lake Assoc.

**To The Editor**

I appreciate this opportunity to express my concern regarding the Mulrone Trade Deal with our good neighbor to the South. I am no expert on trade but then I am sure that Simon Reisman is no expert on the cost of production of farm products. I am sure also that any economic or social impact detrimental to Canadians in general will not affect the standard of living of Mr. Reisman, Mr. Mulrone or any other "haves" in Canada. As a farmer I am concerned. I have worked for so many years in the National Farmers Union for economic justice for all farmers which would include my Ontario cash crop producers and now those Canadian farmers who are about to get the props kicked out from under them. I am appalled there are actually leaders of Commodity groups in Canada that promote the trade deal. Export of unfinished cattle to the United States create jobs in U.S. feedlots, usage of tremendous amounts of U.S. grain and plenty of jobs in the U.S. meat packing plants and transportation back into Canada to our Eastern markets.

Also I have trouble understanding the mentality of hog farmers who want to compete with the U.S. farmers cheap pork. It would make more sense to produce 4 hogs for Canadians at a reasonable profit that 4 hogs for Canadians and 6 for the glorious export market all priced at the "loss leader" of the 6. Cash croppers seemed to have looked a little more closely at the eventual result. Canada

— USA dollar at par means to me corn at \$1.50 per bushel or less.

I do not understand much of the rhetoric by those who campaign for election against this deal and now are all for it. Sounds almost like someone is pulling their strings. Personally I think there are a lot of nice people in the U.S. I think they should run their affairs and we run ours. Recently I watched an interview on T.V. Ontario. A very successful Canadian businessman in the financial industry in New York city has made millions. He wondered why we would want this trade deal. As far as Americans are concerned they certainly are not interested in our piddling industrial and agriculture contribution but our Natural Resources lock as attractive to them as they ever did.

Last fall Bob White of the Canadian Auto Workers spoke at a meeting against free trade and Darcy McKeough former Ont. Treasurer and ousted Pres. of Union Gas spoke in favour, saying many more jobs would be created. My observation is they would no doubt be for \$5.00 per hour jobs but I'll bet Darcy would'n't end up with one of them.

Sure would be nice for Brian to give us a vote on this deal.

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- 3 Delta United Church, Sunrise Service. 7.00a.m. Pancake breakfast.
- 5 Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society, Forfar Community Hall 7.45 p.m. Speaker Tony Hewitt. Everyone welcome.
- 6 Leeds, Lanark and Grenville Health Unit, Next Health Clinic, Rideau Lakes Apartment Lounge at 1.30 p.m. Presentation will be "Relaxation Techniques".
- 8 Seeley's Bay Legion Adam and Eve Darts. 8 p.m. at Westport Legion.
- 10- "Setting Sails" Bishop Desmond Hunt, Leeds Rear Parish Hall, Lyndhurst, 7.30 p.m.
- 16 Ham and Bean Supper, Harmony Lodge, Philipsville, 4-7.30 p.m. All welcome. Seeley's Bay Legion Spring Auction. 8.00 p.m. Members and guests welcome.
- 21 Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, R.D.H.S. 1.30-4.30, 6.30-8.00 p.m.
- 24 Seeley's Bay Legion Pancake Breakfast Everyone welcome.
- 30 Seeley's Bay Legion Casino Night 8.00 p.m. Lyndhurst Legion Dance. 9.00 p.m.- 1.00 a.m. Music by D.J. Terry Thompson. Guests and friends welcome.

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