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Views from the Farm



Hello Folks,

Well it was good to see the Ford government step up to the plate with a letter of intent that says they plan to cut some of the powers of the Conservation Authority. The suggestion is that they should go back to their original mandate. That mandate was to protect people and private property from flooding and erosion and to help ensure water supply in time of drought. All the other projects that the CA's engage in these days were brought about by special interest groups infiltrating the CA's and then lobbying the sympathetic politicians to convince them that they need more power to control private property owners on their own property. This of course goes directly against the Conservation Authorities Act which states that they only have control of the land that they own or on land that they have made an agreement with the private landowner.

The problem for the Ford government is that left-leaning activists, green groups and uninformed politicians will be out to scuttle whatever the Ford government brings forward, hoping to scare them into a 'flip-flop' because of public backlash. The people on the other side of this issue, "the people who own the land" are not nearly as vocal, not nearly as organized and not nearly as fanatical. They also don't have the money pouring in from UN sponsored organizations to run negative ads to convince people that those bad farmers and other property owners can't wait to destroy the world of nature as we know it.

It would seem that there is a large segment of the

Canadian society that would prefer that the government controls all parts of our world. They want the 'all-knowing government' to control all property, who lives where, what you eat, how much energy you use, how much water you use and even who lives or who dies before you are born and when you are old.

It has always puzzled me why any normal, educated person in this modern world could possibly believe that a socialist government could ever be considered a better way to live rather than keeping the power in the hands of ordinary people, all working with common goals of making the country better through private entrepreneurship.

As a farmer all my life, I can fully understand what it is like to live under a truly socialist system. I provide everything for the animals in my care. Food, water, shelter, security and healthcare are all provided without them having to worry about anything. Oh and yes, they are free to do whatever they want within the confines of their pens or paddocks. Yes, I am the equivalent of an all powerful socialist government.

So is it the goal of these left leaning people to become the equivalent of my farm animals? **

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HERE TO SERVE

**GOLDIE GHAMARI'S ANNUAL
CARLETON COMMUNITY BBQ**

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join me on Saturday, September 21 from 12 - 3 at my constituency office in Richmond for a free community BBQ. We will have entertainment, children's activities, music, and of course, lots and lots of food!

This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

**PLEASE RSVP TO HELP ME
ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD
FOR EVERYONE.**

You can RSVP by calling my office or going to my website: goldiemp.ca

See you there!

NEWS FROM QUEEN'S PARK

**CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
CONSULTATIONS**

As you know, on June 6, 2019, the provincial government passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* which updated the *Conservation Authorities Act*. We made these legislative changes to improve public transparency, consistency, and accountability in conservation authority operations.

These changes will give greater control to individual municipalities on conservation authority programs and budgets.

Over the coming months, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks will be reviewing all of the relevant legislation and regulations that govern Ontario's conservation authorities to explore even more opportunities to re-focus their efforts and to ensure they are best serving the interests of the people of Ontario.

I will be making an exciting announcement about this very soon!

If you want to hear my announcement as soon as it's made, please sign up for my newsletter on my website: goldiemp.ca/newsletter

**ONTARIO LAUNCHES 2019
EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE
PROGRAM**

***Calling all New and Innovative
Ideas in Ontario Agriculture***

Recently, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announced that the Excellence in Agriculture program is open to receive applications and now includes a new category to recognize outstanding young farmers.

The Excellence in Agriculture program recognizes agri-food innovations and advancements that demonstrate leadership, product development or technology advancement that will benefit the sector. The innovations recognized will be those that have potential to help move the agri food sector forward, so it is better positioned to thrive here at home and on the global stage.

In addition to primary producers, processors and agri-food organizations, the 2019 Excellence in Agriculture program has a new category to recognize outstanding youth leaders in the agri food sector. Youth under 29, who are residents of Ontario and have an innovation with a direct link to the agri-food sector, are encouraged to apply. There is also a new category focused on innovation. Application criteria for all five applicant categories can be found in the program guidebook.

Applications can be submitted until October 11, 2019.

To submit an application, please visit my website: goldiemp.ca/excellence-in-agriculture-2019

**ONTARIO OPENS STATE
OF THE ART BEEF RESEARCH CENTRE**

***New Elora facility will increase
sector efficiency and growth.***

The Ontario government is celebrating the opening of the Ontario Beef Research Centre in Elora which will give Ontario's 6,800 beef farms access to the latest technologies and findings on health, welfare and production. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs was joined by representatives of Beef Farmers of Ontario, the University of Guelph and the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario to commemorate the opening of this beef research and innovation centre.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE:

My constituency office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and I have 4 full time employees helping me serve the people of Carleton.

If you require assistance on any matter, please contact me at any time. It's why I'm here. Even if it's not a provincial issue, I'll make sure to connect you with the proper office -

***Goldie
Your voice at Queen's Park***

WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU

Updated version

- **Call** for support. Have an OLA contact list available
- **Be** polite, Be Assertive, Stand Your Ground.
- **Record** your visitors with phone, recorder, video, notes etc.
- **If police** with visitor, address them first: Why are you here? Under what authority?
- **If** the Police refer to “Keeping the Peace”, ask the question ... does that mean my Peace as well? Does this mean you intend to protect my rights as well?
- **Record** name, badge #, and headquarters. Get pictures of ID, license plates, vehicles etc. Request incident #.
- **If there is a Warrant** to Search, ask senior officer to read it aloud. Make sure that the Party who swore to the Warrant is present when the officer reads the Warrant. Assuming it is not the Police. For example, Conservation Authority has sword to the Warrant. It is important that everyone know and understand the limitations of the Warrant.
- **Ask** to see the Information to Obtain the warrant (**ITO**). If there is no ITO, make a verbal note to all that there is no ITO and you Protest the Execution of the Warrant. Do Not Interfere with the Warrant. Argue it later in court. Everything must be accurate; name, address, Signatures etc. If anything is wrong, tell the officer you protest the Warrant. That it is invalid for the following reasons. If the officer disagrees, argue it in court. Verbal disagreement with the Warrant is not in itself, blocking or interfering with the Execution of the Warrant.
- **Only comply** with what is on the warrant, offer no extra information and verbally protest the extra search. Argue it in court.
- **If just an official;** bylaw etc, ask for 2 pieces gov't. issued ID, proof of employment, employee # confirmation phone #(business cards don't count but keep one for later) They have NO authority without a warrant, ask them

to leave. Ask them 3x then call 911. If they insist they have authority, make them show you. Remember Criminal code is Federal legislation and if no warrant they could be charged with trespass or mischief.

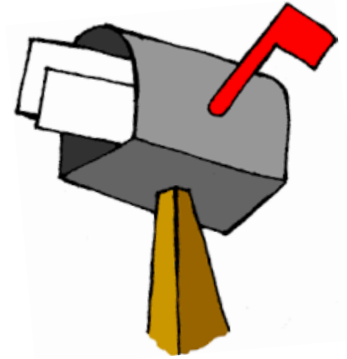
- **Ask** for insurance confirmation and sterile boots and clothing, You don't know where they've been. Follow bio-security measures.
- **If they are there on a complaint**, ask for the name and actual complaint as everyone is allowed to face their accuser. You might have to file a freedom of information request.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- **Don't be intimidated** by a uniform!
- **Be firm.** If you don't stop them from walking on your property, it looks like implied consent.
- **Document everything** in writing when visit is over. Witness support would be an asset.
- **When in doubt** ... Verbally Protest the Warrant or the Uninvited Access to your land. Do Not Physically Interfere in a Warrant or Inspection. The court is the place to be. Motion to Quash the Warrant. If the Motion succeeds, then the evidence gathered is thrown out.
- **A Tort** may be the next step after a Warrant is Quashed or an uninvited inspection.
- **Record** All Events while anyone is on your land. Keep your camera handy and the battery charged. The same with a cell phone. Add an additional SD card as well. More storage capacity. Film in low resolution for longer filming.
- **Never** answer a question. Anything you say will be used against you. Especially with body Cameras being used. There is no law compelling you to answer question. However, You Can Ask All The Questions You Want. Ask Them on the record.

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NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

Letters from our Readers



Dear editor, I wonder if you would consider printing the following:

The Great Deception

As most of your readers know, Canada produces only about 1.6% of the global CO₂ emitted and it would take 17 years for Canada to emit what China produces in one year. Regardless of this, it is now common practice to compare the output of different countries by using the term per capita, i.e. per person. The result is that China, the greatest emitter, ends up with the very low figure of 7.7 metric tons per person, whilst Canada gets a whopping 16 metric tons per person. This is of course, absolutely ridiculous but what is so disturbing is that Canadians are being brow-beaten for such a high per capita.

In fact, per capita figures are meaningless when calculated solely from the size of the population and the quantity of CO₂. The reason for this is that people do not produce any fossil fuel CO₂. This gas is produced only by the result of burning fossil fuels, the cutting down of trees for lumber and forest fires.

To illustrate how ludicrous this per capita application is, consider this, if Canada's population were to double, its per capita, would drop from 16 metric tons per person to 8 metric tons per person without any reduction of CO₂ and in a similar way, if China's population was halved, its per capita would increase from 7.7 tons per person to 15.4 tons per person without any change in its emitted gas.

Lists of per capita CO₂ emissions for every country are readily available on-line and this gives it an air of respectability, totally undeserved, for it is an international disgrace.

I personally am unable to do anything about it but I hope that others will take up the banner to condemn this abominable practice.

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You Could Not Make This Up

by Will Triumph

I am a resident somewhere in Ontario. I have no previous experience severing lots and have been working on the severance of three lots off our large rural property and thought I would share some problems that I encountered. The full story is 4 years long and I will break it into a number of parts and as one supporter said “You just could not make this up”.

I started with the Township which is lower tier local government. Numerous meetings cleared up how 3 severances would fit within the Official Plan (OP). No full Hydrogeological testing was required. I only had to have one well drilled on the lot closest to a closed dump site. I would require water quantity and quality testing carried out by a qualified professional to ensure potability. This could have been done as a condition to the severance upon approval or as I chose, to have the well done on the off chance there was a problem before spending money for the next levels of application and approval. The other requirement was an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A list of firms was provided by the Township Planner. There was a dump site that closed long ago in the area that had been studied in a few Township Engineering studies, one with water sampling which resulted in a letter from the Township supplying a copy of an MOE letter stating that “no additional water well sampling is planned for this site”. The Township planner did not require any further dump site testing on my part. So far so good.

I had to wait about 10 months as the EIS was to be carried out in May. I met with the individual, one of two that returned my calls. Quite a difference in prices might I add. We walked the property and there were no butternut trees as they would have been show stoppers. The fellow visited at different times and

made sound recordings. I will cover the EIS in a later story but it ended with conditions that if implemented would lead to insignificant impacts on Natural Heritage Values and impacts on development.

I moved on to have the well drilled and had the well company included an engineer for both grout inspection of the casing and to carry out the required water quantity and quality testing. The service truck pumped 20 gallons per minute for 7 hours and hardly dropped the aquifer. Reports came back with test reports showing no E coli but some elevated hardness that is expected in limestone and it is fully treatable. Potable water quantity and quality was acceptable to the P.Eng and the report was signed and stamped.

Now it was time to go to the County, the upper tier of non elected government. I took the application that was signed off by the Township Planner that only indicated water quantity and quality requirements. I had reviewed the Checklist of items and carried out everything to the satisfaction of the Township Planner. At the County I paid for the County application fee and the Conservation Authority (CA) fee with the purpose: to review application and provide technical advice on development activities around water courses and wetlands. The final fee was for the Health Unit for private sewage disposal system inspection. I really wondered why the CA was involved as our property is mainly Managed Forest which a number of auditors have agreed with and is not near wetland half a Kilometer away. We were working with 3 clearings and trying to maintain the forest.

The Health Unit, the principal authority for septic approval, responded first with approvals “granted” with additional sandy loam fill required in the area of the future leaching bed.

The CA responded after 2 months and they noted that the proposed lots are not on or adjacent to floodplain or wetland and are therefore not subject to development approvals... By stating it is not on or adjacent to wetland they have fulfilled their purpose on providing technical advice on areas around wetland or water courses. It is not applicable! The next part is the review of the application and here it gets interesting. The CA is not a review agency under the Conservation Authorities Act. I later found that the CA has both a permit to practice Engineering and Geology for external work. I also, after more than a year found a County Bylaw that included a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** covering specific plan review and technical clearance services to the County by the CA. In that document, the CA is to provide Qualified Professional(s) to carry out the technical review of the applicant’s consultant’s technical reports to determine if they have been prepared in accordance with standards... The CA was also to provide detailed comments on the technical studies.

The CA “letter” was signed by a planner who is not a qualified professional. It went on to say we did not have a preconsultation. This was repeated in meetings to which I responded that it was not called for. The CA letter went on to state that this was to prevent misunderstandings about the required scope of study and to address specific constraints. The problem here is that the Township only asked for Water Quantity and Quality and the Township OP clearly states that “The studies required to support consent applications of more than three lots (excluding the retained lot) will be determined through consultation with the appropriate agencies (Conservation Authority...)”. This excludes my severance by Consent of three lots from the CA’s determination of required studies.

Even the check list did not have a requirement! Our proposed severances are outside the regulation limit on a map that the CA provided.

My consultant's report clearly stated that it was a limited scope hydrogeological study of water quantity and quality only. According to the MOU this is the technical study required by the Township and was the only required study. Yet the CA went well beyond that. They were definitely not following the MOU. Yet they reference the MOU in their letter. The County has a Bylaw that included the MOU and neither the County nor the CA was following it! This is your government at work.

The CA's letter went on to say that my consultant's study found that there was ample groundwater, likely of acceptable quality for the proposed development. Then they continued with my consultant's report not covering fundamentals of Procedure D-5-4 for onsite treatment and disposal. They carried on with a list of Best Practices including larger lots, longer well casings and greater spacing between septic systems and wells and the use of advanced septic systems with nutrient reduction technology with no substantiation. There was a reference to Procedure D-5-5. None of this was called for by the Township planner and the review was limited by the MOU scope.

In a meeting with the County, and the Township, the CA planner demanded that I carry out a Hydro G of the dump site. I responded that the closed dump site was not our property and that the Township had carried out studies and the MOE had responded that no additional testing was planned. I was told by the CA planner that if I did not carry out the Hydro G then I would never get my approval. I figured that would be 20 or 30 thousand dollars and that my severances were doomed by this threat.

Ultimately the CA, through the planner's signature would not accept my consultant's report. They then chastised my consultant for some petty paperwork errors and for not fulfilling the CA's demands that were never

asked for by the Township. This was not a subdivision of 4 or more lots where they get to demand the world! They wanted further well mapping through the area, water well records and aquifer response data. They wanted water testing far beyond the potability asked for by the Township.

I asked the Township planner under what authority the CA was involved and I was given this answer ...the County is the approval authority and has a contractual arrangement with the CA to review hydrogeological work that is prepared in support of severance ... applications. It took a long time to realize that there was an MOU and find the County Bylaw containing the MOU. It did not give the CA the right to go anywhere except to the submitted limited scope hydrogeological report from my consultant. The County planner never brought the MOU forward and I eventually tracked it down in minutes to a long past Council Meeting.

The MOU changes the game by providing a scope and professional level of review and that put in question so much of what the CA had been doing. A professional review carried out at this point would potentially force requirements on my project. They would have had to be substantiated. Yet, a non professional

planner's comments that were beyond the review scope and contained errors and unsubstantiated demands were submitted instead. A planner has no authority to review technical documents. This review should have been carried out and signed by a Qualified Professional such as a P. Eng. or P.Geo. With that signature comes liability! The County and the Township used these "comments" to try to force compliance and this created over a years delay until I found the MOU and researched many Acts and finally the Procedures D-5-4 and D-5-5. I see a conflict of interest between the CA work and the CA working as a consultant. There has been no separation between the two. Lots of good ethical questions here.

I will continue in another article about my efforts to try and find a resolve and my findings.

I write this to tell my story and also to alert others who have gone through or are involved in severances by consent outside of wetlands where the CA is reviewing technical studies to the possibility of an MOU that one should ask about. If there is one and it is not followed it may well change the course of your Consent.

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Riding the Gravy Train



by Dale Dawson

If given a choice, would you happily pay all of those Senators the money they are receiving out of your own pocket? Well, you are! You are generously rewarding them for being a friend or chief apple polisher to whatever Prime Minister that has appointed them. Remember the government has no money – the government only spends your money like it was so much confetti. I believe if the Prime Minister wishes to set a friend up on a lifetime gravy train, he should pay for it himself. One of these days they will be carting me off to a home not nearly as luxurious as the house of patronage occupied by our elder statesmen in Ottawa and I'll have to foot the bill. I'll still be contributing nothing to the country as they are and I won't be getting a housing allowance. One has to ask if we are getting a good return on our money from this institution of sober second thought. Okay— stop laughing now. We all know that it's a gold plated trough set up to reward loyal political hacks and yes men. People who rock boats will never have a chance to raise their tired butts out of those oh so comfortable seats in that hallowed hall to tell it like it is.

I thought that I'd mention Senators in passing as they are splendid examples of how hard work isn't always rewarded as we were taught as children. My generation was lied to by the adults of the day. They didn't intentionally try to deceive us as they in their innocence believed that hard work would be rewarded in politics and in the work world as well. Maybe in their day, clever efficient workers did rise to the top like cream on a frosty morning. Those days have gone the way of the dinosaur along with most of our workplace integrity. Let's you and I think back over our

lives and remember some of those bozos who rose mysteriously to lofty positions without enough talent to tie their shoes. I know – it sounds like I'm bitter -- that's because I am. I should clarify that I was bitter when I was younger, but I've mellowed now to the point that I can joke about it. Right! If you are still reading this, you understand and have been there. You know what it is to be trampled or pushed out of the way by inept unprincipled, untalented boot kissers in their eagerness to kowtow to upper management. Smart efficient workers usually have enough pride that they won't stoop or bow and why should they? When its promotion time in today's work environment, hardworking individuals have as much chance as a Ford Falcon in the Indianapolis 500 when they're up against the boss's nephew. So, you and I know that pride, intelligence and job knowledge can be a poor mix for climbing the corporate ladder and apple polishing really pays. I know – we'll still have our pride while the boss's nephew spends his winters in Hawaii. No – I'm not bitter – well maybe just a little.

Let us now mention another unfair practice that exists in the corporate world of today. All working people from company presidents to the custodians that clean toilets know that this is true. Anyone that is too good at a job that requires great skill is destined to remain at that position indefinitely, because he or she is too hard to replace. These individuals will watch less proficient slackers pass them by as they themselves keep doing more complicated tasks for fewer rewards. So, are we to assume that we shouldn't be too accomplished at what we do? It doesn't matter. Good employees only know one way

to work. They accept challenges and respond to them and bless their hearts, they are often penalized for their skill and positive attitude. Of course, over the years upper management with its short-sighted bumbling can ruin a lot of positive attitudes along with prosperous businesses. What a shame it is when a willing spirit is broken to the point where they are just going through the motions. It's a rare and uplifting thing to find a company with a management style that encourages and rewards skilful imaginative workers. It's so rare that I'm still looking for one.

I remember one time a plum position became available in a company I was working for – back when Ontario provincial governments encouraged companies to prosper. There were many talented people up for the job, but they chose Harry, the most inept character for miles around. I asked why? The boss said that Harry wouldn't work himself, but maybe he would make somebody else work. Really folks -- I'm not bitter.

Dale Dawson@aol.com



Canadian defense is not grounded in reality (Part One)



by Dr. Tim Ball

Baffin Island is 507,451 km² in area, which makes it larger than Spain and the 52nd largest country of 251 countries in the world. There is no way we can defend that, let alone the 3,855,100 km² of Canada.

The sheer size of the country is one thing, but the climate conditions make it even more difficult.

I spent almost nine years in the Canadian Air Force: four years as aircrew flying anti-submarine patrols over the Atlantic during the Cold War, and five years flying Search and Rescue in western, northern, and Arctic Canada. I joined on a short service commission and turned down a permanent commission after losing my flying category because of hearing loss.

However, the primary reason for getting out was the complete lack of any political direction, ignorance of Canada's needs and capabilities and the geopolitical changes in the world. It has always been that way, with governments constantly unprepared when events such as WWII, the Korean conflict, as well as the Vietnam and Cold Wars occurred. It is just as bad today, aggravated by the fact that occupying a military in peacetime was always a challenge.

After getting my Ph.D in climatology, I focused on the impact of climate change on history and the human condition. This led to teaching and researching in two other areas, water resources, and geopolitics. The latter is defined

as "the study of the effects of geography on international politics and international relations." It is an essential discipline for understanding military needs, strategy, and effectiveness.

I know how bad it is because I recently contributed a chapter on climate change for a strategy manual for the Staff College. An academic editor, who knew nothing about the science, rejected it because it didn't fit the politics of Ottawa. The fact it fits the Canadian geographic realities was irrelevant.

Academically, history and geography are separate disciplines, and that works, but for full understanding it is necessary to consider geography the stage and history the play. This is true of politics and geography. If you don't understand the geography, then political strategies and policies are ineffective.

The only role for the Federal government is the defense of the country, but it is effectively abandoned as all parties when elected, expand political and economic power.

They also have no idea of what a Canadian Defense should look like in today's world. The result is a military that is adrift between

vestiges of World War II, the Korean War, and the Cold War.

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Someone said that the US/Canada boundary is the longest undefended boundary in the world because the US doesn't need to, and Canada isn't able to. In his book *On Being Canadian* Vincent Massey put it another way:

"It has long been undefended, but realists have observed that the disparity of population has made armaments for one country futile and for the other superfluous."

Massey's point about population disparity is legitimate. In 2015 the US population was an estimated 321,813,000 and Canada's 35,749,600.

After World War II, most countries ignored the geographic realities of their size, resource base, agricultural potential and location in the world. They tried to set up economies and military to emulate the United States. The problem is that only worked for the US.

Countries like Canada trying to emulate the US military was like me deciding I wanted to be George Clooney. Success in any enterprise is achieved by starting with a realistic assessment of the resources. Federal politicians

who only know their region never consider the realities of Canada's geography.

There is a possible explanation for this failure. In reality, Canada only exists because the US allows it. Continentalism underlies US philosophy from Thomas Jefferson, who considered it manifest destiny, to today. As Jonathan Winters said at the Montreal Comedy Festival, I just hope we can take you peacefully one day.

During the Cold War, there was no illusion that if the Soviets came over the Pole that the US would wait until they got to the 49th parallel before they responded. I recall one North American Air Defense (NORAD) exercise with Royal Air force (RAF) bombers simulating a Soviet attack when the American Commander ordered Canada's planes to stay on the ground because, "They just clutter up the radar." They don't take us over because they don't need to. It

reflects Conrad Black's comment when asked why he wasn't in politics, "I don't need to be."

Apparently there are 68,000 active troops and 26,000 reservists. The total number of people in the armed forces is inadequate to maintain even one branch of the Army, Navy and Air Force functions. Harper's proposals won't make any difference.

Yet Ottawa pretends that it is not trimming but expanding the Forces. It is still officially following Prime Minister Stephen Harper's 2008 Canada First Defence Strategy, which calls for an increase in troops to more than 100,000 and a two per cent increase in spending every year, in order to have a military that can tackle both domestic threats and foreign adventures.

To put those numbers in perspective consider there are approximately 40,000 officers and thousands of affiliated civilian

employees in the New York City police force.

One could joke they are better armed.

There are some very sensible options if you understand the geography and geopolitical situation of the nation, and the Canadian defensive needs. As it is, the military role is to have enough people to trot out on Memorial Day or for reducing the unemployment roles. The military are good people struggling without leadership or meaningful direction.

This situation is not new in Canadian political history, which, at best, is ignorance of the realities covered by at best benign neglect. We don't need and can't support a traditional US style military. We need a military that works for Canada and its uniqueness, but more of that in Part Two. **

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Healthy Bodies, Informed Minds



Did you know that the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care has published a Patient Declaration of Values (2019)?



*By Marilyn Colton
Retired health care administrator*

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The ministry has formed a Patient and Family Advisory Council, currently chaired by Julie Drury. The initial work of the Council entailed the drafting and then publication of a Patient Declaration of Values in February 2019. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/patientengagement>

The purpose of the values document, which was prepared in consultations with Ontarians, is to articulate patients' and caregivers' expectations of the Ontario Health System. The Declaration is intended to serve as a compass for the individuals and organizations who are involved in health care and reflects a summary of the principles and values that patients and caregivers say are important to them. The Declaration is not intended to establish, alter, or affect any legal right or obligations, and must be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable law.

For those readers who do not have internet, I will share the key values and summarize the key points for each one.

1. Respect and Dignity: We expect that our individual identity, beliefs, history, culture, and ability will be respected in our care; that health care providers introduce themselves and identify their role in our care; to be fully informed about our condition and have the right to make choices in our care; and, that personal health information belongs to us and that it remains private, respected and protected.

2. Empathy and Compassion: We expect to be treated with empathy, kindness and compassion; to have individualized care plans that acknowledge our unique needs and expectations; to be treated in a manner free from stigma and assumptions.

The Declaration is intended to serve as a compass for the individuals and organizations who are involved in health care and reflects a summary of the principles and values that patients and caregivers say are important to them.

3. Accountability: We expect open and seamless communication about our care; that health care providers act with integrity and comply with their professional responsibilities; that patient/family experiences and outcomes drive the accountability of the system; and, that our health care team will be accountable and supported in carrying out their roles and responsibilities.

4. Transparency: We expect to be involved in considering options for our care and decisions about our care; that our health records will be accurate, complete, available and accessible across the system at our request; and, that the process to

identify a concern or compliment will be transparent, clear and fair and not impact the quality of care we receive.

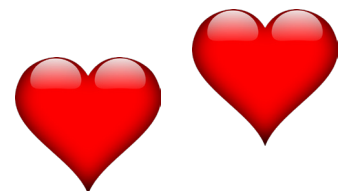
5. Equity and Engagement: We expect equal and fair access to the health care system; and, we expect to have opportunities for inclusion in health care policy development and program design at the local, regional and provincial levels of our health care system.

The above values are the cornerstones of quality within the healthcare system. As Ontario taxpayers, we have a right to high quality care/service and can expect nothing less that optimal experiences and optimal outcomes as we navigate our health care system.

Therefore, I strongly suggest that you make your family and friends aware of this Patient Declaration of values. I further suggest that you refer your caregiver(s) to this document if, and when, you experience non-compliance with the core values. In similar fashion, I suggest that you extend genuine compliments to those care providers who function in line with our core values.

As usual, your feedback on this article would be appreciated by email mcolton@xplornet.com or 613-839-5735

Hope that you had a wonderful summer and stayed healthy!



CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM ARE NOT OPPOSITES!

Charles W. Conn

One of the central problems of our times is that our leaders, never mind our citizens, are really confused about the language of principles, hence policies.

The word 'capitalism' was coined by Karl Marx who hoped this labelling would help in his crusade to denigrate the system of private property and market enterprise and promote socialism.

But 'capitalism' is a very limited, specific term for one of the three ways humans do business where 'business' involves some or all of the processes of producing, distributing and exchanging goods and services. 'Barter' and 'mercantilism' are the other two terms.

Marx believed that business was the sole concern of humanity – that man was just an economic animal. Of course this is false – human activity involves much more than just business. But, he was so successful in persuading a substantial majority of the linguistic, media and educator communities to his view that 'capitalism' has been elevated to the same level as, and the opposite of, 'socialism'

'Capitalism' is not a basic, fundamental world-view as 'socialism' is. Here is the classic definition of 'socialism' that served from its coinage in 1834 to the end of the 1950's.

1956 – The Concise Oxford Dictionary: socialism "(the) Principle that individual freedom should be completely subordinated to (the) interests of (the) community." [brackets mine]

(Which begs the question - who decides the 'interests of the community'?)

The liberalsocialist linguists and educators who directed the publishing of dictionaries probably thought that

books like Orwell's "1984", plus the reports from the Communist/Fascist/National Socialist's death camps were becoming so well publicized that socialism was getting a bad name. So they softened the definition closer to a utopian, sharing version. The transition began in the early '60's at the time of the Pearson-Kent LiberalSocialist regime in Canada and the Kennedy DemocratSocialist regime in the US.

1964 – Pears Cyclopedia: socialism "a form of society in which men and women are not divided into opposing economic classes but live together under conditions of approximate social and economic equality, using in common the means that lie to their hands of promoting social welfare." [italics mine]

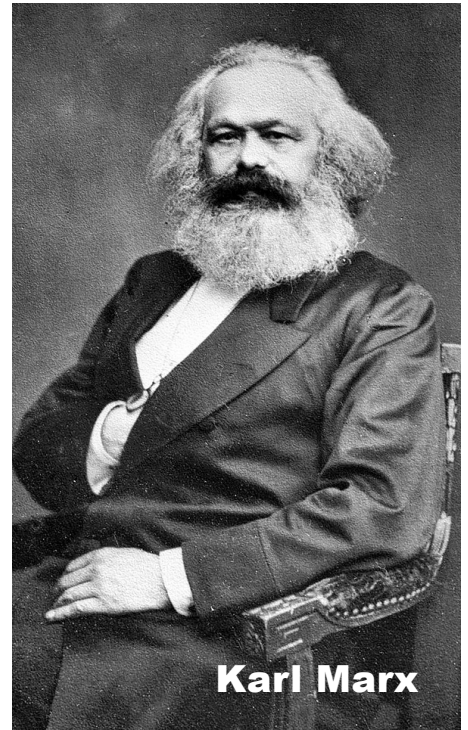
You will notice in the Pears definition that the linguists and educators were somewhat unsure as to the source of the means people were going to use in common, but, by the '80's, the definitions got right down to business!

1987 – The New Lexicon Webster's Dictionary: socialism "a political and economic theory advocating collective ownership of the means of production and control of distribution." [italics mine]

1990 – Webster's New World Encyclopedia: socialism "movement aiming to establish a classless society by substituting public for private ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange." [italics mine]

1998 – The Canadian Oxford Dictionary: socialism "a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates that the community as a whole should own and control the means of production, distribution and exchange." [italics mine]

Gone is any reference to the



Karl Marx

subordination of the individual to the collective.

Socialist parties, from Liberal/Fabian through Democrat/Labour to Communist/ Fascist/National dictatorships, have all and do all deploy saved or borrowed money to build dams, power plants, transportation infrastructure, factories and other "capital" projects that increase the productivity, wealth and power of their communities. In fact, no matter what world-view drives them, parties of all persuasions practice 'capitalism'.

Thus, it is inappropriate to oppose 'capitalism' to 'socialism', or any other "ism" for that matter. It is just a term describing one of three ways people do business.

Turning to the term 'conservative' – we are all conservative, sometimes; and we are all liberal, sometimes. Human beings are both preservative – desirous

of maintaining the status quo, and progressive – desirous of change for the better. Preservation and progress are universal, polar desires within each person. Their influence on a person’s actions constantly varies with time, circumstances and the character of the individual.

The real contest for people’s minds may be between Socialism and Personalism. ‘Socialism’ is the world-view that holds that the individual has no rights – that the community is the basic unit in human society.

It is pretty reasonable to substitute ‘conservative’ and ‘liberal’ for ‘preservationist’ and ‘progressive’. Their connection to ‘Conservative’ and ‘Liberal’ is only phonetic. Similarly, we each harbour the

duality of a need to establish our unique identity in a crowded world, and, a need to cooperate with others for survival. An individual is part of a family, neighbourhood, municipality, company, church, club, etc. – any number of groups.

Since we lived together in groups in caves, we’ve been involved in an ongoing process of negotiating a balance between private need and collective obligation, personal desire and public duty, self-assertion and group support. In truth, these are not conflicts, they are the two faces of self-interest. Our survival as a species has required the merging of the one and the many in a growing, always-revising set of shared agreements that permit optimum support for personal freedom. This is why we invented governments.

It might help if the two world-view alternatives were framed in different terms.

The real contest for people’s minds may be between Socialism and Personalism. ‘Socialism’ is the world-

view that holds that the individual has no rights – that the community is the basic unit in human society. ‘Personalism’ is the world-view that holds that since reason is a property of the individual, the individual person is the basic unit in human society.

1987 The new Lexicon Webster’s Dictionary: personalism “any philosophical system based on the assumption that the human person is the fundamental value.”

1998 Canadian Oxford Dictionary: personalism any of various systems of thought which maintain the primacy of the person on the basis that reality has meaning only through the conscious minds of people.”

When socialism gains preeminence, dictatorship and slavery follow. Where personalism prevails as a working world-view, democracy and freedom follow.

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by Judith Cox

Late Summer Planting



Oh, what a glorious summer it has been. I would have preferred a bit more rain, but it was nice to have all that warmth and sunshine. At this point the harvest has begun but that does not mean that you can't start some new crops now.

Most people start September with a lovely display of sunflowers with some pots of bright orange and yellow chrysanthemums as well. There are bright vegetables that shine at this time of year; flowering cabbage and kale and of course rainbow swiss chard. While these vegetables are great at harvest time, what vegetables can we plant now that will push through until the frost?

Fennel

While fennel is a perennial in warmer climates, we treat it as an annual in our area. It is a pleasant-smelling herb with a strong licorice-type flavour. It grows well in a pot if space is at a premium.

French Beans

A thin variety of green beans that are quick to grow and tasty raw in salads or cooked; blanched or stir-fried. I find bush beans and pole beans are not as quick to grow.



Radishes

Radishes also grow quickly and taste fresh in a salad. If you have a spot that is empty from harvesting put some radishes in. While radishes are fun and crunchy, try them stir fried for a spicy dinner treat.

Spring Onions

Grow these little beauties and it is like it is spring all over again.

Beets

Little beets are so tasty. A second sowing of beets will be tiny and sweet. Of course, the greens are also delicious with as many nutrients as spinach

Salad Greens

Lettuces and other greens will germinate well in the cooler temperatures of Autumn. These greens do very well in pots or scattered in areas where vegetables have been harvested.

Spinach

You can put in several rows of spinach for a late harvest. Spinach is tasty raw or cooked. Heritage spinach climbs nicely over a fence.

Chard

Try some rainbow swiss chard. Brilliant colours, very tasty and can stand a bit of frost. If you planted it in the spring, do a fresh planting now to extend the season.

I am filling some pots with good soil and compost and planting some lettuce and radishes for an October salad. Enjoy the rest of the summer season. *





A Tribute to a great Guitar Player, Peter James Lajoie

by Lyle Dillabough

Peter James Lajoie was one of the best guitar players this country has ever produced. It is as simple as that. But nothing else about the man could be explained so easily because, in many other ways, he was a complex and somewhat mysterious person

When he passed away on March 29, 2019 a lot of mysteries (and secrets) went with him. A lot of secrets.

I don't know exactly where he came from because he never told me. (Ottawa or Gatineau I suspect) His obituary doesn't mention a birthplace but it was in the Ottawa Valley that he first made a name for himself and he resided in the same recording studio/home near Perth for over 30 years.

Besides being one of the best "Pete" was also a big time survivor. He was an inspiration for many. Having miraculously survived stage-four cancer a number of years back, he survived so many other things in life as well. Many of those "things" were invisible to the eye but real just the same and the scars could be sensed or "felt." And this more than anything else is what most likely made us brothers.

Pete was inducted into The Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999. Musically, he was a; ground-breaker, innovative, a musical pioneer, risk taker, one of a kind, grace on strings, and one whose fingers were on fire. He played circles around everybody while inspiring many and amazing the rest. He did this for over forty years till one fateful day.

About 15 years ago he lost a number of those "fiery fingers in a chain-saw accident. (And what could be more devastating to a guitar player than that?!) And yet afterwards, he carried on like he always did with that same consistent positive and gentle attitude that was always prevalent with him.

Known best as the late Ron "The Fox" McMunn's (who loved to call him "Ruben") lead guitar player, the two spent much of a average man's lifetime together travelling the roads from coast to coast of Canada and much of the US as well.



And that included many stops in Nashville too of course where Pete's ahead of his time/innovation guitar styles influenced the "New" Nashville Sound that was emerging in the mid seventies. An example of this was the introduction of the 'Faze-Shifter' (a guitar peddle) that later became so prevalent on Waylon Jennings and the Outlaw Movement recordings which enthralled the world.

He was so unique that he began using classical guitars (nylon strings) on stage in clubs and on concert stages which was unimaginable at the time.

He was also one of the first players to devise a way to make an electric guitar sound like a steel guitar which was totally incredible.

From the mid nineties onward his home-based recording studio witnessed the production of numerous recordings from artists who came from places all over. "Ruben was

as grounded, steady, gracious and constant a guitar player as could be found", stated longtime friend and associate Jamie McMunn. "He was also kind, compassionate, understanding and a real good friend." The younger McMunn was quick to describe Pete as being loyal, reliable and a very good friend. "This is another huge loss for me" he lamented.

Jamie, like many, has many memories as does longtime friend and fellow musician Ed Ashton of Perth

I stopped in at his studio one day years ago because I had heard about this guy who had somehow survived stage four cancer and I just wanted to meet him. Ashton described. "From the moment he opened the door we became friends and we spent a lot of time there together making recordings and just enjoying each others company. After his wife Michelle died we grew even closer," he added.

Listening to Ashton describe details and his feelings about his friend he suddenly stopped half way through a sentence and then apologized by saying, "I have to go now because I'm choking up and am afraid that I'm going to break down."

I too was a friend of Peter James Lajoie. He liked to say. "You were crazy back in the old days man! (meaning me) Absolutely crazy!". One of the last times I saw him he enhanced that statement by saying, "we were 'crazy back then man, but we were great too!" Well, I don't know about me, friend but, ..you certainly were. Certainly were indeed.

There was a Celebration of Life to remember Pete on Sunday April 28th at the Carleton Place Arena where many musicians, friends and fans gathered to honor the life of this amazing man.



Rural Infrastructure The Rural/Urban Divide

by Ken Westcar

The rural community between Kitchener and London no longer frets very much over the high-speed rail project launched in the dying days of the Wynne Liberal government. The weather-beaten “Why HSR” signs along highways and concession roads remain a subtle reminder of a contest between political hubris, the stark realities of people’s livelihoods and the value of irreplaceable Class 1 agricultural land. Had the Liberal government remained in power the battle might still be raging but Premier Doug Ford iced the project while still pondering fixes to the rapidly worsening infrastructure deficit across Ontario.

But complacency that “Why HSR” (high speed rail) roadside signs will be replaced with “R.I.P. HSR” anytime soon might be wrong. Eventually, population pressure, climate-change concerns and public resistance to the tail-chasing default of ever-expanding highway capacity will drive the need for much greater railway investment for both freight and passengers. Indeed, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce in their recent report, “Moving Forward – Towards a Strategic Approach to Ontario’s Transportation Needs” favours a much

greater role for rail for personal and freight mobility in the province.

So, HSR, or something similar, may yet return as a possible solution. The cause will be urbanites and politicians who tend to put their own interests ahead of rural areas either because they don’t appreciate the value of agriculture or simply don’t care. This is perhaps why, within London, Kitchener/Waterloo and Guelph city councils, one might yet find muted lament that high-speed rail is not coming to their community any time soon.

The suspended Toronto – Windsor HSR project is a useful study of how narrow, “visionary” political thinking can ride roughshod over some people’s livelihoods while meeting a perceived, rather than a real socio/economic need. Lack of hard evidence makes it very easy for a government to ask its staffers or a consultant to draw a line on a map based on a loose set of parameters and use it as a basis to launch a multi-million dollar environmental assessment (EA) without first having a basic understanding of its broad, negative impacts.

In the early stages of the HSR project the MTO team held a series

of stakeholder meetings designed to sell the idea to mainly wide-eyed municipal and business interests along the proposed route. The agricultural community was largely excluded. It was touted as a straightforward project designed to unleash the economic potential of southwestern Ontario at a bargain price of around \$2.5bn. Many concerns were expressed during these meetings, mainly about the proposed route, but some of the more difficult challenges from delegates went unanswered by ministerial staff.

One was the disparity in cost between what MTO was claiming and other HSR projects around the globe that suggested the decimal point on the cost estimate was in the wrong place. Subsequently the capital cost estimate was progressively raised to around \$11bn as the EA Terms of Reference were being compiled. In fact, a capital cost of between \$35bn - \$50bn would likely be the ultimate reality. That simple line on a map failed to show the extent of tunneling and trenching, at between \$450m and \$700m per kilometer, that would be insisted upon by hosting cities to avoid politically unpopular, surface-level intrusion through urban areas.

The proposed route between



Wilmot Township in Wellington County and the eastern suburbs of London raised concerns in adjacent communities as the simplistic initial claim by MTO that it would parallel an existing hydro corridor morphed into realisation that it would be an approximately 50m wide, diagonal swath consuming at least 400 hectares of Class 1 agricultural land. Just as concerning was that all but approximately four, north/south rural paved and gravel concession roads would be closed to through traffic. Transport Canada forbids grade crossings where trains exceed 177kph and the HSR trains on this part of the route could operate at 250kph. Bridges or underpasses on every road were deemed too expensive.

Affected agribusinesses adjacent to this route worked collaboratively to make their concerns known to the MTO EA team and their consultants. In all fairness, MTO took them seriously and accepted an invitation to tour farms, crop input businesses and hear from emergency service providers in the Tavistock area. Troubling was the fact that many of the ministry team had never been on a farm before

or had an inkling of how closely integrated agricultural businesses and rural communities are and the extent of human and equipment capital involved in food production. It was a very serious “Aha!” moment for all of them. Should the EA have proceeded it would clearly have had an impact on its Terms of Reference and perhaps driven the Liberal provincial government towards consideration of less-intrusive options including the upgrading of existing rail infrastructure in southwestern Ontario that was emphatically not part of their single-focus plan.

The provincial infrastructure deficit will need to be addressed as the status-quo is clearly on the wrong side of history in terms of socio/economic competitiveness, food and water security and carbon emissions. Almost certainly, politicians might look to the next election and announce trophy “solutions” that have superficial credibility but lack hard evidence. Urbanites might applaud while harsh realities of cost, complexity and rural disruption are either concealed or dismissed. And this is where affected rural communities need to stay ahead of the game.

Collective public apathy or thinking that hastily announced plans are a done - deal can lead to a very negative outcome, for landowners

and the rural environment. Just taking a subjective “NIMBY” approach also courts failure. A similar approach to those exposed to HSR risks in Wellington, Oxford and Middlesex counties, where community action is inclusive, proactive and pragmatic, can work effectively in ensuring that infrastructure projects consider all legitimate concerns and not just urban votes. It can reinforce the need for governments to consider other available options or sensible compromise.

Photos:

*Encouraging transportation planners to make evidence-based decisions that consider all rail options must be the focus of affected communities. **Below, pg. 23*

*Options must include using existing underutilised passenger rail assets and upgrading them to meet evidence-based demand and not political fantasy. **Top Left*

*Existing rail rights of way should be considered for capacity increase, possibly financed through public/private partnerships. No need to sacrifice agricultural land and communities or incur millions in expropriation costs. **Top Right*

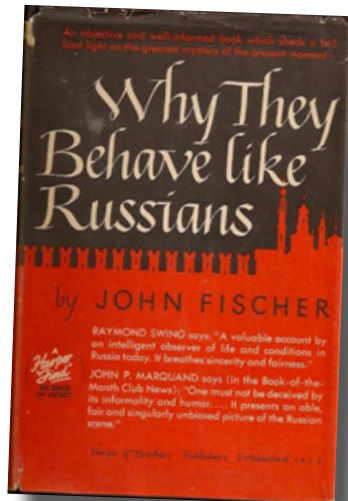


"Why They Behave Like Russians"

This book is from the view of an American shortly after W.W.II who explains his opinion of Why They Behave Like Russians.



*A Book Review
by Elizabeth Marshall*



Everyone who is concerned about where Ontario and Canada are headed should obtain a copy of this book. It to some may show the comparisons of Ontario's 5 year plans to those of Stalin's. It explains the schools of "trades" and, of course, now we have our College of Trades. Then there is the issue of removing the rural population to the urban centers, again this was done in Stalin's Russia. This book is from the view of an American shortly after W.W.II who explains his opinion of *Why They Behave Like Russians*.

The Foreword of this book explains how John Fischer, the author, began his study of Russia and the communist society at Oxford in 1933. From there he was with the Board of Economic Warfare during the war and his interest continued to grow. After the Second World War, in 1946, he spent 2 months with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in the Ukraine and Russia to try and learn "what the Russians were up to," because this would be the only way the Western countries could base any

form of foreign policy.

Reading this book, I found myself doing a comparison to Ontario and Canada, of today. Fischer speaks of the Marxist theory that capitalism can "never escape from its fated cycle of booms and depressions, that each new depression is worse than the last, and that eventually the capitalist ruling class turns in desperation to fascism, imperialism, and aggressive war as the only way out of its economic troubles." [1] He goes on to quote Stalin saying that the First World War was the first crisis of capitalism and the Second was caused by the second crisis. The Third War would be caused because economic circumstances could not be found through times of peace.

The first comparison comes into play when he begins to speak of the Kremlin deciding to implement their "five year plans." Where have we heard this? We have been dealing with the Province creating "five year plans," and "five year reviews" since 1946 [2]. These events, in Canada, even caused concern for the Canadian Bar Association [3]. The plans consisted of moving people from the rural areas into the urban areas. This was because "neither the police nor Party can keep the thousands of scattered peasant villages under such tight control as they do the more compact population of the cities." [4] And what do we have in reports today? From the report "Small, Rural and Remote Communities: An Anatomy of Risk."

"5. At the same time, hard choices have to be made. The provincial government cannot provide subsidies to everyone everywhere in the province. Nor can all small communities survive, and provide

a reasonable minimum level of services and jobs, within a climate of population and economic decline. The continuing experience of Newfoundland's outports, in which numerous small and isolated communities have been shut down and their residents relocated, is a case in point.

6. The province should also consider restricting further settlement expansion in the north by drawing firm lines indicating where it would and would not guarantee access to public services.

7. One part of this settlement strategy will have to be devising innovative methods of "planning for downsizing" or, as defined above, planning for decline among existing communities, but done on a thoughtful and humane basis....

8. To achieve economies of scale in service provision it will be necessary to concentrate growth and resources – not only private development but public investment in specialized (i.e. high-order) services – in designated urban growth centres. This will require a region-wide approach, involving local, regional, and provincial agencies and considerable inter-governmental cooperation. Deciding on where to concentrate such services also requires a settlement strategy that incorporates both the designation of growth centres and community downsizing. The Nordic countries (especially Sweden, Finland, Norway) have been able to build and maintain viable cities in remote regions by concentrating public resources, including government and public sector employment, while also relocating populations from less viable regions. In most instances, such policy initiatives have incorporated relocation grants to assist in the cost of moving

and in securing housing and jobs in the new locations.”[5]

Then there are the “ride-programs”, the “carding”, Bill C-51, etc. You may wonder why I am bringing that into the discussion? Under the Communist regime, John Fischer states:

“...the police machine has enjoyed great power. It holds, quite literally, the power of life and death over anyone in Russia except Stalin himself. It can demand access at all times to files, safes, letters, bedrooms, and kitchen cupboards, with no nonsense about privacy. Its dossiers record the most intimate details of the lives of everybody of any consequence in the Soviet Union and of thousands of unsuspecting people abroad.”[6]

He goes on to explain that, like any and all bureaucracies, they will not give up power easily. After the Second World War, the “police bureaucracy had two choices,” take off their uniforms and go back to what they had been before; giving up their power and privilege or create a new threat. In comparison today, we now have terrorism, ISIL/ISIS, and everyone is to be investigated, on a whim. We also have FINTRAC which makes banks, real estate agents, accountants, home builders, and who knows who else into private police “spies” and conspirators against the people. The innocent are being criminalized to create jobs. Small business owner’s having accounts frozen for depositing \$500.00 cash, home-buyers having accounts frozen because they bought a house from a friend. Those are merely 2 instances from the Privacy Commissioner’s report on FINTRAC.

Then there is the College of Trades and post-secondary education. Free enterprise was allowed, in Communist Russia, except for one glitch; you couldn’t hire anyone. If you hired someone you were considered as “exploiting” them. State run schools of trade were the norm and were called “trade schools.” Some of the students voluntarily went, but most were chosen by government officials for apprenticeships. They

were trained, in some factory or workshop for 4 hours a day and then had 4 hours of vocational education. It didn’t matter the educational value of their work because during training they just did the same thing over and over again. As for post-secondary education, you had to be a member of the “Party” to attend university or obtain a technical degree for that you could advance in a profession and the bureaucracy. And it was the wealthy who were the members of the “Party”. One wouldn’t have to contemplate too hard to wonder how that came about.

As for the common man, according to the government, he just didn’t have the ability or wasn’t able to understand what was good for him. Government thought the common person or a non-party member was “*a herd of lazy, slow-witted, bearlike creatures, benumbed by centuries of serfdom, who have to be coaxed and chivvied along the road to The Perfect Society by the Party shepherds. The common man cannot be trusted to decide what is good for him, because he would almost surely want nothing more than a full belly, warm clothes, and a long nap on top of the brick stove. Certainly he is not farsighted enough to choose the bone-cracking labor and the endless self-denial which are demanded by the new series of Five Year Plans. Public policy, therefore, must be left in the hands of the elite, who are specially trained to deal with such matters.*”

Another great quote from Fischer is: “*When a Communist says that there are no classes in Russia, he means it in all sincerity, but, as so often happens, he is using a word in a sense quite different from its meaning...He does not mean that there is equality in either rank or wealth among all citizens – for Lenin explicitly stated that such equality is not one of the goals of Communism. All he means is that no private individual controls land, machinery, or other “instruments of production...”* And what do we have in Ontario and Canada? We have reports such as “The Royal Commission on Land Use and Ownership in Canada,”

we have “Official Plans,” we have “Conservation Authorities,” we have “Ministry of Natural Resources – Species at Risk” or we have water restrictions, industrial WHIMIS sheets which need to be updated every three years even if the chemicals haven’t changed, we have building code regulations which are over a thousand pages long, we have TERANET, we have MPAC, we are in the process of selling our electrical grid, we have Samsung and the Green Energy Act, we have every type of enforcement coming onto our property telling us we need permission to do what we already had a right to do before without permits...the list is never ending.

“*The non-Marxist mind,*” as Fischer says, has difficulty following the communist statement that no ruling group controls the instruments of production, and yet the Party is a tight-knit group of special people which does control instruments of production. This group decides land use; what, where and how large factories are to be; what raw materials will be used and they do not care what any of the people in the local community wants. Does this not sound like the Green Energy Act and the turbines, or “sex-ed” in our schools? How about the Official Plans?

And what of individuals being responsible for damages done. It wasn’t one individual, but the entire community, or industry, which would be found guilty of some regulation not being followed. And now, in Ontario, a farmer is guilty of contaminating streams with his/her livestock, even if it’s Canada geese which are the polluters. The farmer can be charged and fined; creating a revenue stream, whereas the geese cannot. There are also those who would stand up for their private property –

“*Latent hostility among the peasants was strong enough to move the Bolshevik, leading Party political magazine, to publish a warning against “backward elements” among the farmers in the formerly occupied areas ‘in whose consciousness survivals of private ownership are*

still strong.” ...”...the nation’s agriculture into a new collective pattern, they evidently had in mind two distinct goals, one political and the other economic. Each of these, in turn, had two parts. The political aim was, first, to wipe out ...the more prosperous and independent peasants...who formed a hard core of latent opposition to Communism, and then to force the rest into an organizational framework which the Kremlin (government[7]) could more easily control. ...How the (peasants) were disposed of within the short span of five years is now a well-known story. It was a simple process of taking their land away –, and if they objected, shipping them in cattle cars... to Siberia.”

Or in my words, charging them; fining them and making them financially destitute so that they lose their farm or property.

The communists referred to farmers, who owned their and worked their own land, as “backward elements” and what do we see from the report which the Province of Ontario’s 2009 budget was based on:

“Like the change from an agricultural to an early industrial economy in the mid-nineteenth century, our time is seeing the rise of a whole new economic system that is based more on brain than brawn, more on ideas than capital, more on human creativity than natural resources and brute strength. Just as the winning societies of that earlier time managed the transition from agriculture to industry and accelerated it, we too must accelerate our transformation to the creative age.”[8]

The above statement was made by the same people who quoted Bob Rae, and we know what he did for Ontario...

One final quote from John Fischer’s book, which just might explain why we are in the mess we are today.

“...A good many Americans came over here in the ten years before the war because they got excited over the great Russian experiment and wanted to take part in it. They weren’t Communists, most of them—just enthusiastic liberals who had read a lot of the propaganda and had decided that the Soviets were doing something too wonderful to miss. They got over that pretty quick, of course, and many of them started trying to get back home after they had worked in Russia just a few weeks.”

And what was that “great Russian experiment” that some were very excited about? It was the **Hegelian Philosophy of Right** also referred to as the Hegelian Dialectic, which is what our 1982 constitution is based on. I guess some government officials think it still a good idea, even some 37 years later.

“Direct democracy permits individual citizens to make choices about specific policy issues. However, direct democracy raises serious concerns about the ability of referenda to address complex policy issues, the role of money in the voting process, the loss of democratic debate and the hindering of rational policy making. Given the experience with direct democracy in other jurisdictions (e.g., California), we believe that its role should be very limited and carefully structured. It should not be used for

general policy decisions manageable by representative democracy, such as the desirable level of taxes.”*Investing in People: Creating a Human Capital Society, Panel on the Role of Government, p. 31.*

In conclusion, I would highly recommend this book to everyone, particularly elected officials so that they will see the future of Ontario. *

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Our diverse planet earth is inundated by all manner of mysterious, unexplained incidents believed and embellished by some or diligently disputed by nay-sayers as nothing more than fiction, legend or pure bull-shit.

Totally unexplained and inconceivable acts and events such as spontaneous combustion, UFO's and the infamous Bermuda Triangle allegedly responsible for multiple mass disappearances of ships, planes and their entire crews into a sea of apparent oblivion shrouded in mystery.

As you can deduce, it's an onerous task to appropriately segregate fact from fiction when one relies solely on anecdotal accounts and biased second hand recollections of what allegedly transpired at the time of a tragic inconceivable event which we can't understand.

Unfortunately several months have elapsed since I received a most disturbing call from a well-respected agricultural journalist/farmer informing me of the apparent "rescue" of 152 cattle from a Southern Ontario farmer.

I suspect it was my highly publicized OSPCA seizure and horrendous subsequent ludicrous civil suit which prompted the concerned reporter to reach out and ask me to call the poor farmer and offer my input.

The call initially instinctively implied this man had become embroiled in a well-planned "rescue" scheme.

Ironically, the Ontario Landowner Association had won an unprecedented Charter Challenge against the charitable OSPCA on January 3, 2019. It was virtually inconceivable this man's cattle were trucked away four days later on January 7, 2019.

I did in fact contact the gentleman who owned the cattle along with his brother and was amazed but not surprised by the anecdotal firsthand information I was relayed.

What disturbed me the most regarding the "rescue" or more appropriately "rustling" was the intense media silence. With disgust I contacted several major players in agricultural newspapers and not one chose to make this massive seizure of 152 cattle public knowledge to an uninformed agricultural audience.

As for appropriate justice I will go out on a limb and state the cards were stacked against this victim from day one. Why no one appropriately reported on the incident bothers me to this very day. After several calls to the gentleman in question, I assure all doubters he is no fool and well-schooled in agriculture.

Although I remain skeptical for unbiased news releases regarding the eventual outcome of the case, it's disturbing "Big Brother" can be so secretive regarding such a newsworthy event.

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Quebec feels Alberta's pain, so why keep blocking pipelines?

This column was published in the Calgary Herald on June 3, 2019 –

As Quebec continues to face its own “dirty energy” export problems, their politicians should understand the pain Albertans are going through, but they are still deciding to oppose pipelines.

Last year, Hydro-Quebec generated nearly \$15 billion by selling more than 200 TWh of electricity. Despite these high sales, Quebec produces “too much” energy and Hydro-Quebec must regularly let water flow away without generating electricity, resulting in millions of dollars of lost revenue.

Eager to reach new markets — a feeling Albertans appreciate — Hydro-Quebec has pushed to build new export lines through New Hampshire and Maine to reach customers in Massachusetts.

Unfortunately for Quebecers, the province has been getting a dose of its own medicine.

“(Hydro-Quebec) has met fierce environmental resistance by U.S. interest groups, First Nations and some municipal authorities, who say its proposed transmission lines would be disastrous for ecologically sensitive areas,” describes Jesse Snyder, writing for the Financial Post.

In 2018, New Hampshire's site evaluation committee voted unanimously to reject Quebec's export line to Massachusetts, which could have generated \$10 billion over 20 years, according to Hydro-Quebec.

Quebec's second route to Massachusetts also faces challenges. While Maine's Public Utilities Commission has granted a key certificate to the transmission line going through the state, the project is still under review by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Land Use Planning Commission and the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers. The project also faces opposition on the ground where numerous opponents are vowing to fight at every step.

U.S. opposition to Quebec's hydro-electricity is eerily similar to the sentiments Quebec politicians have expressed towards oil pipelines coming from Alberta.

“The people of New Hampshire rejected the unreasonable burden of international transmission lines proposed by Eversource and Hydro Quebec,” states a Sierra Club release following New Hampshire's rejection of Quebec's export line. “This decision gives Governor Baker the perfect opportunity to pick better clean energy projects ... Wind and solar power within New England would do more to provide the affordable, reliable, and truly clean energy that we need.”

Sound familiar? Here's what Quebec's premier said about pipelines.

“There is no social acceptance for a pipeline that would pass through Quebec territory,” said Quebec's Premier François Legault. “I am not embarrassed to refuse dirty energy while we are offering clean energy at a competitive price.”

But there's a key difference. While U.S. opposition has been directed at foreign production, Quebec's politicians are driving a stake through the heart of our national unity. And it's costing Canadians big time.

Because governments, including Quebec, have opposed pipeline development within our borders, Canadian businesses have lost out on billions of dollars, Canadian workers have lost out on thousands of jobs and Canadian taxpayers have lost out on billions of dollars worth of government services.

According to analysis from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, taxpayers lost \$6.2 billion between 2013 and 2018 and can expect to lose

another \$3.6 million every day until 2023 if governments continue to get in the way of pipelines.

That means between 2013 and 2023, a lack of pipeline capacity could cost all provinces and territories at least one new hospital or 25,000 fully funded new teachers for 10 years. With that money, all residents in Quebec City could be exempt from all federal taxes for two and a half years.

Nobody wins when governments get in the way of development. It's time for Quebec's politicians to follow the golden rule, allow resources to flow through their borders and help all Canadians pay for more important services. **

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said the old man to the youth
When election time rolls around
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They'll promise this and promise that
and say that they'll do more
The leader will stand straight and proud
like he's often done before

He'll say the things you want to hear
and his meaning is quite clear
His message is sunny ways for all
and you'll shed a happy tear

Past scandals quickly fade away
in your youthful trusting mind
The Cabinet ladies he tossed out
were the best you'll ever find

And so young lad I'll say once more
we deserve what all we get
He'll lead us down the garden path
and fly off in our jet.

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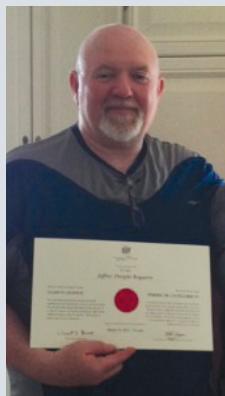
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NEVER ELECT A TRUDEAU AGAIN

Political parties do not serve the public interest; they have their own agendas, which is to win and hold power. Political parties are irresponsible. They want power, but ignore the responsibilities that power entails, much like teenagers who want freedom from parental control without assuming personal responsibility for their actions and behaviour.

How to change the narrative? Initially we focus attention on four areas where the federal government is failing its obligation to the people of Canada. **They are:**

1. Equalization;
2. Bilingualism;
3. Federal unlawful intrusion into constitutional provincial autonomy and powers;
4. Federal failure to act in the best interests of Canada.

On **Equalization**, the federal government has failed to act in good faith by refusing to meet with premiers to negotiate a renewal of the equalization process. In June of 2018 the feds arbitrarily and cowardly extended the existing formula until 2024 without discussion with or the consent of the provinces. We need to raise hell and demand to know why our government has taken to cowardly including an equalization extension in a budget bill (**Bill C-74**).

On **Official Bilingualism**, costs were estimated at \$2.4 billion per year (from a Fraser Institute research paper done in 2006, published in 2012). It is probably higher than that now. We have no indication that Quebec is paying its 23% share or that Ontario is paying its 36% share. I am sure that Ontarians will be giddy to discover that Quebec is expected to pay \$552 million for a program to support her citizens while they pay \$1,512 million (2.74x) for the bilingual program. We need an official inquiry into the costs of bilingualism and how it is funded. Time to stir the pot with vigour. John Feldsted, Political Consultant & Strategist, MB

The Federal government (neither under the LIB nor the CPC) in the last half century has not looked after Canada well enough so what is our answer? Should we look at a new party?

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The internationally based plan behind Natural Heritage Plans

from U.N. Habitat 1: “LAND IS A SCARCE RESOURCE WHOSE MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION.”

by John Schwartzentruber

The room grew silent, rather like the air had just been sucked out of it. It was a very uncharacteristic type of quiet for a bunch of farmers who had been quite vocal about every other issue tackled at a recent, day-long Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) policy meeting.

The sudden chill resulted from hearing an information package which documented and exposed the Plan behind the Natural Heritage Plans that are making themselves felt across many counties in Ontario. Because few others present at this policy-discussion meeting were aware of the origin of Natural Heritage Plans. The facts, presented directly from United Nations documents, stunningly contradicted the foundational values that the listeners embraced as part of their Canadian heritage.

The Plan behind the Natural Heritage Plans? The Plan is to bring under public control all our lands - farms, country properties, lakefront holdings, all of it. Private property will no longer be private property; it's there for the good of "all" and controlled by "all". Collectivization unbridled.

Not so fast, you might be thinking. "You're talking rubbish!" How and when did this Plan start? If the query sounds familiar, it is. Because a closely related question was raised in another piece recently published in an Ontario farm paper - "Landowners repeatedly asked 'who is driving this?'" (Beware the E.P. designation, Atkinson, June 25/19) The trail becomes clear and irrefutable after a review of several key U.N. documents where a few sample sentences provide the answer.

The Plan can be traced to its early roots at a United Nations conference

now known as U.N.

Habitat 1, held in Vancouver, B.C, 1976. The conference was called "...to address the extremely serious condition of human settlements...", a highly altruistic-sounding goal. (Did anyone question if the conditions in Canada, with its enviable living standard, were really that serious?)

A couple of key lines from U.N. Habitat 1 laid the groundwork for the elimination of private property rights in Canada and nations similarly governed. To the point, under "Section 10 - Land" it states: "Land, because of its unique nature and the crucial role it plays in human settlements, cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market..."

After listing a few perceived faults of private property control such as "social injustice", the "solution" is this: "Public control

of land is therefore indispensable to its protection as an asset and the achievement of long-term objectives... policies and strategies." Public control, not private!

If that's not raising enough red flags, a few more might be flapped with further reading which outlines the need for governments to have detailed knowledge of the "assets", mapping all resources, necessarily curtailing individual rights, and then going on to declare that social justice goals can be met by taxing any new developments or "changes of use", the proceeds of which would be redistributed to the community. Developments which, of course, would only be permitted by the good graces of a government that presumes to be wiser than the private investor. Ontario Farmer Article July 17, 2019

"Above all", it goes on to say, "Governments must have the political will to evolve and implement



innovative and adequate urban and rural land policies...”

Not clear enough yet? Well then a few lines later, in all capital letters we read: “LAND IS A SCARCE RESOURCE WHOSE MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION.”

If these few tidbits of U.N. land-grabbing imperatives are not yet enough to send a chilly crawl up the nape of one’s capitalist neck, the next few pages of U.N. Habitat I detail how “... such control may be exercised”. And here is where we may find ourselves on more familiar ground as we read terms like “zoning and land-use planning, compulsory registration, land use changes, legal controls, building and local permits” - all well-known language that appears in your local municipal policy and planning books. To those mayors who thought they were the head of council - are your knees a bit rubbery?

At the risk of being labeled the bringer of bad news, the bitter quill is not yet drained: The U.N. exhorts us in specific ways on how to redistribute “unearned” profit or gain through taxation. Receiving special mention is what we know in common jargon as “capital gains tax”. If this sampling of U.N. Habitat I diet has not satisfied your curiosity of where Natural Heritage Plans came from, it can easily be read in its entirety online: one can read to their heart’s discontent. But what will be discovered in those pages are two basic goals: the public ownership of land, and the public control of “private” land.

And the implement for achieving many of these objectives is your local Planning Department as is specifically reinforced in U.N. Habitat II, held in Istanbul, Turkey, 1996. The goals laid out in the Habitat papers are then fleshed out in greater detail in “U.N. Agenda 21” and “2030: Agenda for Sustainable Development”. More happy bedtime reading for you as you watch the summer sun sink in the West.

One thing that becomes clear is that almost none of the planners, policy and decision makers consulted are aware of the origins of Natural Heritage Plans. There is seemingly a dearth of understanding that the United Nations is remotely insinuating their policies on the local level through the Holy Grail of the “Official Plan”, at the behest of the Provincial Policy Statement, which in turn has its strings pulled by globalist designs.

It’s notable that the critics of the Natural Heritage Plan are routinely and summarily dismissed as presenting “misinformation”. Is withholding information not a form of misinformation? How does anyone dismiss the origin of Natural Heritage Plans with the documentation provided? And why do the proponents of Natural Heritage Plans dismiss both documented and abundant anecdotal evidence presented which demonstrates that Natural Heritage Plans do indeed interfere with agriculture in both subtle and obvious ways? It’s almost as if that was the purpose of the Plans?

However the logic for Heritage Plans may be presented, collectivist ideology is unabashedly the driver behind the globalization of our domestic landscape - environmentally, culturally, financially. Once they are fully implemented, will our traditional structures and heritage that has provided so many benefits to us even be recognizable?

Do the Natural Heritage Plans that are being imposed across Ontario have less to do with protecting the environment, and everything to do with taking public control of land? Ontario Farmer Article July 17, 2019

Are there those who mistakenly remember the Feudal system as an example of raging success - which poverties and rampant mortality rates, our ancestors fled for a better land? This road inevitably leads back there.

Why did the Marxist Soviet Union collapse if central planning and control were the hallmark of growth and equality? Tiananmen Square? Venezuelan-style dictatorship, anyone?

News reports indicate that there is a rising will among Ontario’s private land and property owners in rejecting the shiny front put on Heritage Plans by planning departments. Special mention goes to the good folks of Norfolk County - now there’s a stalwart bunch - who reportedly stepped up to the task and respectfully made their objections known to their County Council. It made a difference.

When all the U.N. goals and their effects are linked together, the one rational conclusion is that Natural Heritage Plans are a dismantling of the foundational governance and sovereignty of Canada, an all-out attack on our true heritage. Just as planned.

This article by John Schwartzentruber, Huron County, was originally published in the Ontario Farmer in its July 16, 2019 edition.



How Dare The Government Lawyers and Government Doctors Play God

I am writing this as a follow-up to my email to various members of the Ontario provincial parliament. The author grants permission to post this email for public viewing and sharing.

First, I believe a great many voters believed that the Premier Doug Ford government would scrap the Green Energy Act and cancel the wind turbine contracts due to the enormous subsidies that are bleeding the Ontario economy.

Not so, The Ford Progressive Conservative government proposes to keep the GEA. <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4040>, <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4265>, <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-3800>

Does this have anything to do with lobbyists with conflicts of interest being on the PC executive? https://www.ontariopc.ca/party_executive <http://lobbyist.oico.on.ca/Pages/Public/PublicSearch/Default.aspx>

We should not be surprised given the evidence of influence of lobbyists in influencing the previous liberal government in implementing the GEA subsidies/FIT and then continuing to prop up the ERT decisions with their lawyers, and the government hence disregarding demands for a moratorium.

With Respect to Municipal Government; say what! The subsidies are Ok as long as municipalities are part of the planning process. Like, do farmers get a subsidy because all crops are green and convert carbon dioxide to oxygen and food carbohydrate, and soil regeneration programs on the farm sequester carbon into the ground, and trees, also sequester carbon? Regenerative Agriculture are a key part of Ag. Canada and OMAFRA. Do government departments not talk to each other?

I observe that “renewable energy” is something ill defined by the non-farmers, and non-experts that reside in the city that is choking with automobile gridlock and automobile exhaust, and gangsters bullets flying everywhere every day. Who are they to be telling the rest of the province what is good for us! A city that declared itself ‘sanctuary’ paying the price, causing the province and the country to pay the price in many ways.

Surely the government realizes the reason why they, before Christmas, recalled parliament for emergency legislation to ensure the nuclear power workers would stay on the job and not cause the lights to go out only **because the approximately 6700 wind turbines installed over the past 10 years are unable to keep the lights on**, <https://windpowergrab.wordpress.com/>

The solution is NOT to build more wind turbines, but to scrap this failed program. And very importantly to address the issues of those victimized by the low frequency noise. **The government is in violation of the Precautionary Principle**, and there are numerous reports about the consequences of wind turbines causing serious health concerns of cardiac arrest and contaminated drinking water.

There is actually a bigger picture, and it seems most of us missed this last act of the Ontario liberals, is to use the pension funds to buy the wind turbine contracts from the developers. While some suggest I say this loosely, a check of the governance of pension plans reveals the very close ties between governments and the various pension plans, ie. pension fund management comes under the purview of the government, and any ‘investment’ in the taxpayer and ratepayer subsidized renewable energy projects, becomes very dependent

on the subsidy and other ‘friendly’ government policies.

Would the wind turbine contracts be worth anything if the subsidy is removed, and if the sales of wind energy had to compete with natural gas or nuclear. The answer is obviously NO unless you are part of the government brainwash. No private investor would be purchasing these wind turbine contracts, and that is why the developers sold (short selling) these contracts to the government and pension fund managers who in their salacious relationship can ensure the subsidies can and will continue via the feed in tariffs.

Over the past 10 years, no new housing developments, no new apartment blocks, no new factories, no new commercial/retail buildings have installed dedicated wind turbines to provide power to them. All power from wind and solar is subsidized and therefore NOT economically viable as an integral part of any business given the options of nuclear and natural gas.

So, this is really an insider deal to transfer ownership of otherwise worthless wind turbine contracts to the government or government governed agencies in the knowledge that the liberals will no longer be in power and this deal took place literally in the months and weeks prior to Doug Ford forming the new government with a supposed mandate to cancel the Green Energy Act, ie. the basis for the wind turbine contracts.

Who pays and who benefits?

Ratepayers, and taxpayers, working families, farms, business small and large all pay for the subsidy including the wind turbine priority access to market, and also pay for the excess wind energy that is given away at super low prices to the US.

Who benefits is easy to see when you look at who are the employers,

and the employees of those many defined pension benefit plans, ie. they all work for the big government, federal, provincial, and municipal.

In essence, the private sector business and all who do not work for the government are propping up the pensions of government workers by way of this deal.

The managers of these pension funds have decided to put government workers pensions at risk propped up by the lucrative Feed in Tariff contracts. Does the government have the gonads to pull the plug on the wind turbine contracts. It appears NOT...no gonads to do the right thing, Queens Park is just blowing in the wind.

Is there a word that captures this deal...it is a pyramid.... That is accepted by some large accountancy firms, <https://home.kpmg.com/content/dam/kpmg/be/pdf/2018/01/great-expectations-deal-making-in-the-renewable-energy-sector-full-report.pdf> The caveat printed in invisible ink is that the subsidy provides the 'opportunity for investment...'.

General Motors announcing they are leaving Ontario we observe has not been a sufficient wake up call for even the newly minted PC government. Other businesses have already left over the past 10 years. You say Ontario is open for business. I call you on that... Eh, the provincial credit rating is going further lower.

This is deal another example of the government stealing money from the private sector middle class and giving it to themselves, ie. government workers, make them feel good, and hopefully government workers will vote for the government of the day. What seniors get via CPP and OAS amounts to a mere approximately \$1500 a month depending on their years of work. However, an Public Service or Teacher's defined benefits pensions pays so much more, those pensions are being paid for by the many more lower wage earners of private sector workers.

This deal is quite the trick on the eve of the Wynne liberal government being turfed, and it appears that this

trick has fooled what should be a pro-business, capitalist government that is proposing to continue this liberal scheme of government and renewable energy corporate welfare.

I call this not just the way I see it, but the way it needs to be seen, and we deserve better than be hoodwinked.

In this ERT decision, there is acknowledgement of harm, but it is deemed not serious. How dare the government lawyers and government doctors play god. What is the dividing line between serious harm, and 'non serious harm'?

How much time duration of the non serious harm would add up cumulatively, or integrate into serious harm?

<https://www.osler.com/en/resources/critical-situations/2011/the-ontario-environmental-review-tribunal-decision>

The solution is not to attempt any explanation of these questions, but to insist on zero tolerance for any harm, and shut down the wind turbines.

Thank you for reading, allow me to summarize the three main points:

1. The decision making process of the government is corrupted by the non-independence of government from lobbyists who are normally independent and constitutionally communicate via the opposition parties in the parliament. Lobbyists have access to the very 'brains' of the conservative party forming the government by operating within the executive.

2. The pension funds become funded by two sources of financing; one being the subsidy of the same pensioners in paying for electricity and taxes; and the second source of 'finance' is what needs to be called the slave labour of children who mine the essential materials for wind turbine and solar electric components in unethical working conditions, making the entire supply chain of the pension funds unethical, and a pyramid scheme.

<https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/rare-earth-mining-china-social-environmental-costs>
<http://www.cfact.org/2016/10/08/blood-cell-phones-and-teslas/>

3. Thirdly, the argument of non-serious harm being acceptable is simply not justice, rather malpractice of justice, that also ignores the integrated/cumulative harm. And, we are not just talking about harm to adults, we are talking about harm to children alive and unborn, and harm to pets and livestock, harm to birds and bats.

Yours truly,

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Three-pole oil derricks and horse-drawn oil tanks like those on display at the Discovery, once dotted the local landscape. They provide a look back at a bygone era.

Petrolia Discovery: A one-of-a-kind destination for a day trip

moved their operations to Petrolia where oil derricks and pumps covered the area and continued to produce ‘black gold’ in abundance. By the end of the 19th century, a number of the world’s major oil companies had established oil fields and refineries in this central Lambton town.

It’s often been said that if Oil Springs was the birthplace of the oil industry, Petrolia was its cradle. The Petrolia Discovery is a one-of-a-kind venue that combines the area’s rich oil history with artifacts and other educational displays and presents them within the context of a working oil field that, to this day, continues to function with the same technology it employed when the field was established in the 1870s. It’s the only site of its kind in the world.

Another defining characteristic of the Petrolia Discovery is that, since its establishment nearly 40 years ago, it uses the revenue from its oil production, in addition to admission fees, fund-raising events and donations to fund its operation; the site has never been a burden on local taxpayers.

However, in recent years, for numerous reasons that are best left unsaid, the condition of the site had deteriorated and until last year oil production had also diminished significantly, reducing revenues to a level that made it difficult for its former board of directors to

keep the site functioning.

In 2016, County of Lambton building inspectors identified a number of buildings within the site’s ‘Boom Town’ display (which includes an 18th Century one-room school house, a church, blacksmith shop, mill and petroleum office etc.) that needed to be brought up to code. At the same time, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) recognized some deficiencies in the site’s oil facilities that also needed to be brought up to standard. Consequently, in 2016 the site was closed down.

However, the following year, a group of dedicated and motivated citizens emerged who recognized the Discovery as an historic gem and were not willing to let Petrolia’s oil history fade. After all, at its pinnacle the site attracted more than 6,000 visitors annually. A new board of directors was formed in Jan. 2018 and it took charge of the site with a goal of breathing new life into the organization. Since then, the group has made significant progress.

Repairs and upgrades at the site are progressing well, oil production has rebounded and the organization’s financial position has improved remarkably.

At the Petrolia Discovery Foundation’s Annual General Meeting, held May 22, outgoing board chairman Neil Armstrong, who while



A group of Petrolia and area residents has come together to breath new life into, what was once, one of the town’s major tourist attractions.

The Petrolia Discovery was established in 1980 as a living museum to commemorate the birth of the petroleum industry and is dedicated to preserving Petrolia’s past and the significant contribution the town and its residents have played in the development of that industry worldwide.

When the world’s first commercial oil well was struck in 1858 in nearby Oil Springs, 11 km to the south, it set off an oil boom which led to further exploration throughout the region and that resulted in substantial discoveries in, what is now, the Town of Petrolia.

By the 1870s, the boom in Oil Springs had subsided and the oil wells that once gushed black gold had slowed to a trickle. Consequently, many of the area’s oil producers

stepping down as chair, will remain as a highly-valued volunteer, attributed the improvement in the foundation's financial position to the accounting skills and business acumen of the board's treasurer Doug Clark.

"He is the person responsible for getting the Discovery off life support," said Armstrong.

"Doug has employed his accounting skills to manage some very difficult financial situations."

Armstrong also thanked the Petrolia Lions Club and Petrolia Rotary Club for their generous donations as well as many private citizens who have made 'some serious and often anonymous contributions that has continued to enable to board to continue with the maintenance and upgrading of the site. He added that the board has also received significant support from local oil producers.

"Because of that we were able to open for a number of limited tours and our guests have been very generous," said Armstrong.

Also speaking at the annual meeting was the board's auditor Pat Falice with the accounting firm Baker Tilley LLP.. Falice noted that over the years he had seen an impressive improvement in the organization's finances, adding that revenues for the year had outweighed expenditures by \$33,000. *"That resulted in a surplus and that is a very positive thing for the Petrolia Discovery Foundation,"* he said, adding that at one time the organization's finances were questionable.

"There is some debt on the books but the great news is that for the past two consecutive years that debt is being paid down and that's awesome." He said that is an indication the board is cutting into that deficit and and at some point will become a net surplus.

"There is a very positive trend here," said Falice.

Treasurer Doug Clark noted that oil production at the site was up last year at just under 1400 barrels, adding that is the highest output at the site since 2008. *"Oil production is a major source of revenue and there is room to*

expand that," he said, adding *there are a number of wells yet to be brought on line. "We continue to work on increasing oil production because that is what pays the bills."*

Clark said when the new board came on, things at the venue looked dire but over the past year with the help of volunteers, a lot of remedial work has been done on the site and 10 wells are now up and running consistently with another six to eight wells that could potentially be brought into production in the months ahead.

He added that the list of deficiencies identified by the MNR has been addressed and the work order is now 90 per cent complete.

"If oil prices hold, revenues from the wells will be sufficient to put the operation back in the black financially," he said. However, he said the list of structural issues with the site's heritage buildings will be a bit more daunting to address and will take some time. *"Our priority is to first preserve the town's oil history and bring the Discovery back to its original focus preserving its oil history,"* he said, adding that the former management veered off into preserving historic buildings which has sucked up a lot of dollars.

Newly elected board chair Richard Poore agreed the board's priority at the moment is to increase the site's oil production. *"Then we are going*

to evaluate each and every one of these buildings and determine their potential purpose, what it will take to restore them, and if they are restored, how will they help us tell our story," he said. *"Everything we do going forward, we want to ensure it relates back to the oil story."*

He said the board needs to determine its priorities and how it will find the money to do that work. Poore said that he is encouraged by the level of commitment and dedication to the site by so many of the town's volunteers. He noted that over the past year the board tracked volunteer time and found that more than 3050 volunteer hours had been contributed to the site over the past year. *"And I think that is probably a low estimate,"* he said.

Andy and Sue Hart are board members who act as tour guides and coordinate volunteers. Sue Hart said she is amazed at the number of town's people who come out to the site and volunteer their time doing everything from cutting grass and planting flowers to cleaning, painting and doing carpenter work on the site's many buildings.

"A lot of people enjoy it because it's so nice to be working out here in the summer, it's so peaceful and quiet out here," she said. *"They are making everything safe and presentable out here again, that's our goal."*

Liz Welsh is a board member and former Petrolia Town councilor who



Board members Sue Hart and Liz Welsh volunteer at the Petrolia Discovery

field in the world that is open to the public, even though it's on a limited basis at the moment," she said, adding that the sites rich history tells the story of why Petrolia exists as a town and why it has the cultural venues and the Victorian architecture it does.

"It tells how local oil producers shared their technology with the world."

She noted that the early oil producers were an ingenious and creative people who literally had to create all the tools and technology they used in their blacksmith shops.

"It's probably one of the best kept secrets in Canadian history," said Welsh. *"It all ties together, the oil, the technology, the architecture and how all those things are interrelated."*

She noted that it began with the oil producers and the petrochemical industry advanced from there, noting that most of the big oil companies at the time got their start in Petrolia, namely Imperial Oil and Canadian Oil (which was later taken over by Shell Oil).

Welsh noted that it was thanks to the oil industry that Petrolia was blessed with a water line extended from Lake Huron in the 19th century, an engineering marvel at the time.

"Victoria Hall and a lot of other significant brick buildings and homes that have stood the test of time are all due to our oil heritage," she said.

She noted that a major feature of the Discovery site is what is known as the Fitzgerald Rig, a brick building housing a huge drive wheel, once powered by steam and which once drove more than 100 oil wells in the area through an ingenious jerker-rod system. The rig was named after Fred Fitzgeralds, the first president of Imperial Oil.

She noted that the Fitzgerald Rig is a major attraction at the site because of its unique technology and the fact that it's the only one of its kind in the world.

"There is nothing else like it, it's an amazing piece of equipment," she said.

Welsh noted that the Fitzgerald Rig is also undergoing extensive

by volunteers, which are expected to be complete later this summer.

Welsh encourages everyone to visit the site for an enjoyable and educational experience.

This provides a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the early days of the world's oil boom, from the first hand-dug wells of the 1850s to the great refineries and machine shops which abounded at the turn of the 20th century.

It's been said by others that Petrolia's oil heritage runs as old and deep as the wells themselves.

While restoration work at the site continues throughout 2019, the Petrolia Discovery is open to the public for tours by appointment only and on specific dates: The site will be open to the public on Sat., Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To book a tour on other dates this summer call 519-882-0897.

by John Phair
Petrolia

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Historic buildings such as Watson's Mill and an original blacksmith shop are just part of the Petrolia Discovery's rustic Boom Town exhibit.



A Landowner Crossword

Doug. Bell

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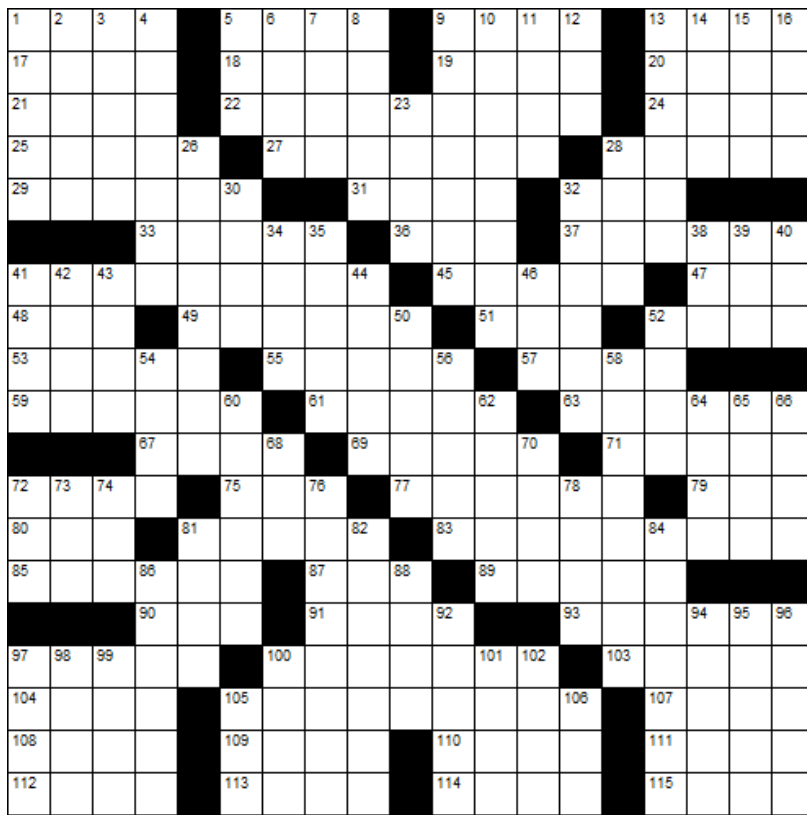
1. Guck
5. Porgy partner
9. Septa- plus one
13. Arcade
17. Fine-tune
18. Miscellaneous
19. Iranian ruler, once
20. Samoan seaport
21. Ambience
22. Toothed marine fish
24. Christian of fashion
25. Take a whiff
27. Initials
28. Leguminous plant
29. Garden tool for cutting grass around the borders of a yard
31. Before you know it
32. Head of corn
33. Finland, to a Finn
36. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
37. Kigali is its capital
41. Smocking
45. Elbow (architecture)
47. Assist
48. Mutt, to Jeff
49. Added
51. Divinity
52. Off! Ingredient
53. Iago's aria in Verdi's "Otello"
55. Undergo instruction
57. Water scorpion
59. Evaluate
61. Golfer Palmer
63. Chestnut coloured horse
67. Quarrel
69. Transmits an email
71. First Prime Minister of India
72. Any act of immoderate indulgence
75. Small bit used in dentistry

77. Brought under control
79. North Sea feeder
80. Adversary
81. Knight's best friend?
83. Sleigh used for moving rocks from fields
85. Anise-flavoured vegetable
87. Mouthful of previously swallowed food
89. Pledged
90. Daunt
91. Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
93. Street of puppets
97. Aromatic seeds for cooking
100. Increased in size
103. Eats well
104. Aloud
105. Churchill Man. Is a known habitat (2 words)

107. Puts on
108. Add whiskey
109. Imitator
110. ___ mater
111. In a different manner
112. Arctic transport
113. Spawning nest made by a fish
114. Particular kind of thing
115. Red, Black and Yellow

Down

1. Comic Chevy
2. Circuitous
3. To strip or dismantle ie. a ship
4. Considerable unhearing
5. Duck for apples
6. Airline to Ben-Gurion
7. Address for a king
8. Collates



9. Famed Seminole chief
10. Strongly stirring
11. Moppets
12. Eureka!
13. City in California
14. Neat as ___
15. The ___ in winter
16. Byron poem
23. Stick it in the water
26. Simple sugar in honey & fruits
28. Cut with a toothed blade
30. Area in Manhattan
32. Disintegrates
34. Catcher's glove
35. Inside: Prefix
38. No, in the Highlands
39. Never say this
40. Sackville summer time
41. Animal lovers'

- org.
42. Prepares to feather
43. Martinique, et al.
44. Forward and Reverse
46. An artist of sorts
50. Eatery
52. Venture
54. Go up against
56. Dressed to the ___
58. Dwelled on
60. Abstruse
62. Revises
64. Prefix with stat
65. Writer Bombeck
66. Desire
68. Owing
70. Good weather at Whistler
72. Away from the job
73. Caviar source
74. Army rank: (abbr.)

76. Pulled back
78. Slaughter of Cooperstown
81. Stitched
82. Dolt
84. Otherwise
86. Caught in the act
88. Letter opener
92. Trip to the plate
94. Chameleon
95. Intellect's org.
96. Snakes shapes
97. Army offs.
98. Russia's ___ Mountains
99. Aromatic spice
100. Inside info
101. Slippery
102. Moist
105. Norm
106. Once premier of Ontario

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At the Car Wash

by *Randy Vancourt*

I appreciate a nice, clean car – as much as the next person – possibly more, since my 4-year-old son is always sure to comment on how dirty the family car is. His standards are also quite high when it comes to car cleanliness, since a simple wash job with a bucket of soapy water and hose in the driveway will not suffice; according to him the only adequate way to clean a vehicle is in an automated car wash.

I was a little concerned with this experience for the first few years of his life, since as anyone who has ventured into one of these machines knows the noise and pounding water can actually be a little frightening to small kids and pets. However when he was 3 I finally took him through a car wash and he enjoyed it – so much so that he now asks weekly when we’re going to go again.

A few weeks back we were on a family trip up near Lake Huron and had accidentally done some driving on dirt roads (apparently trusting the GPS in certain rural areas is not the best idea). Our lovely white car was most definitely in need of a bath, so when we happened to drive past an automated car wash, I thought we were due for a treat.

It was a blisteringly hot July day, and as we entered the machine my wife and I began debating whether or not to turn off the engine, and the air conditioning with it. Since this particular car wash had doors that closed behind us, and if memory serves, leaving your car engine running in an enclosed space is how some people intentionally kill themselves, I thought it better to shut the car off.

I did however leave the fan on and as anyone who has ever tried this can tell you, the car heats back up in about 35 seconds until everyone

is gasping for air. I was tempted to crack a window a little but my wife wisely suggested that this was not the best idea while in a car wash...well, her words were perhaps a bit more sarcastic than that.

Finally our wash was complete and it was time to dry the car. A sign lit up saying, “Please Drive Forward,” and the massive dryer kicked into gear. I turned the key in the ignition and... nothing. Complete silence. Either we had drained the battery running the fan or water had somehow got in and done some damage.

We were now sitting in the middle of a raging tornado with no way out. As many a brave pioneer has done over the years, I took it as my responsibility to go for help. I bravely forced the car door open and headed out, on foot, through what felt like a scene from *Twister* (the disaster movie, not the game). Fortunately I had been on the ride at Universal Studios so I was not unfamiliar with the sensation of wind blowing me off my feet and the need to throw my body weight into opening the exit door.

I ran into the attached convenience store and informed the fellow behind the counter that my car was dead and I had left my wife and two small kids inside the raging wind tunnel. He said he would turn off the machine immediately – as soon as he

had finished with his current customer.

I then stood and watched as an elderly gentlemen handed over 15 (I counted them) lottery tickets to be checked, one at a time, at the terminal. As he waited in vain to hear those magic words, “Winner! Gagnant!” I fumed behind him as thoughts of my terrified family being tossed around inside the cyclone filled my head.

Finally it was my turn, but apparently the clerk did NOT know how to shut off the machine; he had to call his father (the owner) to get the security code. What followed was a phone conversation that began in English but quickly changed into a foreign language, which I can only assume was the exact point that they began to discuss what an idiot I was.

By the time we returned to the car wash my wife had obviously had enough, and had bravely taken both kids and exited the machine as well. I always carry a small battery booster in my trunk and after several attempts was able to get the car going again.

I assume my son doesn’t yet understand the concept of irony, but as we drove away from the building he commented from the back seat, “The windows are still dirty, dad. Can we go to another car wash?”

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Inside a car wash



Back to our Roots

by Marlene Black

Hello to all our readers,

We hope that you enjoy reading the new Landowner Voices which will be available on the Ontario Landowners Association website, published every 2 months. Visit: www.ontariolandowners.ca. It's free and you can print it out or post articles on facebook, etc.

Well it's back to school and the end of another summer. The weather was up and down but mostly I think, we needed more rain than we got. Great for swimming vacations at the lake but hard on the crops shriveling up in the fields. I was always told that farming is like the stock market... you are never quite sure of how well it's going until you've sold your seed or cattle and the money is in the bank.

As if our lives weren't busy enough, we decided to add a border collie puppy to the mix. We figured he would keep us young and be a good companion for Tom as he checked the fences and fields and all the other trucking around the farm that he does. Unfortunately, Tom was on the tractor for most of his first month so he spent time

inside with me. Most of my energy was spent picking up dog toys throughout the day and letting him out for frequent visits to the grass. Our little lap dog that weighs all of about 9 pounds was never much of a problem so we weren't used to all the many challenges a larger pup can bring, at least for me, it had been many years so I'd forgotten all the fun. What toys to chew, what food to eat, what to bark at and what not to chase, etc. However, we weren't thinking of the dog when Toms internet suddenly stopped working. We called on our trusty, tech-savvy son-in-law to come down and see if he could spot the problem. It wasn't long before he discovered chewed internet wires and we realized that our dog still had a few lessons to learn. That and not to bump into his owner when he's chasing other dogs at top speed. I realized how fast your body can hit the ground when dogs knock your legs out from under you. Luckily, no broken bones but some sore ribs for a few weeks took the fun out of laughing...ouch!

The big news for Tom and I is that we are off to Ireland in mid-September for 2 weeks. Our adult

children were the push, presenting us with some money at our surprise anniversary party where friends generously contributed as well. Tom has been pondering his roots the last few years and studying a bit of Irish history. His ancestors sailed out of Belfast back in the early 1800's and settled in the area that we now live in so he's been curious about the land they left behind. Books and maps of Ireland now litter our tables as we read through the many pages to try and figure out where we want to go. It's a country steeped in history, full of castles, battles, cliffs, sheep, churches, tombs, music and pubs. We hope to take in at least some of the sites as we tour this little country in a little car driving on the other side of the road.

Wish us some Irish Luck..



OSPCA Act Appeal Hearing – October 1, 2019

UPDATE

We're almost there!

You may recall that we filed a Notice of Application starting a Charter Challenge of the OSPCA Act in October 2013.

This resulted in a five and a half-year process that produced a favourable decision for us, in January 2019.

But, not so fast! The Attorney General of Ontario appealed the decision in February 2019. She probably felt she had too. This decision, after all, is precedent setting. The court found that “the government was wrong to grant

police powers to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals without also imposing accountability and transparency standards on the agency.

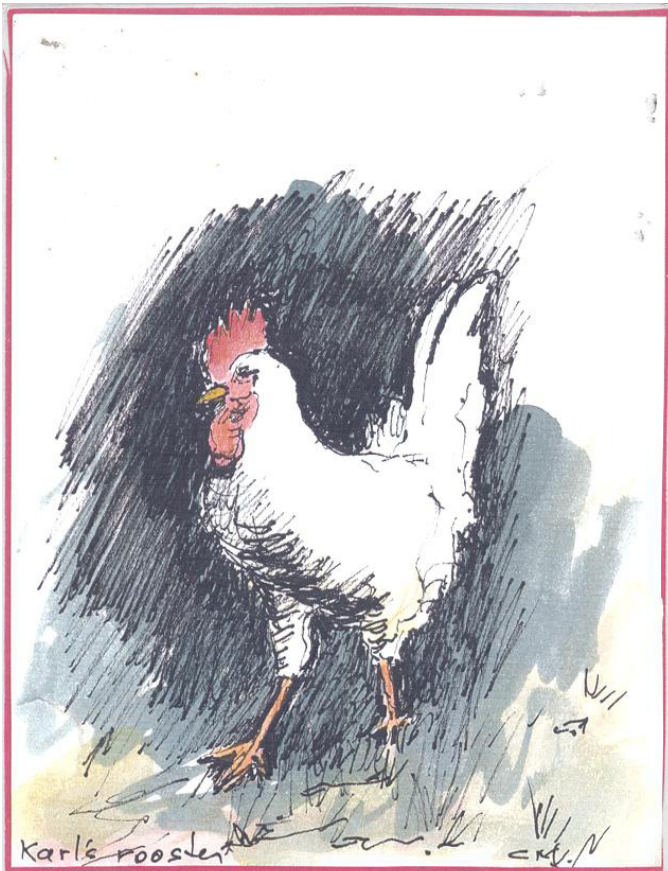
The Attorney General has filed the notice of appeal on several grounds, including one arguing the court erred when it recognized a new principle of fundamental justice that law enforcement bodies must be subject to reasonable standards of transparency and accountability.”

The date set for the appeal

hearing is Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 10 AM at the court of Appeal for Ontario, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto.

The OLA thanks all of you who donated to this cause. We could not have done this without you.

To read more about the process or to contribute, please visit <https://www.fixthelaw.ca/application-process/>.



How Government Works....

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Parliament said, "Someone may steal it at night." So they created a night watchman position and hired a person for the job.

Then parliament said; "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning department and hired two people, one person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.

Then parliament said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created Quality Control departments and hired two people, one to do the studies and one to write the reports.

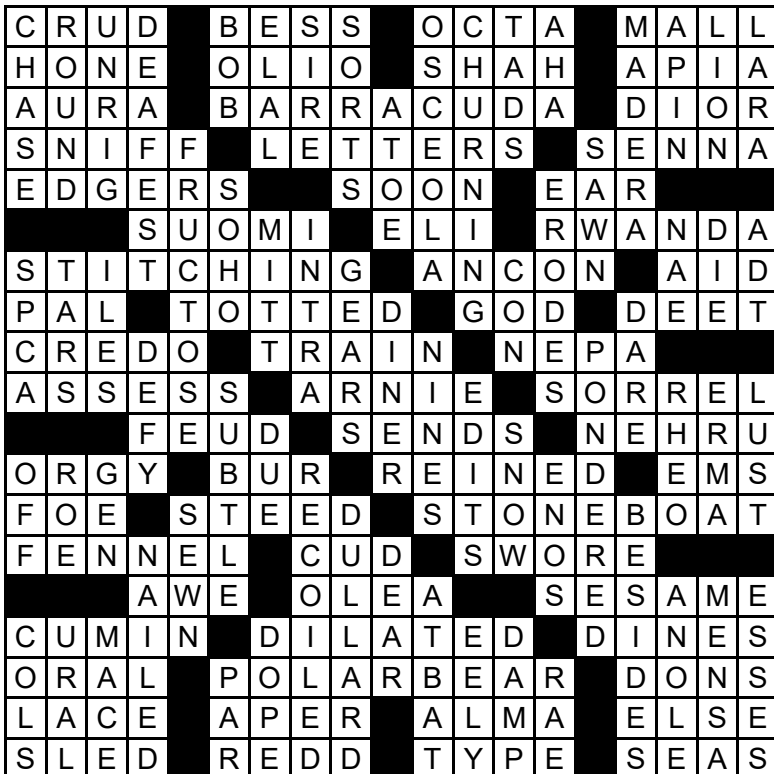
Then Parliament said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created the following positions, a time keeper, and a payroll officer, then hired two people.

Then parliament said, "Who will be accountable for all these employees?" So they created an administration section and hired three people, an Administration Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer and a Legal Secretary.

Then parliament said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are over budget. We must cut back on costs."

So they laid off the night watchman.

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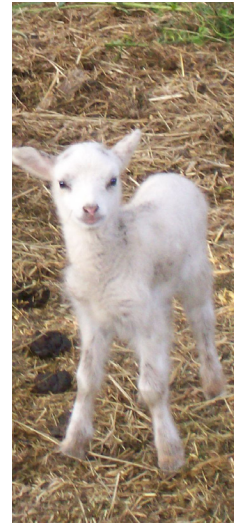
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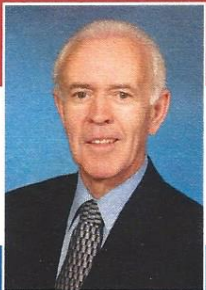
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