

MOVING FORWARD WITH A VISION



WARD 4

Doug Fleming



WARD 2

Merlyn Kinrade



WARD 3

Gary McHale

OUR PLEDGE: YOU DESERVE BETTER

We will stand with you and for you and we will not be intimidated, bullied, threatened or bought off. You work hard for the money that you pay taxes with. You deserve a better deal, better service from council and a stronger voice to advocate your concerns. You are not 2nd class citizens nor should you be forgotten by your elected officials. We will not be silenced – We will fight for you to ensure a safe and prosperous community.

Councillors' Anti-Pet By-laws

While the county is facing serious economic problems Council felt the need to pass a new anti-pet by-law in August 2010. Suddenly 70% of all pets sold in pet stores across this province are now illegal in Haldimand. If your child wants a goldfish, a canary or budgie then you can no longer purchase these pets if you live in Haldimand County. However, you can get your child a pot-bellied pig or a bison. Pet supply retailers and the Killman Zoo have contacted the candidates to see which are willing to repeal this law.

The Cayuga Chamber of Commerce asked all Ward 2 candidates to answer the following question, "As one of several Pet Stores in Haldimand, we would like to know your views concerning the amendment to the by-law on Purchasing and Keeping Exotic Animals. Careful reading of this amendment reveals that it is no longer legal to purchase many 'exotic' animals including all reptiles, snakes, budgies, and the Guinea pig."

Mr. Killman points out, "my wife and I own the property on which the Zoo is located, but we receive no financial benefit it. As Haldimand County taxpayers I like to feel that this is our home and our local council will rescind this badly flawed law. We have deep roots in this wonderful County and we all need to protect it from serious mistakes... Even though it would appear as if we have lost the Rule of law here in Haldimand, new unwanted regulations are still being created.

IF ELECTED WE WOULD REPEAL THIS FOOLISH BY-LAW

"I support the candidacy of Doug Fleming, Merlyn Kinrade and Gary McHale." Murray Killman

Economic Development

The number one issue has to be preserving current jobs and moving forward to create Economic Development in Haldimand. We believe Haldimand needs to be OPEN for Business and council needs to be pro-active in:

- Protecting Business Investment
- Restoring Public Confidence
- Cutting Red Tape
- Establishing a 'How-can-we-HELP?' attitude
- Promoting Development
- Creating Jobs

Attracting Business

Council needs to develop a marketing strategy to promote Haldimand to corporations on the benefits of locating in Haldimand in order to create long-term local jobs. We must establish policies that will restore confidence and protect business investment. We should cut permit fees and the red tape that often hinders business, and foster a new attitude at Council that we are OPEN for BUSINESS.

Douglas Creek Estates

The current DCE site cannot be allowed to sit for another 5, 10 or 20 years as an empty pit that is an economic drain on Haldimand. It cannot remain a symbol of what divides people but must become a symbol of the future and prosperity. Bold leadership is needed to think outside of the box, that dares to believe something positive can come from all that has happened. We believe that a STRONG Haldimand Council can and will produce positive benefits for the people of Haldimand. Council must unite in order to:

- Continue Negotiations to resolve issues
- Create a pro-active plan against lawlessness
- Pressure Ontario to spend \$40 million on the Haldimand Tourism Attraction Centre to be located on DCE

The economic activity and taxes from a successful Tourism Centre would help Haldimand plan for the future, re-vitalize downtown cores, and maintain infrastructure and social services. It would increase property values, increase the tax base, spur revenue to local businesses and build bridges with our Six Nations neighbours.

\$150 Million Lawsuit

Your property taxes have gone up to cover the lost taxes due to how the OPP and Ontario Government handled DCE. Haldimand Council must launch a \$150M lawsuit against the province for lost property tax. We believe 3/4 of any settlement should go directly to reduce property taxes in Haldimand - this would be a 20% reduction for several years.

Be Green AND be SMART

There is little doubt that future energy needs require governments and people to seriously consider Green energy. Haldimand County is set to have approx. 40,000 acres of land used for windmills and solar panels. We believe taxpayers expect their elected officials to be pro-active in researching the pros and cons of all projects within Haldimand County - no project should get a free pass. As Council members we would advocate for the health and safety of the people of Haldimand.

Wind Turbines

Wind Turbines are being forced upon Haldimand without any input from residents. Haldimand Council has missed an historical opportunity to unite with 70 other municipalities who have passed resolutions calling for a moratorium. Issues related to Wind Turbines are:

- Reduced property value and lost tax base
- Danger of flying ice from blades
- Danger of fire or electrical arcing that is 400 ft in the air
- World Health Organization report of night time noise level and medical problems
- Killing of birds and bats

Merlyn, Doug and Gary have all received the endorsement of Wind Concerns Ontario

Your Hydro Bill will Triple

McGuinty's plan will ensure that your hard earned money will increasingly go to subsidize large corporations hoping to cash in on the high prices paid by the province for alternative energy. Currently hydro rates range from 5.3 to 9.9 cents per kilowatt-hour. McGuinty is paying up to 80 cents per kilowatt-hour for solar and wind power - this will triple your hydro bill. Under McGuinty over 600 highly paid jobs will be lost at Nanticoke to be replaced with a few dozen jobs. Nanticoke has invested hundreds of millions to ensure they are a Clean Energy source.

Leadership is NEVER Helpless

The current council believes they are helpless on so many issues. They make no demands from the Ontario Government and thus receive nothing. They offer no hope or vision for any change from the status quo.

We believe Leadership provides vision and hope for the future and finds ways to build bridges to ensure future prosperity. We believe Haldimand deserves a better deal from the Ontario Government. We promise to be the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. On Oct. 25 you are voting for the person you believe will best fight for you and will not give up until the people of Haldimand receive the best deal possible.

Vote for the Future and Against the Status Quo