

HALDIMAND is OPEN for BUSINESS

Promoting Jobs and Business Development

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

Businesses Needs Real Solutions

There is no greater responsibility for any government than to ensure the safety of its citizens. No business person is going to invest in Haldimand unless they have the confidence their investment is protected.

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 Haldimand Council that we are OPEN for BUSINESS.

We must make it policy for all Haldimand staff to develop the attitude of 'How can we HELP you.' Council must ensure businesses that they will be supported when necessary.

Lawlessness Costs Jobs

Business owners tell us that economic prosperity requires the predictability and stability of the rule of law which has been missing from Haldimand for more than four years costing countless jobs and hindered development.

Council MUST stand united and take a pro-active role in protecting you, your jobs and your investments within Haldimand County. All possible resources of council must be used to ensure the safety of the public, restore confidence in our community and bring an end to lawlessness.

- Empower by-law officers to lay criminal charges with the help of a para-legal.
- Train and empower Mayor and Deputy-Mayor to be pro-active as Peace Officers.
- Council must work with other communities to develop a common front against government policies that allow lawlessness to thrive in Ontario.
- Council must have written assurance that illegal occupations, intimidation and violence will no longer be tolerated by the OPP. Failing this, council MUST REPLACE THE OPP.

United Council

Council must be united in support of the Mayor who is democratically elected by the people of Haldimand County. In 2006 most of the current councillors attempted a coup to remove Mayor Trainer without the public knowing - one of the many secrets that will be exposed in Christie Blatchford's upcoming book, "HELPLESS."

We must reject the view that councillors should attempt to overthrow a Mayor who speaks out for the people of Haldimand in a crisis. We should be a united front on issues that are important to the community.

We need to work with other communities to seek solutions to common problems related to energy and environmental concerns; business promotion; tourism; and law and order issues.

Council in the past has been unwilling to support ideas put forward by Toby Barrett such as the *Haldimand Proclamation for Peace, Order and Good Government*. Council should support ideas that benefit Haldimand's citizens.

We must be pro-active and willing to think 'outside the box' to find ways to unite with Six Nations to ensure future prosperity and peace within our communities.



WARD 2 Merlyn Kinrade

Merlyn has lived most of his life in Caledonia and served in the Royal Canadian Navy. His service included a tour of duty in Port Said, Egypt on a UN peacekeeping

Mission during the 1956 Suez crisis. Merlyn once owned the Riverview Dairy in Caledonia. Merlyn has been a steadfast contributor to the community through sponsorship of various sports teams and significant financial generosity that made construction of the original arena possible for the town. He also coached hockey and baseball teams, and made a special effort to include needy children from the nearby Six Nations Reserve by providing transportation to and from practices and games, purchasing skates and other equipment for them.

More info: www.MerylnKinrade.ca



WARD 3 Gary McHale

Gary is the youngest of six boys, three of whom were born in Caledonia while his father worked in the town's gypsum mine. Gary grew up in a small farming community

outside Napanee and for years got up at 5:30 a.m. to milk the cows before school. In the summer time his work also included haying and bringing in the grain from the fields. Gary is 48 years old and has been married for 29 years to his wife Christine who he met in high school in St. Catharines. After graduation Gary started a computer programming business developing tax, payroll and accounting software. His clients included the largest corporations in Canada and also small accounting firms. He has been a small business owner for the past 30 years.

More info: www.GaryMcHale.ca



WARD 4 Doug Fleming

The Fleming family has lived in Haldimand for four generations. They have been active in community events and well known for fund raising for local causes.

Doug is 48 years old and has lived his whole life in Ward 4. He attended school at Oneida Central and Cayuga Secondary. He has worked in Haldimand most of his life.

Doug feels a sense of loyalty to the community and learned from his late Mother that actions are more important than mere words. Doug is not a politician or part of the good-old-boys club. He believes people are more important than politics. In recent years Doug has become actively opposed to the illegal smoke shops and other lawlessness in Haldimand.

More info: www.Doug-Fleming.ca

Haldimand Council must Address Your Concerns

Fighting for YOUR tax dollars

The people of Haldimand County should not have to bear the burden for failed policies of the McGuinty government through higher property taxes.

Haldimand Council must launch a \$150M lawsuit against the province for lost property tax over the past 5 years and future 10 years. We believe 3/4 of any settlement should go directly to reduce property tax in Haldimand - **this would be a 20% reduction in property tax for several years.**

The remain 1/4 should go toward funding a police force responsive to the needs of the people of Haldimand if the OPP remains unwilling to enforce the laws equally.

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 replace with a few dozen jobs. Nanticoke has invested hundreds of millions to ensure they are part of a Clean Energy source. Council needs to unite with the 58 other communities currently opposing this increase and to protect these jobs.

A Council Accountable to You

Council must be open and transparent and directly accountable to the people who elect them. We would end the repeated use of in-camera meetings which bars the public. The Ontario Ombudsman has recently stated this is a serious problem across Ontario.

We believe there needs to be quarterly Town Hall Meetings rotated throughout the county to ensure the public has direct access to Council members. These meetings should provide the public with details of current status of various projects and inform the public of upcoming issues.

The public should be encouraged to be more pro-active in their local government.

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.

To Donate to election campaign send cheques separately to: Merlyn Kinrade (46 Kinross St., Caledonia, ON, N3W 1J9, 905-765-5131), Gary McHale (125 Nairne St., Caledonia, ON N3W 1C4, 289-286-0423) and Doug Fleming (4388 River Rd. Caledonia, N3W 1T7, 286-456-1613)