

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.

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 \$150 Million 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 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 millions to ensure they are part of a Clean Energy source. Council needs to unite with the 58 other communities currently opposing soaring hydro rates.

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.



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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.