Ward 3 - Haldimand

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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 proactive 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.

A 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.

YOU DESERVE BETTER and my Pledge is: I will stand with you and for you and I 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. I will not be silenced – I will fight for you to ensure a safe and prosperous community.

Solar Farms, Wind Turbines and the INCREASE in your Hydro Bill

Few would argue against renewable energy as a way to ensure future generations will enjoy a clean environment. However, the current rushed approach by the McGuinty government to impose upon the residents of Haldimand both wind turbines and solar farms cannot be allowed without further public input.

For example, there are serious health issues related to wind turbines for humans and wildlife. After California installed 4800 wind turbines an environmental group took the government to court and forced them to remove 200 turbines and shut down 2400 turbines to reduce bird deaths.

Wind turbines have been caught on video spinning out of control before disintegrating and sending metal parts up to 1/2 mile away. Several turbines have been filmed on fire. Haldimand has no way of putting a fire out that is hundreds of feet in the air.

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.

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. I 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.

About Gary

Gary McHale 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.

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