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Mayor offers Duncan input on provincial budget

On Jan. 22, I had an opportunity to provide recommendations and input into the Province of Ontario's 2008 Budget.

The province has been holding pre-budget consultations with Finance Minister Dwight Duncan across Ontario. I was privileged to be afforded an opportunity to share Caledon's perspective and the needs of the Greater Toronto Countryside Mayor's Alliance (GTCMA).

I spoke at great lengths about the much needed financial support for municipalities to uphold recent provincial initiatives; namely the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP), the Green Belt Plan (GBP), and Places to Grow. These plans require regional and local planning

Family Day will hit retailers

By Bill Rea

The new Family Day holiday, which comes Feb. 18, is expected to cost employers a lot of money in wages for no work.

And retailers in Peel are expecting to take a hit too.

Officials of various shopping malls in Peel appealed to Regional council for help recently, especially in the face of what they see as an unfair advantage enjoyed by their competitors in Toronto.

Kent Gillespie, Regional solicitor and commissioner of corporate services for the Region, told councillors Toronto has been exempt from the Retail Business Holidays Act (RBHA) since the start of last year, while the act is still in effect everywhere else in the province. He added the new City bylaws require closing on holidays, but Family Day isn't included because the holiday was enacted after the bylaw came into effect. As well, he pointed out Toronto is looking to change its bylaw, so complete closings would only be required for Christmas, with restricted hours being in effect for the other holidays.

In order to get a level playing field with the malls in Toronto, Gillespie said the Region has to pass a bylaw to opt out of RBHA, but it first has to pass a bylaw to govern store closings on holidays.

Mississauga Councillor

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Mayor's Report

By Marolyn Morrison

to comply and enforce them through bylaw enforcement. The truth remains that the Town of Caledon is almost entirely consumed with provincial planning designations. The Niagara Escarpment Development Plan covers 13,704 hectares; the ORMCP covers 15,948 hectares; the protected countryside of the GBP covers 24,930 hectares; and the Growth Plan covers 14,135 hectares of land. Yes, some

of these plans overlap one another, but considering that Caledon has an area of 68,717 hectares, we are being swallowed by provincial initiatives with no assistance from the province.

These programs all require significant environmental stewardship for the local municipalities outside of the main GTA urban area, with considerable environmental benefit to the urban areas. Caledon and the other GTA Countryside Municipalities have no sources of revenue to pay for these costs, other than by local taxation. For the Town of Caledon to implement ORMCP, GBP, Places to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement, we have an estimated cost of \$1,154,000 over approximately 2.5 years. My suggestion to Minister Duncan was for the province to provide the necessary operating subsidies to implement its new planning requirements. It is simply not fair for the province to dictate how our municipalities must plan, then require us to enforce it but provide no financial support to do so, but on the backs of the property tax payers.

I spoke briefly about the gas tax revenues and how this money is dispersed.

This holiday was brought in without enough long-term planning, Parrish charged. "This one was very poorly implemented," she declared. Carol Hymans, general manager of Bramalea City Centre was among a number of people who were concerned with the economic impact of the holiday, and she also brought up the efforts of Toronto to get the whole city declared a tourism area and exempt it from holiday closings.

The retail sector is very competitive, she pointed out, adding fair competition forces everyone to put out their best.

"A level playing field is all we're asking for," she declared.

Hymans told Mississauga Councillor Maja Prentice it was hard to expect the Region to do much in time for Feb. 18. Prentice agreed. "I'm frustrated because I don't see what we can do about it," she remarked.

Hymans said she shared the frustration, pointing out this issue came up right after the holiday season, meaning a lot of people might not have realized what they were dealing with.

"Our hands are a little bit tied," Parrish added, pointing out the Minister of Municipal Affairs is the only one who can untie them. She urged retailers to inundate the minister to let him know this is serious.

Population densities in Caledon are not significant enough to warrant public transit investment. This is the same for many of the GTA Countryside municipalities. However, our roads require maintenance and rebuilding. Therefore, I requested that the gas tax revenue sharing should be expanded to recognize transportation cost in municipalities where public transit is not an option.

Caledon's commuter traffic continues to increase; with a whopping 50 per cent of the traffic on our roads being flow-through. By flow-through, I mean these commuters do not originate in the Town of Caledon and they do not stop here to shop either. The province is considering the elimination of road subsidies through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. This could mean that Caledon will have to pay an annual cost of \$3.5 million to maintain our roads.

Currently the province pays for \$1.3 million. Since the province downloaded the cost of the rebate to farmers and owner's of managed forest to the municipality, Caledon has lost annually \$900,000 in residential taxation.

It is my hope that municipalities across Ontario shared the same message as the Town of Caledon and the GTA Countryside Municipalities. The province is in a position to help municipalities thrive to make a stronger and more vibrant Ontario. If they do not step up to the plate in this budget, I fear many municipalities will have no alterna-

tives but to increase municipal taxes to pay for the province's initiatives or go deeper into debt. I will continue to advocate for provincial support!

March Break programs

It seems as though we just finished with the holidays, but people are beginning to make their plans for March break already. As such, I thought that I would share with you some information about the Town of Caledon March break programs for our youth.

The Recreation Department offers fully accessible and innovative programs and services. We recognize the importance of each resident's quality of life and strive to involve families and individuals of all ages and abilities.

Feb. 19 marks the beginning of spring registration for programs across Caledon. Affordable March break camps are available in Bolton and Caledon East, offering a variety of activities like swimming, skating, horseback riding, bowling, team activities all in an energetic environment. March break camp staff are qualified in First Aid, CPR, as well as dynamic program planning.

The 2008 Spring /Summer Leisure Guide is set to hit your mailbox the second week of February. Further program and service details can be found in the 35-page guide, along with other valuable community information. If you do not receive your copy directly in your mailbox, please contact the Recreation Department at (905) 584-2272, ext. 4292.

Team did well in Toronto tournament

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straight 14 minutes, and just two minutes into the game Vaughan scored a goal and got a second soon after. The first period closed at 2-0.

The second period saw another Vaughan goal. There were several tries on net before Caledon's Gorman got the first goal close for his mates toward the end of the second period, assisted by Tremblay. Despite some great saves and excellent goal-tending Vaughan managed three more goals. The whole ice was in use with many tries on net at both ends.

In the final moments, Caledon's Balinov scored the second goal, assisted by McAree, bringing the final score to 7-2.

"A disappointing start to the tournament, but they got going toward the end," commented the coach.

Dec. 28, Caledon faced

the Ted Reeve Tornados.

"With superb goal-tending, great defence and magnificent offence this game, we should name this game, 'Try on Goal'" Coach Sheridan commented.

An exceedingly high average of attempted goals were seen, resulting in just two actual markers being notched in the whole game. Both teams hustled with great energy. Ted Reeve took their goal in the first period, and just one minute before the close of play, Caledon's Milik scored, assisted by Balinov and Bourne. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Dec. 29, Caledon faced Cedar Hill, who were at this point the top team in the tournament standings. Caledon started with a great come-back, putting forth an excellent effort. In the first period, Bourne scored, assisted by Sheridan, closing the frame at 1-0. In the second period, Balinov, assisted

by Milik and Tremblay, scored two goals. Cedar Hill also took a goal. Again the ice was busy, with many shots on goal at both ends.

Just into the third period, Cedar Hill scored two goals in quick succession. Caledon didn't let it get them down, but continued to step up to the mark again. Caledon's Balinov took another goal, assisted by Sheridan. All the players hustled well with enthusiasm. During at the last moments, Cedar Hill scored a fourth goal, bringing the final score to a 4-4 draw.

Unfortunately, this brought the tournament to an end for the Lightning.

The Caledon players came away exhilarated with great team spirits. They worked hard and enjoyed meeting the teams in the big city.

"Heroes to zeros, but we love them all the same!" Coach Sheridan declared.