

Town policies cause businesses to fail

There you have it again, another business failed due to the lack of people in the Bolton area.

Unfortunately, we'll see more businesses failing in the coming months, all due to near sighted and an arrogant bunch of Caledon councillors and a planning department that is ruled by them.

I am very sorry that Baffo's had to close their doors. The food was incredible. We had parties there many times. But then again, to sustain a business, whatever it is, it needs to be frequented by people. In hindsight, it's terrible that we have put a Caledon council in command that is so arrogant, and against population growth, but eager to put horrible polluting industries in prime areas where residential areas should be built, without informing or taking input of the residents.

Just imagine what a misguided, unqualified and arrogant elected group we have placed on Caledon council, to built residential areas well out of Bolton, and built warehousing almost at the centre of Bolton. Bolton should be the shopping hub, where people from all corners of Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga like to shop. But Bolton should have at least another 1,800 residents living within walking distance from the town centre.

The area that is proposed to be the Canadian Tire facility is the perfect area for a combined residential area and non-polluting industry. The homes built to house 1,800 residents and a host of non-polluting industries in the 180 acres of land would bring more taxes to the town and better permanent jobs than a warehouse that bused employees from Brampton.

There are people who will argue that residential areas using gasoline cars pollute more than an 800 diesel trucks a day facility, but let me remind you that pollution from one diesel truck is equal to 100 gasoline cars, therefore if we are surrounded by 800 diesel trucks, it would be the same as being surrounded by 80,000 gasoline cars.

Concerning recalling elected councillors and mayors and other politicians, as suggested by MPP Randy Hillier, it is a great idea. I have emailed Hillier, who will be proposing such a law in the election, and I totally agreed with him. Arrogant and ignorant councillors and mayors after a period of time is becoming a sickness that we experience already.

In closing, I would like to quote the historian Lord Acton: "All power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

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Recalling politicians good idea

The idea concerning recalling politicians is apparently well received by the public.

From many places there is a concern that indeed long-time politicians at all levels of governments becomes somehow arrogant, and to the point of beng corrupt. Caledon Councillor Doug Beffort commented that recalling politicians is not necessary, because in Caledon there is an ethics officer. Really? What really is the purpose and duties of the appointed "ethics officer"? What was he doing when on three major town issues in Caledon/Bolton? Caledon council approved all the three issues namely, the golf course in Caledon East, gravel pit and the Canadian Tire diesel monster only a stone throw away from the center of Bolton, without giving an iota to the wishes of the residents who were totally opposed to those issues, and were totally ignored when they voiced their opinion at public meetings. Are elected Caledon councillors using "high ethics and morality" by ignoring the voice of the people that have elected them? It is more "toxic" ethics and morality than our elected Caledon council have shown.

Another opposition to the "recall of politicians" comes from the long-serving Caledon councillors Richard Paterak, and Richard Whitehead, both should have been sent to pasture long time ago. Paterak mentioned that the recall is already in place and it's called election.

We do not want un-ethical and low moral councillors that ignore the residents to be around for four years. We want to have the law and power to boot them out whenever they fail and as soon as possible. Replacing those unethical and low moral councillors will cost the taxpayers nothing, because he/she will be replaced with the second runner up at the election.

All the Caledon councillors, including the mayor, should be booted out as soon as possible, before they do more harm to our Caledon/Bolton community. Remember the observation by Lord Acton and I quote, "All power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupt absolutely."

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Editor's note " Readers will note these two letters end with the same quote, attributed to Lord Acton. Readers should know that in both cases, the quotes contained the same typographic error, which we have taken the liberty of correcting. Coincidence?