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# Time for action, dollars and sense

## Comment

by Michelle Minnoch

The announcement on Friday at the Lake Simcoe Summit was a good one - Premier McGuinty said that the Lake Simcoe Act would be coming soon to a legislature near you.

Good to know, but there's something that's missing here. Oh yes, there's an election coming this fall.

Between now and October, groups of all kinds should expect to hear an array of promises, pledges and grandiose announcements such as this, because the happier your voters are closer to election time, the better chances you have of getting back into office.

Unfortunately, that is just a fact of life.

Just as Prime Minister Harper went on about his five key election platforms, voters were enticed by what he had to say and how the man would come through.

Remember that hospital wait times were on that list, and it went away faster than you can say politicianmakingapromise.

The legislation, which would put restrictions

upon watershed development, has been needed for some time, and should have been put through around the same time as the Oak Ridges Moraine received its protection.

Although \$12 million was earmarked for Lake Simcoe earlier this year, there has been no information made available as to where the money will be spent, and if that money is part of this announcement.

Really, it all comes down to action, dollars and sense!

Action - enough of the verbal diarrhea! As our area has been designated the growth hot spot for Simcoe County, the time to act is now! Before any more decisions are made, environmental protection for the Lake Simcoe

watershed must be secured.

Dollars - It will take money to make this work. Money is needed to upgrade waste water facilities, money is needed in areas where people are on septic tanks, money is needed to clean up our shorelines.

Sence - This all comes down to common sence.

To keep the million dollar Lake Simcoe economy going strong, people need to start thinking long term. Maybe after a thought or two, some money is thrown into the mix, and then, well, it will just all make sence.

Residents in the watershed all have the same goal in mind - to protect the jewel in our crown.

No-one wants our Lake to reach the same state and face the same struggles that some of our Great Lakes are encountering.

Besides, isn't Lake Simcoe the greatest of them all.

## Work on schools should be co-ordinated with town

Dear editor,

Re: Letter to Rob McAuley

I note with interest that the County of Simcoe has been give funding to upgrade local schools.

In particular, Goodfellow Public School has been given over \$400,000.00 to upgrade their parking lot.

It's about time.

This parking lot has been a breeding ground for potholes for years. They seem to multiply after every rain.

Despite pleading, arguing and occasional shoving matches, the problems of this parking lot have never been solved.

The solution is simple:

When the parking lot is finally paved, put a concrete island, with bollards, one laneway east of the existing sidewalk in front of the school existing unpaved lot.

Then, and this is most important, make the MAIN entrance one way (south) to the school the NINTH LINE. Busses, cars, etc., all come

in the same entrance. They drop passengers off on either side of the concrete island, and depart using the 25th sideroad exit. A traffic light at this intersection is much needed. If combined with the existing crosswalk, the problem is solved.

It is my understanding that this work has to be co-ordinated with the Town of Innisfil. If the town's planners are involved, it should take no time at all to study the traffic flow, see the most efficient way, and proceed without delay.

My son, Steven Brown, suggested this to the school some years ago.

Now is the chance to do it right, for the continued safety or our children.

Thank you Rob, for taking the time to read my letter, and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Nola Wale

President

Residents of Innisfil Association, Innisfil

## Kudos to the residents and town

Dear editor,

I would like to congratulate our community on all of the positive things that I have seen, experienced and heard about over the last week or so.

First, I have been somewhat pre-occupied with different events and issues in my own life in the past few weeks and over the last week it has showed. I left my purse hanging on the back of a chair in Tim Horton's. This happened not once but twice in three days and in two different Innisfil locations. Both times I had actually left the building and

was driving before I realized my purse was missing. Both times when I returned, with my heart in my throat, I found my purse in exactly the same spot I had left it. I think that this made me feel even more positive and proud to live in Innisfil than I did before. In many other places, my purse would have been gone, dumped somewhere within a 3 km radius after being rummaged through, and I would have had a big job replacing the cards and contents.

Second, I spend a bit of my time driving in different parts of Innisfil and have

noticed that the Town is looking great. Even with the lack of rain the flowers, shrubs and gardens look beautiful in all parts of the Town from Gilford and Cookstown, all the way to Big Bay Point. I consistently see the Town staff out weeding and watering early in the morning and I am glad that their hard work is paying off through the beautiful presentation of the gardens and beds they are maintaining. Taking pride in doing a good job is important and having people working for our Town that take pride to do their work

well is a good presentation and reflection of the whole community to those that visit and live here.

Finally, I was visiting at a friend's place yesterday and heard an amazing story. One of the local restaurant businesses was providing a meal to a couple and the couples' extended family which included their grandchildren. One of the grandchildren was an infant, and whether intentional or not, the waitress and staff offered, and actually took turns enjoying the company of the infant while the infants' mother and father

had their dinner. It wasn't that it was expected, or implied that it was necessary by the couple, or other patrons of the restaurant but it happened. What a positive way to assist your guests to enjoy their dining experience and provide those same guests with a wonderful interpretation of what living and working in Innisfil can and is like.

We all like to hear "feel good" stories. Hope these make someone else feel good too!

Sincerely,

Ms.Chevious

## Alzheimer Society thanks Innisfil for support

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County, I would like to extend to the people of Barrie and Innisfil our deepest appreciation for the support of the Society's annual Tag Days that were held on June 1 & 2.

Thanks to their generosity, and the support of the Volunteer Canvassers and the many business establishments which granted permission for us to canvass on their properties, the Society is delighted to announce that the sum of \$7,935.12 was raised in Barrie, Stroud and Alcona.

In Greater Simcoe County, a total of \$18,850.95 was raised during Tag Day campaigns held in 13

communities throughout June.

This money will go towards the funding of support services such as individual counseling and regular caregiver support group meetings and workshops.

It will also help fund educational events for persons with dementia, family caregivers and professional care providers, as well as for groundbreaking biomedical and caregiving research.

The Society also maintains an extensive Resource Library at our offices in Barrie, which will lend books and videotapes, and provide further information or assistance.

We invite the public to contact us at 705-722-1066, or via email

atalzpsc@csolve.net.

I would also like to extend our thanks to the Innisfil Scope for providing us with the space to contact the public about our programs and events so that we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of persons directly affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Islam  
Executive Director  
Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County

## Fire ban

Due to the recent string of nice weather, the extended forecast of dry weather for the coming days, the Fire Danger Rating has reached the high extreme level. Because of the increased risk, a total fire ban has been implemented.

Starting June 28th, all outdoor burning an all fire permits are now void until the ban is lifted. The residents will be notified by Public Service Announcements when the ban is lifted.