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*Guy Gardhouse, Mayor*

Ref: Your letter of 18 July.

Sir:

Thank you for taking an interest in my opinions. Not being a user of social services like Facebook, I am resorting to a paper letter to ensure my comments are organized.

Three national-level issues worry me: UN intrusion into municipal politics, the farm Capital Gains (CG) tax exemption I don't enjoy and the "safe site" drug problem.

The UN and its elements IPCC, WEF, etc persist in ever-raucous claims that the earth is "burning." It is enormously expensive nonsense, and three years ago I wrote a 28-page paper refuting "climate change" for my county councillors, but the UN has now adopted more insidious attempts to maintain the fiction. The UBC-based "Dufferin County Climate Action Plan" attempts to impose severe restrictions on citizens, especially farmers - and not just in Dufferin County. (The organization claims over 450 Canadian subscribing councils.)

Somehow the organization convinced my county council to pass a "climate emergency" motion. No one has been able to explain what new legislation this will create, and farmers (at least) were unaware of it till this year because we are generally too busy to read our computers daily. The "emergency" does not conform to Ontario's legislation about emergencies, and I am told that the declaration is only "symbolic," but it tends to reinforce the UN's "global warming" claim.

A second UN attack was instituted by "ICLEI," whose full name is difficult to discover. It has an extensive, very colourful web site that when studied is found to be very vague about its sources of funds and its aim, but it offers a "Youth Climate Activity Circle" camping experience for our children that installs strong support for the "global warming" at an age when children's minds are easily persuaded to retain the message for the rest of their lives. More information about the ICLEI can be had by searching "KICLEI" ("Kick ICLEI"), a counter organization formed by worried citizens.

A third UN effort is the "tri-county" "green energy" initiative taken by another group that attempts to impose new, restrictive building standards in addition to existing federal and Ontario building codes. They advocate more vehicle charging stations, and from the tone of a presentation I attended may urge stronger roof structures and orientation (to accept solar panels) and/or similar controls. I would not be surprised by a ban on chimneys.

The UN bypass of established, sovereign governments must be stopped by the federal government, perhaps by banning specific or type organizations. However, it seems that ICLEI has not only established county-paid positions within the local civil service but has also received funds from the UN and the Trudeau government. The YCAC "camps" offer \$500 bribes to children who attend and then push for more "global warming" solutions. I am reminded of the German "Hitler Jugend" organization of pre-WW II and the Soviet Union's "Young Pioneer" attempt to override Boy Scouts Canada, both of which attempted to secure the loyalties of our children. This UN penetration is dangerous, long term.

My second concern is sustainment of my Managed Forest after my death. I started the forest in 1996 because I admired the forests of Germany and could detect no parallel here; my aim is to improve the environment and supply a local source of quality lumber. After I started I learned about federal Capital Gain rules, which exempt family-inherited farms from the tax by offering a large CG deduction, but only if the farmer gains his livelihood from the farm. I rely on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to live, and can expect no income from selective tree harvesting for another 60 to 100 years when my planted seedlings mature.

In searches of CRA tax regulations I came across a clause in the Income Tax Act ("RSD 1985, c.1 (5th Supp.), Section 70"). It allows the CG deduction, stating under the heading "Death of a Taxpayer:"

"(9) Subsection (9.01) applies to a taxpayer and a child of the taxpayer in respect of land in Canada or depreciable property in Canada of a prescribed class of the taxpayer in respect of which Subsection (5) would, if this Act were read without reference to this subsection, apply if

"(a) the property was, before the death of the taxpayer, used principally in a farming or fishing business carried on in Canada in which the taxpayer, the spouse or common-law partner of the taxpayer was actively engaged in a regular and continuous basis (or, in the case of property used in the operation of a woodlot, was engaged to the extent required by a prescribed forest management plan in respect of that woodlot);"

Sections 9.3(c) and 10(a) also specifically mention "forest management plan."

I would like confirmation that the CG deduction applies to a "worked" managed forest, so my children can afford to inherit it instead of having to sell the farm to pay the CG tax. In

current circumstances, the likeliest buyer would be a developer, who would destroy the trees before starting to build.

My third concern is the "safe injection sites" that have proliferated ever since PM Trudeau made cannabis and other drugs legal. A "safe site" does not protect the addict because he leaves the property after receiving drugs and needles and can trade them for more potent drugs from an illegal street dealer. The result is the addict is subject to possible injury or death from unsafe drugs, and the dealers make their profits and proliferate.

What might help would be a requirement that injections occur in the site, not after leaving the site. Some security might be necessary to protect the workers from the dealers.

Decades ago I read a British novel in which a British system was described. (It may not exist in practice.) The system was to offer an addict a choice: go to jail for a few months for using an illegal drug, or go to a rehabilitation centre for a few months to be rid of the habit. A user who accepted the second option received a suspended jail sentence; if he relapsed after treatment, he was punished with both the original and the second sentences, and resided in a (drug-free) jail for long enough to escape the habit.

I have been advocating that procedure for years now, along with public-school education about the dangers of drug use.. Evidently my suggestions were not acceptable.

However, this morning I listened to the CBC (aka Liberal Broadcasting Corporation) radio commentary after 9:00 am to learn what new Liberal schemes are planned for us. The first of three guests was a "safe site" worker who lost a child to deadly drugs, and who strongly urged more "safe sites," but who also contradicted herself.

The second guest was a man who had lost a son to drug addiction and who for four years was himself addicted, but with the help of his family he ended the habit and has been drug free for five years. He urged that "safe sites" be replaced by rehabilitation centres, and that a concerted anti-drug education program be instituted in schools.

The third guest wanted more "safe sites," not rehabilitation.

I still believe that Trudeau's approach is wrong because it encourages drug use instead of ending it and because it indirectly supports criminal sales. A method is needed, to cure those who wish to end the habit, prevent initial use of illegal drugs by education and punish illegal sellers. Trudeau's admitted drug use (illegal at the time), his legislation to make his use legal in arrears and his unsuccessful farming and marketing program to sell "legal" cannabis are setting a very bad example for our youth. Those rich folk who I'm told offer illegal drugs to friends during private parties should be discouraged by jail terms.

Those are my chief concerns, apart from the well-established objections to Trudeau policies (excessive borrowing, creation of unaffordable and non-essential NDP programs,



decline of Defence requirements, etc). I hope that your party will accept my comments for eventual resolution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Hooker".

**Charles Hooker**

**cc: Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health/MPP  
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