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## One Law for Them

Here we go again. Seems that Councillor Smith thinks he's above the very law that this council voted for. I couldn't believe my eyes as I was driving on Atherley Rd. After all the controversy about Councillor Downey breaking then exempting himself from the sign by-law Francis Smith is now breaking the very same law.

All candidates in the upcoming municipal election are given literature about the rules and regulations. Among this paper work is the section of the city's sign by-law. It specifically states that election signs can be placed but must not be placed on city property. Mr. Smith like the rest of this council wrote and voted to implement this very law which he now so blatantly breaks. It is clear to me that Councillor Smith does not believe this by-law applies to him.

Will the city charge him with the violation as Glen Wagner was charged? Will he have to pay a fine? Or will the status quo apply as in Downey's case where Downey, Smith, Gardy, Morano, Buchanan and McLaughlin exempted him from the law.?

Boy do we ever need a change



in attitude. Please Mr. Smith don't tell us that this was an honest mistake and that you were not aware of the by-law.  
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## And Then There's More

I had a call from Laura Lee City clerk. It seems that before she would sign my nomination papers I had to provide proof that I actually was a qualified voter. Now folks no other candidate has been asked to provide proof and according to Laura no one else will be asked. Seems the POWER does not like me. Now I don't mind showing her my rental agreement but I do mind being made to jump through hoops just to make my candidacy more difficult. I have already had a Superior Court Judge of Ontario rule that I indeed was a voter in Orillia which I offered to show HER. Lo and behold she said she already had a copy of the judgment which is binding (then why ask me for the rental agreement?). But you see it seems that these people don't want me elected so they hope that I will be discouraged by these antics.

So what are they afraid of? Is it maybe that a person like myself who actually believes in democracy and equal treatment of all will find out and report back to the voters what is really happening within city hall and city business? Laura tells me she is impartial but will not ask others for proof. Why Me? Jim

# Cheated

As I am a candidate for Orillia council in Ward 1 the Orillia Business Association invited me to an all candidates meeting on Sept. 18. I was told that each candidate would get 5 minutes to get their message out and that tight control would be maintained. Now I know a number of people involved with this group and know their political leanings. I figured my reception although maybe tolerated would not necessarily be warm.

I wrote my speech carefully to make sure I would be within the 5 minute window so that I would not be cut off by time. I wrote and rewrote until I had it almost perfect. I then practised over a two day period 30 times with a timer to get my timing. My shortest time was 4min. 52 sec. and my longest 5 min. 22 sec. pretty good I thought. As for content I was positive my speech would not be welcomed.

On the morning of the 18th. I delivered a copy of my speech to our two local papers to make sure the speech was available to them. I knew that I would have difficulty giving it and expected to be cut off. I asked my wife to attend and time me.

Well I was right. at 4 min. 3 sec. I was stopped as though my 5 minutes were up. So much for Democracy and a level playing field if the Orillia Business Association does not agree with your message. For the people responsible I can only say I feel shame and pity for you.

# Garfield Dunlop

Garfield Dunlop has been bragging that he has brought \$250,000,000 dollars in government spending to our riding. Boy this sounds like a ton of money until you have a look at how much Garfield and his gang took from us.

So let's have a look at the otherside. The PC government takes between six and eight million dollars every month from Casino Rama. So to keep it straight the last four years they have taken 48 months X \$7,000,000 = \$336,000,000. WOW!!! But wait we also pay our PST on every purchase conservatively \$400,000,000. Then of course we have gas tax, provincial income tax, licenses, fees etc. I guess that would be at least \$600,000,000. That makes a grand total of \$1,336,000,000 (very conservative) collected. That amounts to just 18% of monies collected coming back into the riding. Hard to believe Garfield is bragging about this pitiful amount. With working 80 to 100 hours per week I don't think Garfield could ever do more than \$250,000,000. I don't believe this riding can afford Garfield doing the job. We need a change and fast.

As for bringing jobs don't forget it was the liberals who put the OPP Headquarters here and the NDP put the Casino in Rama. It was the PC's who held the Casino for RANSOM.

# HYDRO

So you think that you are only paying 4.3 cents per kw for your hydro? Maybe you believe that the price is frozen and Ernie Eves is protecting you. Well think again. The reality is that you are actually paying market price. Yes your bill says 4.3 cents but in reality your PC Ontario Government Credit Card that was issued to you is racking up a huge balance. You see although you now pay what looks like a lower price the difference in cost is being added to your card plus interest. By 2005 when this mirage will disappear you and I will have to start paying the true cost plus our deferred payments and interest.

This is a fools paradise and Ernie Eves along with Garfield Dunlop have suckered the masses. Wake up folks. The day is coming when you will be paying five to six hundred dollars per month for hydro. If you don't act now and the PC's form the next government we might as well pack our bags and move elsewhere. Industry will leave, inflation will be rampant, property values will drop. You see everything we buy, use, consume is touched by hydro. Our economy will not survive. Just ask any Californian. They tried de-regulation and free market. It nearly wiped them out.

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