

# ❖ Speaking Out ❖

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The Truth Is Mighty And Will Prevail



Taryn Tolnai presented a cheque to Marg Goodchild of Sleeping Children Around the World for \$2010. Our family has an annual Hungarian Goulash Cook Out held at our home the last Sunday of Aug. Last year we raised \$1,110 which purchased 37 bed kits for children in India. We set our goal this year at the \$2,000 mark and I am happy to report that we made it.

I and my family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their support. A special thank you goes out to John Richardson who put the crazy notion into our heads that we could raise two thousand dollars. Well John did a wonderful job of raising \$500 from friends and business associates. Also a special thank you to my buddy Fred Smith (State Farm Insurance) who offered to donate \$100 if we hit \$1,900.

It was a tuff go but with my wife Anne selling a pie recipe for \$25 and taking some baking to work we hit \$1,905. True to his word Fred came right over with his donation.

For those who have not heard of our get together which is growing every year here is a brief description. The idea of our cook out is that everything is homemade. Anne bakes a variety of 20 or more deserts (pies, cakes, tarts, cookies etc.) This year I baked 40 loafs of four different kind of bread. Salads, salad dressing and condiments are also home made. The goulash is cooked in a huge pot on an open fire. It consists of 25lbs. of meat, 50lbs. of potatoes, 10 lbs. of carrots

as well as peppers, 5lbs. of tomatoes and seasoning. Makes my mouth water just writing about it. Everyone is welcome up to one hundred people. My pot is able to handle only that many not to mention our backyard. A great time was had by all with the end result of 67 desperately poor children will receive a bed kit in Africa.

Sleeping Children Around The World is a wonderful charity started by Murray Dryden (father of Ken Dryden). One hundred percent of monies raised go directly to the benefit of the children. Volunteers must pay their own expenses for raising funds. Now that is my kind of a charity. No salaries, No travel and expense accounts. Truly a charity worth supporting. So even though you weren't at our function maybe you would be interested in helping by sending a donation to:

Sleeping Children Around The World

28 Pinehurst Cr.

Toronto, Ont. M9A 3A5

1-416-231-1841

[www.scaw.org](http://www.scaw.org)

a thirty dollar donation buys a bed kit for a desperately needy child.

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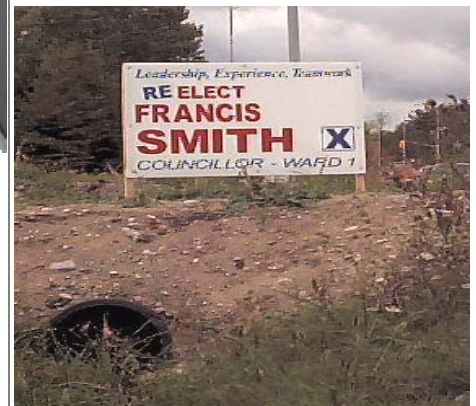
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## LEGAL



In the last issue of Speaking Out I wrote how Councillor Francis Smith placed his election sign in an illegal place. I am sure Councillor Smith either read or was told about my critiquing him. No effort was made to move the sign but last week I received a call from Mr. Jeff Doleweerd telling me that indeed Mr. Smith's sign was legal. I was also taken to task for my many views which he considered to be excrement. I told him he had every right to defend Mr. Smith and he had every right to criticize my opinions. But on the sign being legal I told him he and Smith were wrong. I then mailed him a copy of the bylaw concerning election signs. I am happy to report that Mr. Smith is now complying with the law he helped draft and voted for. It only took about two weeks for

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for Mr. Smith to realize that he is not above the law.

Back in the spring of 2002 when the law had only been implemented a short while Mr. Glen Wagner made the error of putting signs up illegally. When he was notified that his signs were illegal they were removed within an hour. A ticket was written and he had to pay a \$75 charge. Glen then went before council and asked that they wave the fine as he complied immediately and that he was not aware of the new bylaw. Council including Councillor Smith denied his request.

Now here is the question. Was Councillor Smith charged for the infraction? If so will he have to pay a fine the same as Mr. Wagner? If Councillor Smith was not charged why not? And finally can anyone enlighten me on who Mr. Jeff Doleweerd of North Forest Ave. is, and what is his relationship to Mr. Smith? I will report back in the next issue.

Jim Tolnai

## Ward Subdivision Water

People in the Skyline Dr. area known as the Ward Subdivision are angry and frustrated. due to the city taking over the water supply in thier neighborhood. Residents have to cough up almost \$300,000 to hook into the city water system. Now I beleive that new regulations must be followed and have no problem with that. What I do have a problem with is how council and city staff treated these people.

Residents are upset that they have to pay for the entire project with no help from the city. These people have been paying taxes, and subsidising areas of the city when old sewer and water lines are replaced in other neighborhoods. Example: When front street was redone last year new sewer lines and water pipes were placed. Did these people have to pay? What about when Barrie Rd. was rebuilt? Or anywhere else in the city. Of course not. But what I am really upset about is how I believe these residents

were setup.

Council came up with an estimate of just under \$400,000 for the project knowing that there would be a backlash from residents. After much bickering council finally agreed to pay \$120,000 towards the project. Although residents were not happy they accepted the fact of the project. Well it turned out that the tender cost was about \$140,000 less than the cities estimate. Council decided that because the price was less than THIER estimate no financial aid was due.

So being a skeptical person I started thinking about past cons by government of it's citizens. So here is what I came up with. An old tried and successful trick is to inflate the cost of a project and scare the hell out of the people. Then after playing hardball the POWER says "look I will pay into the project because I realize now how adversely your effected as the price is high". Only the POWER knows it will never have to come good for the money. With the original estimate much higher than the tendered cost the POWER can claim that it's contribution was not needed because the actual cost was lower than the original estimate. This saves having to pay and the residents really have a hard time complaining because who would feel sorry for them when they are saving money? Well I feel sorry for them. If my scenario is correct these people have been had. Is this anyway to treat your friends and nieghbors? I don't think so. So you people in the Ward Subdivision have your chance to show your displeasure in this election. Every three years you can say yea or nay.

So why do I believe this is a possible senario? Because with the hospital construction estimate being 25% lower than the tendered price and the new Rec center estimate being 50% less than the new estimate I find it hard to believe that the water project estimate was higher than the actual cost. As I said I am very suspicious. The whole deal is slick but believable. All levels of government have pulled this one on us many times. Just think back you will remember at least one or two examples.

Jim Tolnai

Get out and VOTE

## Rec Center

What the heck is going on. From a \$20 million dollar rec. center we have gone to \$48 million. How is this possible and better yet why? I believe we desperately need a new Rec. Center but this is ridiculous. The FREE land has become the most expensive real estate in Simcoe County.

I have said all along that we need the participation of surrounding municipalities to make this project viable at \$20 million dollars. At \$48 million it is a no go. So how do we save it? First we need to find a piece of property that is suitable to build on. An ideal spot would be on a 12 acre piece of property behind the Home Depot. This is good stable land and is big enough to do the job. With good public transportation whether the center is on West St. or Monarch Dr. it makes no difference. Then build the soccer fields, tennis courts and skateboard park at the Molson property. That should leave 30 odd acres that can be returned to it's natural habitat of a Bog.

I spent the afternoon of Oct. 5 with members of the Couchiching Conservation Club down at Tudhope Park. According to the club Bogs are the rarest eco systems in Ontario. Here we have a chance to have just such an eco-system in the heart of our city and it only cost one dollar. Makes sense to me. We can have the best of both worlds.

Orillia has a Chevrolate budget so lets buy a Chevy. Grand plans are fine and dandy for dreamers but dreamers are not doers. The next council must make the decision to get started. No more wish lists and dreaming. We need a double ice surface, competition/recreation pool, meeting rooms and that is it. This arguing over the difference of three degrees between a competition pool and a recreational pool is silly. Saw it off in the middle and put the temperature up by 1 1/2 degree and save a couple of million dollars. Don't forget the YMCA pool will still be available for recreational swimming. Come on Orillia don't blow this project again. Hamburger tastes just as good as steak when your hungry.

Jim Tolnai

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