



# WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS MPP TED ARNOTT



## *Keeping In Touch*

Spring, 2008

### Dear Friends in Wellington-Halton Hills:

I'm glad to be able to send you this newsletter. It is intended to inform you of some of my activities in the Ontario Legislature and around our Riding on your behalf, and to solicit your thoughts and ideas.

But at the outset, let me express my sincere thanks for the confidence and trust you placed in me last October 10th. I feel extremely honoured to work for you at Queen's Park. I am accountable to you and all residents of Wellington-Halton Hills, and you will have my best efforts as I endeavour to represent our interests and values.

While I sit in Opposition, I accept the result of the Provincial Election. I want to work constructively with Premier McGuinty and his Cabinet to make sure our issues and concerns are addressed. I know that you are tired of excessive and childish partisanship and that you expect MPPs to work together in the public interest. However, I must and will criticize the Government when it is warranted and necessary. I will also offer alternative proposals, based on my experience and your advice.

Without my experienced and dedicated staff associates, Mary Heffernan, Judy Brownrigg, Marnie Mainland and Stephen Yantzi, I could not do my job. I want to thank them publicly for their hard work. Together, we are here to serve you.

As I've said many times, I believe that Ontario's full possibilities and complete potential have yet to be achieved. In spite of our present economic challenges, I know our future together will be bright and that our best days are yet to come.

I welcome your comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have an idea or concern relating to the Provincial Government.

Sincerely,

*Ted Arnott*

Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

## Groves CT scanner finally approved

### *Minister gives the go-ahead after strong community effort*

Congratulations are in order for Groves Memorial Community Hospital, says Wellington Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, after it secured its long-awaited approval for a new CT scanner.

"This is a win not only for the hospital, but also for the health of our communities," said Mr. Arnott, who acknowledged the efforts of the Wellington Health Care Alliance, the Board of Directors, doctors, nurses, staff, volunteers, the Hospital Foundation and Centre Wellington Township Council. "Their hard work and strong advocacy has paid off," he observed.

The new CT scanner will ensure that the hospital will have the diagnostic imaging equipment needed to better serve local patients in Wellington County.

"It's been a long wait, but I'm pleased the Minister of Health has finally seen fit to grant his approval," said Mr. Arnott.

Mr. Arnott is also hopeful that waiting lists for CT scans will be shortened. Groves Memorial patients have been waiting about two months—much longer, in many cases—for access to CT scanners in Guelph for non-urgent cases.

After first raising the issue in June, Mr. Arnott wrote to Health Minister George Smitherman to highlight the issue on the morning after the October 10th provincial election. Speaking in the Legislature on December 6th, Mr. Arnott again pressed the Minister in Question Period to approve the CT scanner.



**CT SCANNER SUCCESS** - Hospital staff, administration and volunteers gathered with local officials on January 11th for the announcement of a new CT scanner for Groves Memorial Community Hospital in Fergus. From left: Dr. Rick Gergovich, Groves Chief of Staff; Ted Arnott, MPP (Wellington-Halton Hills); Sandra Hanmer, of the Waterloo-Wellington Local Health Integration Network; the Honourable John Wilkinson, MPP (Perth-Wellington); Liz Sandals, MPP (Guelph); and Groves CEO Jerome Quenneville. (Photo courtesy of the Wellington Advertiser)

## TOWARD A NEW CT SCANNER: a chronology of Ted Arnott's efforts

### November 27th, 2006

- Ted Arnott writes Groves Memorial Community Hospital to express his support for a CT scanner and offers to work with staff and administration toward its approval.

### December 13th, 2006

- Ted Arnott informs the Legislature of the need for a new CT scanner at Groves Memorial Community Hospital, consistent with the standard of care and availability of CT at other hospitals serving a similar population with a similar clinical program.

### June 21st, 2007

- At the request of Groves Memorial Community Hospital, Ted Arnott writes Health Minister George Smitherman to outline reasons for which the CT scanner is needed.

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## MPP Arnott renews fight for manufacturing jobs

Job losses at local manufacturing facilities are hurting area families, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

“Families right here in Wellington-Halton Hills are feeling the effects of the layoffs at Chrysler Canada’s Brampton assembly plant and at Collins & Aikman in Guelph,” he said. “The bankruptcy of Kitchener’s Ledco plant is also very worrisome news.”

News of the 1,100 jobs lost at Chrysler came on the same day that Mr. Arnott was sworn in to his fifth term in the Ontario Legislature.

“I hope the challenges we face locally will finally

wake up the McGuinty Liberal Government to the urgency of the crisis,” stated Mr. Arnott.

Mr. Arnott is renewing his call for the Finance Committee of the Legislature to conduct public hearings immediately and work toward solutions to the competitiveness challenges facing manufacturers.

In the spring of 2005, Mr. Arnott tabled a Private Member’s Resolution calling for the all-party Finance and Economic Affairs Committee to hold hearings and develop an action plan to save jobs. With support from all three parties, the House passed Mr. Arnott’s resolution. As well, the

Finance Committee endorsed his initiative during its pre-budget deliberations.

Nevertheless, the Government failed to follow the Committee’s advice.

“Had hearings been held two years ago, we could have sent a signal that the Provincial Government is working to protect our good paying manufacturing jobs,” observed Mr. Arnott. “Instead, we’ve had more dithering on a problem that they can no longer ignore.”

Since the beginning of 2005, Ontario has lost over 160,000 manufacturing jobs, according to PC Economic Development Critic Ted Chudleigh.

## Ted Arnott supports farm families



December 10th, 2007

The Hon. Dalton McGuinty, MPP  
Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Room 281 Legislative Bldg., Queen’s Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Late Friday afternoon, I met with representatives of Ontario’s beef and hog producers as well as our local field representative of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

I am aware that many farm families in Wellington-Halton Hills are facing their worst crisis ever, and our discussions on Friday confirmed my strong belief that the Provincial Government must respond **immediately**.

This is not a time for you to simply criticize the Federal Government and attempt to draw attention away from what you can do to help. The farm organizations are approaching the Federal Government themselves.

Your Minister of Agriculture understands the urgency of this situation. You must listen to her and throw your full support behind whatever proposals she is attempting to bring forward to get cash in the hands of these farmers now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

*Ted Arnott*  
Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

### The Government Responds: Ministry of Agriculture pledges \$150 million

On December 14th, 2007, the Minister of Agriculture announced \$150 million for cattle, hog and horticulture producers.

A total of \$130 million of the funding was promised to approximately 13,000 farmers to help them deal with the immediate challenges presented by current economic conditions and the long-term impacts of BSE.

Of this total, about \$100 million is expected to be provided to cattle and hog producers, while about \$30 million should be delivered to horticulture producers. The Ministry stated that the remaining \$20 million will go toward a variety of initiatives aimed at creating a more sustainable future for the sector.

The Government claimed that payments are scheduled to be delivered to producers beginning in February, 2008.

## Working to bridge the funding gap

### MPP tables resolution to return bridge responsibilities to the province

The Government of Ontario must do more to help communities maintain their municipal bridges, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

“Bridges function as vital links between communities, and we must ensure that they are properly maintained,” said Mr. Arnott. His call comes as many municipalities across Ontario are confronting expensive bridge repairs.

“I’ve always worked to support our Municipal Councils to address the infrastructure needs in our communities,” said Mr. Arnott. “In many cases, they need provincial support in order to build and maintain the basic infrastructure we need—especially when it comes to roads and bridges.”

Mr. Arnott tabled a resolution in the Ontario Legislature on December 11th calling for the Government of Ontario to assume responsibility, over a twelve-year period, for all municipal bridges in Ontario.

“This resolution is designed to put pressure on the McGuinty Liberal Government to remember that bridges must be a high priority,” explained Mr. Arnott, adding that local governments must be supported to a greater extent than is the case today.

Restoring provincial responsibility for bridges is not a new idea; in 2003, the Progressive Conservative Party’s platform contained a commitment to do just that.

Prior to the October 10th provincial election, a report was commissioned to look into the provincial-municipal relationship to re-examine the roles and responsibilities of each level of government. Municipal Affairs Minister Jim Watson has informed the Legislature that this report is due to be presented in the spring.

### Toward a new CT scanner (continued from page 1)

#### October 11th, 2007

- Ted Arnott writes the Minister of Health again, on the day after the provincial election, to demand that the CT scanner be approved, and that the Georgetown CT scanner be expedited.

#### December 6th, 2007

- In Question Period, Ted Arnott calls upon the Minister of Health to approve the CT scanner immediately.

#### January 11th, 2008

- CT scanner approval finally announced at Groves Memorial Community Hospital.

**“Hospital staff, administration and volunteers deserve our thanks for their hard work, which has clearly paid off. I’m glad to have done my part to help.”** - Ted Arnott, MPP

**“The Groves scanner will deliver up to 5,685 exams per year, and serve some 60,000 patients.”**

- Ministry Approves CT scanner, Fergus-Elora News Express

**“Let there be no mistake. This is huge.”**

- Dr. Rick Gergovich, Chief of Staff, Groves Memorial Community Hospital  
(Groves Hospital gets provincial permit for a CT scanner, The Wellington Advertiser)

**“This announcement is a win not only for the hospital, but also for the health of our communities.”** - Ted Arnott, MPP



# Ontario lags in access to family doctors, report shows

After calling for action to address the doctor shortage, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is concerned by a recent report showing fewer family physicians per capita in Ontario than in almost every other province. In 2006, Ontario was home to 84 family doctors per 100,000 residents, compared to 203 per 100,000 in the Yukon.

“Ontario has traditionally been a leader in Canada,” said Mr. Arnott. “For Ontario to

be in 9th place in such a critical measure of our health system is truly disturbing news.”

Conducted by the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI), the study also showed that 60 specialists left the province in 2006. Contrary to the trend in other provinces, Ontario’s population growth has outpaced the number of new doctors entering the system.


“It’s time Premier McGuinty listened to the experts,” said Mr. Arnott, who pointed to

several steps that the Ontario Medical Association has proposed. Its suggestions include increasing the number of residency training positions and bringing to Ontario more students from other provinces.

According to results from the Primary Care Access Survey (PCAS), conducted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, there are approximately 750,000 Ontarians without a family doctor.

## MPP Arnott writes Minister on pits and quarries

Following his January meeting with officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ted Arnott wrote to Minister Donna Cansfield to express his views and communicate the concerns he has heard from constituents. Mr. Arnott’s letter is as follows:



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO  
TED ARNOTT, MPP  
WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS

January 15th, 2008

The Hon. Donna Cansfield, MPP  
Minister of Natural Resources  
99 Wellesley St W, 6th Floor, Whitney Block  
Toronto ON M7A 1W3

Dear Minister:

Thank you very much for your assistance in arranging the meeting I had today with officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Our discussion on the licencing and approval process for new quarries and gravel pits was both informative and helpful.

I acknowledge the need in Ontario for aggregate extraction, balanced by the need to protect our environment. For this reason it is important that the aggregate application process be transparent, that people have a say in the approvals process, and that the adjudication be independent and impartial.

Many of Ontario’s aggregate sites, as well a significant number of new or proposed sites, are located Wellington-Halton Hills. Quite understandably, residents and homeowners in the affected areas want to ensure that their quality of life is maintained. Among the key considerations must be the enjoyment of one’s property, air and water quality, property values, and the state of local transportation infrastructure.

In light of these important considerations, I believe that the licencing and approval process must be improved to benefit all concerned. Based on the information I have gathered from Ministry representatives, I offer five suggestions:

1. The Provincial Standards pertaining to the Aggregate Resources of Ontario must be reviewed and modernized. The existing requirements for aggregate applications have remained unchanged since their introduction in 1997. Furthermore, any updates must be preceded by a comprehensive review, which would include opportunity for consultation with public, industry and environmental stakeholders.
2. Concerns with respect to the impact of aggregate sites on water supplies and property values within the vicinity of the site must be adequately addressed. The Ministry should undertake thorough studies on these issues as soon as possible to determine next steps for Government action.
3. As per the recommendations made by the Environmental Commissioner, additional resources should be made available to ensure proper compliance of all Ministry directives and regulations. The Ministry should adopt policies to encourage the conservation of aggregates.
4. All new applications to establish quarries and gravel pits should be communicated to MPPs, as is already the Ministry’s standard practice for affected municipalities.
5. The Ministry’s overview of the approval and licencing process must be clarified so that it may be clearly understood without the need for specialized consultants. Moreover, it should be made easily accessible from the Ministry’s website.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these ideas; I look forward to your response.

Sincerely

*Ted Arnott*  
Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington - Halton Hills

Cc: The Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
The Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment  
The Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

## Ontario seniors deserve better, says MPP Arnott

Access to high-quality long-term care facilities must be a priority in the upcoming provincial budget, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

This was also the message of the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) in its presentation to the 2008 Pre-Budget Consultations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs on January 21st. The organization strongly advocated for increased funding for long-term care homes.

OLTCA is calling for additional financial support for staffing, incontinence supplies, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance and other related services to fulfill the McGuinty government’s commitment of achieving three and a half hours of care per day per resident.

For the most part, said Janet Lambert, Executive Director of OLTCA, “government funding initiatives have either been to sustain existing care at levels that residents and families say are unacceptable, or they have been targeted at specific, hot button issues.”

“Ontario seniors deserve the best possible care we can provide,” said Mr. Arnott. “I have listened carefully to the OLTCA’s compelling presentation at the Pre-Budget Consultations, and I agree that the Government must move to address these funding shortfalls immediately.”

Last October, the organization proposed a solution to the McGuinty Government’s planning allocation process, which would address these issues. An increase of \$513 million in long term care funding would bring the level of care in Ontario on par with other provinces at three hours of care per day per resident. Currently, Ontario ranks near the bottom with only 2.6 hours.

“We’re asking for more money to be able to provide the staff so that we can adequately address the needs of the residents who deserve that care,” said David Cutler, Chief Executive Officer of Leisureworld Caregiving Centres. “There was a promise made four years ago that hasn’t been fully addressed.”



# Around the Riding – 2



**GOING GREEN AT THE LCBO** – Looking for new and innovative ways to protect our environment, the Fergus LCBO handed reusable carry bags in celebrations of Earth Day in April. From left: MPP Ted Arnott, customers Phyllis and Sal Abate, and store manager Stuart Perry. (Photo courtesy of the Fergus-Elora News Express)



**GEORGETOWN LEGAL CLINIC** – Ted meets Halton Community Legal Services staff and administration in Georgetown on January 9th, 2008. From left: Laura Wood, Client and Administrative support; Gillian Tuck Kutarna, Staff Lawyer; Ted Arnott, MPP; and Colleen Sym, Executive Director.



**ADVOCATING ACTION ON AGRICULTURE** – Ted discusses the challenges facing farmers and producers with local agricultural leaders. From left: Doug Cassie, Wellington Cattlemen's Association; David Parker, Wellington Federation of Agriculture Vice President; Steve Logel, Wellington Federation of Agriculture Director; and Ted Arnott, MPP.



**ACTON REGIONAL HUB** – Local officials, teachers, students and school administrators at the Official Groundbreaking of Acton Community Hub at McKenzie Smith Bennett Public School on March 19th, 2007.



**STRIKE UP THE BANDSHELL** – The official opening of the Rotary Centennial Bandshell in Acton took place on July 1, 2007. Ted was pleased to represent the Province of Ontario at this event. (Photo courtesy of the New Tanner)



**STRENGTHENING LOCAL HEALTH CARE** – Groves Memorial Community Hospital CEO Jerome Quenneville speaks at the January 11th announcement of a new CT scanner for the Fergus hospital. Also pictured are, from left, MPPs Liz Sandals (Guelph), John Wilkinson (Perth-Wellington) and Ted Arnott (Wellington-Halton Hills). (Photo courtesy of the Fergus-Elora News Express)



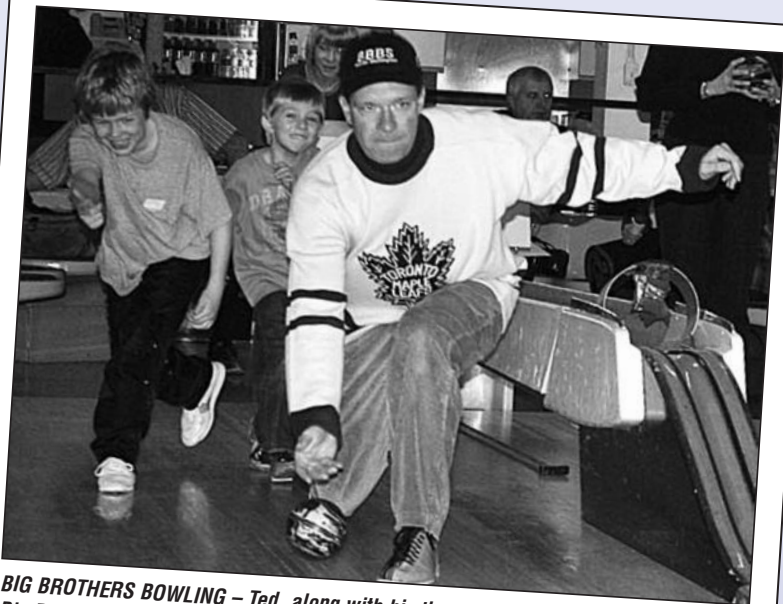
# Working for All of Us



**CANCER CARE CLINIC** – Ted participates in the ribbon cutting of the new oncology clinic, which held its official opening in April at Groves Memorial Community Hospital. (Photo courtesy of the Wellington Advertiser)



**ACTON CITIZENS OF THE YEAR** – Diane and Bill Spielvogel of Acton are presented with the “Acton Citizen of the Year” awards. From left: Ted Chudleigh, MPP (Halton); Mayor Rick Bonnette, Halton Hills; Diane Spielvogel; Bill Spielvogel; Michael Chong, MP (Wellington-Halton Hills); and Ted Arnott, MPP. (Photo courtesy of the New Tanager)



**BIG BROTHERS BOWLING** – Ted, along with his three sons, participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada Bowl for Kids. Ted is a longtime supporter of this important organization. (Photo courtesy of the Wellington Advertiser)



**GEORGETOWN HIGHLAND GAMES** – Ted dons his kilt during the opening ceremonies of the annual Georgetown Highland Games. The Games—featuring heavyweight events, Highland dancing, pipe bands and a parade, among other highlights—are held in June at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY** – Ted takes part in the Remembrance Day Service in Fergus. Ted attended several Remembrance Day observances in Wellington and Halton Hills. (Photo courtesy of the Fergus-Elora News Express)



**ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** – Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are held at the Dufferin Rural Heritage Centre in Prospect Park in Acton. Acton Agricultural Society officials joined soccer players and fans for the event. From left: Fair board president Dale Hewitt, Ontario Trillium Foundation representative Sheila Tutty, Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, and fundraiser Brent Marshall. (Photo courtesy of the New Tanager)



# Presiding over the House

## MPP Ted Arnott reappointed as an Assistant Speaker

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott has been appointed First Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Arnott's new position will again make him one of the Presiding Officers of the Legislative Assembly, who will enforce the rules of the House when Speaker Steve Peters is not present. Also appointed as Assistant Speakers were MPPs Bruce Crozier, Jim Wilson and Andrea Horwath.

"I am very pleased my colleagues have entrusted me to carry on with this responsibility," said Mr. Arnott.

It's a job from which Mr. Arnott can draw on his four years' experience in the same position in the previous Provincial Parliament, as well as his more than 17 years' experience as an MPP.

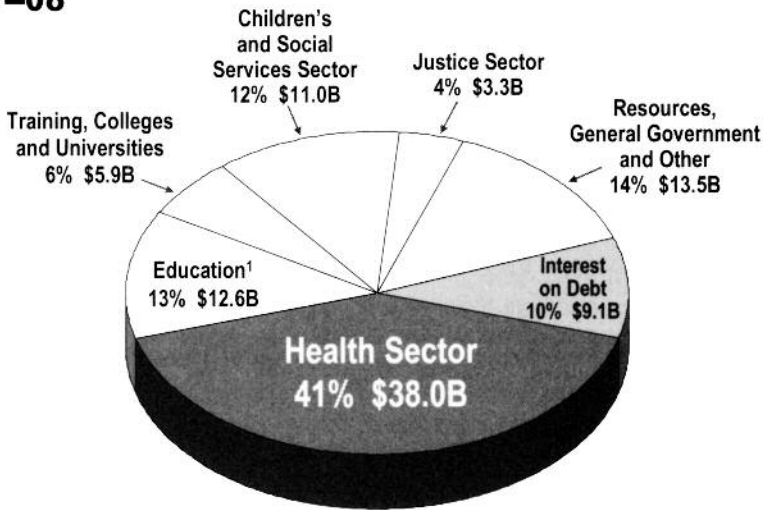
Mr. Arnott was one of five candidates to put his name forward to serve as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; he survived until the third ballot despite the fact that the other four candidates were Liberal MPPs.



**NORTH HALTON MEETING** – Ted speaks to Halton Hills residents at the North Halton Golf Club. Pictured here is Jonathan Fischer, President of Mold-Masters, one of the area's largest employers. (Photo courtesy of the New Tanner)

# Where your tax dollar goes

## Composition of Current Total Expense Outlook CHART 17 2007–08



<sup>1</sup> Excludes Teachers' Pension Plan.  
Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

This chart demonstrates the proportion of your tax dollar spent by the Government of Ontario in several key program areas. Note that over 40 percent is spent on health care services, and 10 percent pays interest on the provincial debt.

# Firefighters' union drive creates potential threat to public safety, say PC MPPs

Recent union threats facing volunteer firefighters have led two Progressive Conservative MPPs to again bring their fight to Queen's Park.

Known as "two-hatters," the firefighters who serve as volunteers in their home communities while working for full-time city fire departments have, in many cases, been forced by their union to quit their volunteer positions or risk losing their jobs.

Sylvia Jones, the newly elected MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, was first to raise the issue in the new session of the Ontario Legislature. Ms. Jones reminded the Minister of Community Safety of the situation now playing out in Orangeville, where seven firefighters have had to resign in just one week.

It's a familiar problem for Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, who has been speaking out in support of two-hatter firefighters for the past five years. Mr. Arnott joined Ms. Jones in pressing the

Minister to respond. "The Minister really has only two options to protect the public interest," observed Mr. Arnott. "He can either give small municipalities the substantial funding they need to train and hire full-time firefighters, or he can defend volunteer firefighters' right to assist their own communities. It's as simple as that."

Ms. Jones and Mr. Arnott also pointed to the Adams Report, which was the product of an effort to mediate a solution to the problem. Justice George Adams recommended that a regulation be passed to protect at least some two-hatters, as the majority of provinces across Canada have already done.

"The Minister's response was unsatisfactory," said Mr. Arnott. "By supporting the status quo, the Minister is rejecting the Adams Report and, most importantly, is showing his unwillingness to act on behalf of small and rural municipalities."

# New Year Social

Every year, Ted and Lisa Arnott host a New Year Social for all constituents. Held again this year at the Victoria Park Seniors Centre in Fergus, the event attracted a good crowd to enjoy the afternoon on January 13th.



Halton Hills residents Bert and Laurie Andrews are pictured here with Ted and Lisa.



The crowd in the hall at the Victoria Park Seniors Centre waits to say hello.



Former Halton North MPP Noel Duignan has a chat with Ted and Lisa. (Photo courtesy of the Fergus-Elora News Express)



## MPP Ted Arnott pushes for Ontario tourism

**Tourism industry facing immediate challenges, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP**

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott plans to continue holding the Government to account for the state of the tourism industry in Ontario.

“Tourist operators—whether in urban centres or in small and rural communities—are facing significant challenges,” said Mr. Arnott. “The high Canadian dollar and confusion over U.S. border requirements are a real threat to jobs in Ontario.”

In a December statement in the Legislature,

Mr. Arnott criticized the McGuinty Government for writing off the American tourist market. Mr. Arnott has called upon the Government to present a comprehensive plan, focusing on an effective marketing strategy, to bring back U.S. tourists.

Ministry of Tourism statistics show a 13.3-per-cent decline in the number of inbound visits from U.S. border crossings from January to October 2007. Still, Mr. Arnott is confident that with the right strategy, this trend can be reversed.

“We have so much to offer the world,” said Mr. Arnott. “Across Ontario, including my own constituency of Wellington-Halton Hills,

we have events and attractions that are second to none.”

John Tory, leader of the PC Party, commended Mr. Arnott for his work on the tourism file.

“Ted Arnott knows that a thriving tourism industry will require a real plan and some real investment—not the self-promotional ad campaigns we have seen from the Liberals,” said Mr. Tory.

“He won’t give up on the U.S. market and he will fight for increased and sensible marketing, a real long-term plan for the industry and much more consultation with industry players before big policy changes are made.”

## Budget hearings conclude in Legislative Committee

Organizations and individuals from across Ontario have pitched their priorities for the upcoming 2008 Provincial Budget.

Beginning at Queen’s Park, the all-party Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs later travelled to cities across Ontario to conduct Pre-Budget hearings.

This was a good opportunity for citizens to have their say, says Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, who has been a member of the Committee for many years.

“These hearings take into account the priorities of a wide range of Ontarians, and it’s essential that people express their views,” said Mr. Arnott.

As the Government prepares its 2008 Budget, Mr. Arnott is hopeful it will listen to the advice of the all-party Committee.

“This Committee is doing valuable work,” said Mr. Arnott. “That’s why I hope the McGuinty Liberal Government will listen to the needs of the entire province, especially from our rural, small-town and suburban communities,” said Mr. Arnott.

In addition to its hearings at Queen’s Park, the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs travelled to Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, Thunder Bay, Kingston, Guelph and London.



**MAKING HIS POINT** – Ted speaks to a presenter appearing before the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs during its Pre-Budget hearings.

## Safe school amendments come into effect

Effective February 1st, several new amendments to the Safe Schools Act came into effect. According to a recent release from the Ministry of Education, School Boards are now required to:

- Provide programs to students who have been expelled or are on a long-term suspension to allow them to continue their education and access services such as anger management or career counselling;
- Treat bullying as an infraction for which suspension must be considered;
- Consider mitigating and other factors before students are suspended or expelled; and
- Respond to all inappropriate behaviours in the most appropriate way instead of automatic suspensions and expulsions (in most cases). This could include a range of consequences such as meetings with parents, referral to a community agency, suspension or expulsion.

*“We always have to do more to ensure a safe learning environment for all students.”*

- Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott

## Have a question for your local School Board Trustee?

*“Elected every four years, School Board Trustees carry an important responsibility. They need your advice as they continue their good work for the students of our communities.”*

- Ted Arnott, MPP

**UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD . . . . .519-822-4420**

- **Ralph Edwards**, Trustee for the Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Wards 3 and 4), Town of Erin, and Township of Puslinch
- **David Gohn**, Trustee for the Township of Centre Wellington (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4) and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Wards 1 and 2)
- **Dan Best**, Trustee for the Township of Wellington North (Wards 2 and 4), Townships of East Garafraxa, East Luther, Grand Valley and Centre Wellington (Wards 5 and 6)

**WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD . . . . .519-821-4600**

- **Gary J. Horrigan**, Trustee for the Town of Minto, Townships of Wellington North, Mapleton and Wards 1, 3 and 5 in Centre Wellington
- **Steve P. Redmond**, Trustee for the Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa, Puslinch and Wards 2 and 4 in Centre Wellington

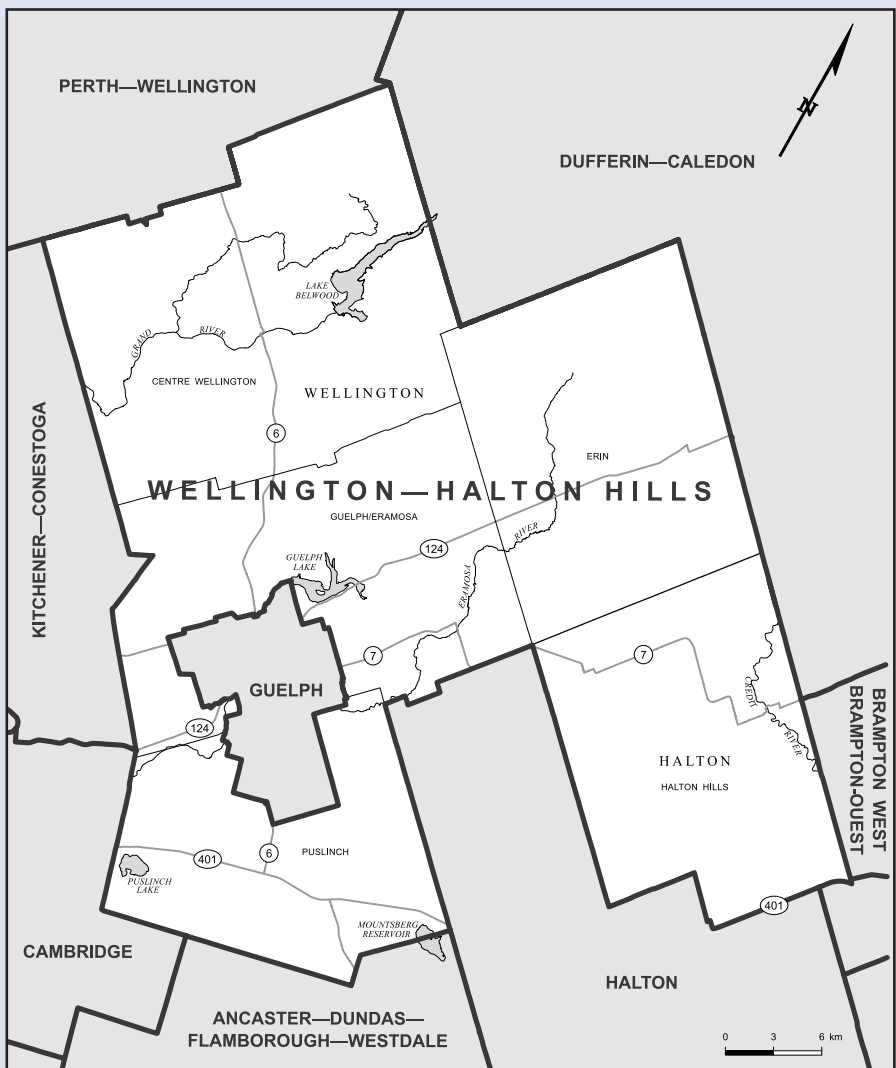
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- **Gillian Tuck Kutarna**, Trustee for Halton Hills (Wards 3 and 4) and School Board Chair
- **Gerry Ockenden**, Trustee for Halton Hills (Wards 1 and 2)

**HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD . . . . .905-632-6300**

- **Rosanna Palmieri**, Trustee for Halton Hills

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Ted Arnott is honoured to represent the following communities in the Ontario Legislature:

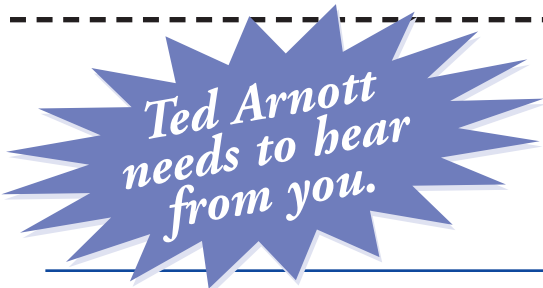
- Township of Centre Wellington (including Elora and Fergus)
- Township of Guelph/Eramosa (including Rockwood)
- Township of Puslinch (including Aberfoyle)
- Town of Erin (including Erin and Hillsburgh)
- Town of Halton Hills (including Acton and Georgetown)



REPRESENTING YOU – Ted was sworn in for his fifth term as a Member of Provincial Parliament. He was joined by two of his sons and by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Deborah Deller. The ceremony took place on November 1st.



PREPARING FOR THE PARADE – Ted and one of his sons help with a stubborn miniature horse at the Erin Lions Club Santa Claus Parade on November 24th—one of several parades he attended this year throughout Wellington-Halton Hills. (Photo courtesy of Carrie Chong)



SURVEY

Please cut along dotted lines and mail to:  
Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills  
Room 420, Legislative Building  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A8

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Do you believe the McGuinty Liberal Government has done enough to help prepare the province for an economic slowdown and to retain local jobs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
- 2

Since the beginning of 2005, Ontario has lost over 160,000 manufacturing jobs. Do you agree with Ted Arnott that the McGuinty Government must move immediately to develop a comprehensive strategy to retain and attract manufacturing jobs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
- 3

How would you rate health care services in your home community?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
- 4

Do you and your family have a family doctor?

☐ Yes, in my home community ☐ Yes, but in another community ☐ No
- 5

Would you support a provincial ban on smoking in vehicles carrying children 16 years of age or under?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
- 6

In his most recent report, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario criticized the Government’s handling of growth and development issues. Do you think that the growth in our communities is environmentally sustainable?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
- 7

In general, how would you rate the quality of education provided by the publicly funded school system in Ontario today?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unsure

- 8

Infrastructure funding continues to be a challenge for many local municipalities. Do you agree with Ted Arnott that the province should take more responsibility for the expensive maintenance of municipal bridges?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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What should be the top issue of concern to the Provincial Government?

☐ Agriculture ☐ Education ☐ Environment ☐ Health Care

☐ Jobs and the Economy ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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