

TED ARNOTT, MPP

WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS

Keeping in Touch – Fall 2019



Dear Friends in Wellington-Halton Hills:

After a wonderful and busy summer, it gives me great pleasure to be writing once again to update you on some of the recent events at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in Toronto, and around our Riding.

Based on the 2016 Census, Wellington-Halton Hills is home to 120,981 people. It is my responsibility to represent each and every one of you at Queen's Park.

My staff and I continue to make the Riding's needs our central priority. Every working day, we use our experience to creatively press for the vital interests of Wellington-Halton Hills, seeking to ensure that your voice is heard by the Provincial Government.

The people of Ontario rightly expect honesty and dedication from their elected representatives. As much as possible, we should work together to advance the public interest. To earn your respect, we should debate the issues facing the province in a responsible and thoughtful manner, and seek to make Ontarians proud of their Provincial Parliament.

As always, we are here to help anyway we can on matters involving the Provincial Government. Please feel free to contact our Office if you have an issue or a concern.

Thank you!

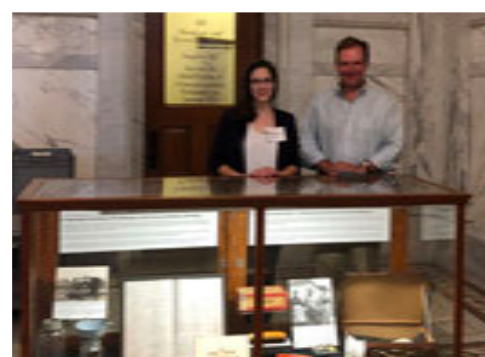
Sincerely,

Ted Arnott.

WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS ON DISPLAY AT QUEEN'S PARK

The Wellington County Museum and Archives has a storied history within its walls. The building, which is a National Historic Site and the former House of Industry and Refuge, was built in 1877 and became the site of the County Museum and Archives in 1974. Much of the building's history can be discovered in the Museum's exhibits and we are proud to have some of them displayed at Queen's Park.

The Community Exhibits Program provides the opportunity for museums, art galleries, archives, and heritage organizations to showcase their treasures and share their stories through an exhibit in one of the display cases located at the Legislature.



RICH HISTORY OF THE "POOR HOUSE" – Wellington County Museum and Archives curator Hailey Johnston visited Queen's Park to set up a display of artifacts from the Museum showing off its history as a House of Industry and Refuge. We are pleased to have a piece of local history at Queen's Park for all visitors to see.

Hailey Johnston, Curator of the Wellington County Museum and Archives, travelled to Queen's Park in August to set up the display. It features artifacts left at the House by its former inhabitants and shares the story of the House of Industry and Refuge and the Industry Farm that was operated on the grounds by residents.

The display will be showcased at the Legislature until December, with guests from across the province and around the world having the opportunity to learn more about our local history.



CHATTING WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Business leaders from the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce shared their ideas and suggestions with Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott at a recent Chamber Fireside Chat.



NBA CHAMPIONS – A "We The North" flag flies at the Legislature on June 14th following the Toronto Raptors' incredible playoff run and championship win against the Golden State Warriors.



CLOSER LOOK – MPP Ted Arnott takes a closer look at the display prepared by Wellington County Museum and Archives staff led by curator Hailey Johnston. The display will be at Queen's Park through December.

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CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

In his famous inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy challenged his nation to **“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”** Each and every one of us can positively contribute to our communities and improve the lives of our neighbours for the public good.

Throughout my time as a Member of Provincial Parliament, I have been honoured to celebrate our fantastic volunteers. Below is an excerpt of the remarks I gave to thank volunteers and encourage everyone to get involved in their community at a recent Rotary Club Appreciation Brunch.

Rotary’s impact is international, but your heart is local-where people like you get involved, and demonstrate your caring with action- meeting regularly for fellowship, then identifying a need in your community, and organizing and planning a strategy to confront it first, then putting your plan into action.

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Wellington-Halton Hills, I want to sincerely thank you for all that you do.

To our volunteers who are here today, and who we are recognizing and honouring, please accept our heart-felt thanks. We are so grateful for all that you do to make our Province the wonderful place that Ontario truly is.

Everyone we honour today has something in common, that being, a genuine desire to help others, with no expectation of public acknowledgement or financial reward.

You do it because you truly care.

You are modest about what you do, and I know that some of you may even be somewhat shy about being recognized today. But don’t be. You should be proud of your community contribution, and just as importantly, the inspiration you give to all of us, reminding us that giving back is an obligation, our duty as citizens.

And on another level, every dedicated volunteer knows of the personal satisfaction that helping others gives to the one who gives of their time, and talents, and caring.

Don’t keep that sense of satisfaction to yourself-share this with others too.

Tell them how great it feels to volunteer. Become a recruiter of the next generation of volunteers. That too becomes a legacy, and helps us embrace the promise of the future.

In every walk of life, we need more people to get involved, giving of their time and talent toward the noble goal of making our communities better and stronger. And while we look to government for leadership, local, provincial and federal- all three “orders”-and I say orders, not levels, because all are legitimate, all are elected, all are important, none should be subordinate to another; and all should seek to work together as partners. We know Government cannot and will never do it all.

And we look to you. And you respond. You say yes.

The late Martin Luther King Jr. once said: Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?”

As volunteers, you are answering that question with your affirmative response.

I am glad to be here with my colleagues in elected public service.

Together we salute your tremendous contribution to our community, to our province and to our country.



FROM THE ARCHIVES, 1995 – MPP Ted Arnott is joined by his predecessor and friend Jack Johnson at the swearing in for his second term. As MPP from 1975 to 1990, Jack’s legacy of decency, partnership, and community building has continued to elevate our local politics. Highway 6 through much of Wellington County was renamed the “Jack Johnson Memorial Highway” in 2015.

CELEBRATING CANADA

As the kick-off to summer and a celebration of our history and culture, I have always enjoyed attending Canada Day events across Wellington-Halton Hills. This year, I delivered the following remarks in Glen Williams, in the Town of Halton Hills, about how fortunate we are to live in such a great country.

Today, from coast, to coast, to coast,

We celebrate...

Our liberties and freedoms,

The scenic beauty of our land,

Our varied achievements in science and sports,

Our distinct Canadian culture,

Our diversity, our differences,

Our fundamental values of tolerance and compassion.

But most of all, we celebrate our people.

Along with indigenous Canadians, we all came from somewhere else - we are all immigrants,

Bound together by pride, and a belief that Canada is a beacon of hope in a chaotic, transforming world.

On this Canada Day, in 2019, let us all resolve to show ourselves worthy of the country we have inherited, and we cherish.

And in the year ahead, in Canada, in Ontario, and in our community,

Not to be complacent, but to build.

Not to take, but to give.

Not to hate, but to love.

Not to despair, but to believe.



WISH OF A LIFETIME – MPP Ted Arnott, Senator Rob Black, and MP Michael Chong chat with Lillian Burden at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Lillian attended the Games as part of the Wish of a Lifetime program that helps enrich the lives of seniors by fulfilling a lifelong dream.



HAPPY CANADA DAY! – Crowds enjoyed seeing all of the classic cars and patriotic floats at the annual Canada Day parade in Glen Williams.
(Photo by Ted Arnott)

WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS MPP TED ARNOTT



GROVES HOSPITAL UPDATE – Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott joins Groves Memorial Community Hospital President and CEO Stephen Street and Senior Project Manager Dan Brzak at the construction site for the new Groves hospital, which is scheduled to open next year. Ted is also actively supporting Georgetown Hospital's redevelopment planning.



ROYAL ANNIVERSARY – Royal Terrace Long Term and Residential Care celebrated 30 years this past summer. Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott was pleased to join staff, residents, and Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece in the celebrations.

ONTARIO BEEF RESEARCH CENTRE OPENS NEAR ELORA

The University of Guelph recently opened its Ontario Beef Research Centre in Elora. The 165,000 square foot, state-of-the-art research station is a “world-class platform for discovery, learning, and outreach.” I was pleased to attend the grand opening celebration where I gave the following remarks about our incredible agriculture sector and the innovative work being done in Wellington-Halton Hills.

I come here again today, as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Wellington-Halton Hills, just as I did two years ago, when we broke the ground for this new research facility,

To acknowledge the outstanding partnership between the Beef Farmers of Ontario, the University of Guelph, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario,

And to say thank you to our farm families, who work to feed us all.

It is their faith, optimism, professionalism and resilience,

That turn every challenge into an opportunity, and every setback into success.

And one such success is Ontario beef—a delicious, nutritious, healthy source of food protein, as part of a balanced diet.

In the Province of Ontario, we are blessed in so many ways, including having the very best farmers in the world, providing us with the safest and freshest food possible, at prices that are affordable and represent excellent value.

We can be proud of this, proud that our labour feeds a nation, in part feeds a continent, as well as markets around the world. The economic importance of the agri-food industry cannot be overstated: in many respects, it drives the Ontario economy as a whole.

And it is that pride, so richly deserved, that helps us to overcome adversity no matter what its source - be it bad weather, low prices, rising input costs, increased regulation and red tape, occasional government inaction and indifference, uncertainty because of trade wars, climate change... it's a long list.

But we work together, we confront these challenges head-on, and we build for the future.

And by keeping up with the latest technological changes, improving affordable, reliable high speed internet in rural Ontario—which I started pushing for in the legislature 5 years ago—and making a commitment to support young farmers and ensure continued environmental sustainability, we ensure the promise of the future in rural and small town Ontario.

In today's world, where innovation and change seem at times to be overwhelming:

We do not fear it. We embrace it.

We are Ontario.

With this new beef research facility, joining the Dairy Facility, and the planned Swine Research Centre, along with all the other agri-food based research underway here,

No one can credibly deny that Wellington-Halton Hills is the epi-centre of the future of the agri-food industry in Canada.

All of you here have played a part,

All of you here deserve our thanks.



WALK AT ROCKMOSA – Mayor Chris White, councillors Corey Woods and Louise Marshall, CAO Ian Roger, staff from the Parks and Recreation Department for the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott cut the ribbon at the official opening of the accessible walking trail at Rockmosa Park on August 14. The trail is a spectacular addition to the Township's recreational facilities and a testament to the hard work and dedication of Mayor White, Township Council, and Staff.

(Photo by Aryn Strickland, Wellington Advertiser)



LOCAL TASTES – MPP Ted Arnott tried some delicious cider from the Heartwood Farm and Ciderly located in Erin at the Annual Cider Tasting held at Queen's Park to highlight the innovative food and beverage industry in Ontario.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER – MPP Ted Arnott met with Carol Martin and some “canine constituents” at the Fergus and Marsville Lions Clubs' Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, June 9. The event raised funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada, which trains and provides free Dog Guides for Canadians with medical or physical disabilities. Its National Training School is located in Oakville.

OUR WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS TEAM

Over the course of the last 29 years at Queen's Park, I've been very fortunate to work with some truly extraordinary people at both our Riding and Queen's Park Offices.

Each member of our Staff is caring and creative; dedicated and thoughtful. They set standards of integrity and professionalism which are second to none in the Province. Our Riding is infinitely better off because of their public service.

At our Wellington-Halton Hills Provincial Riding Office, Judy Brownrigg, Marnie Mainland, Karen Thomas and Janice Howie collectively embrace the challenge of serving our over 120,000 constituents. Wherever I go in our Riding, people approach me to tell me how helpful they've been.

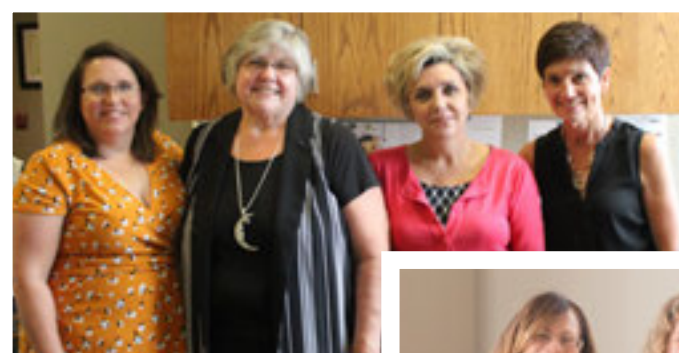
And at our Queen's Park Office in Toronto, Rachel Nauta and Monica Weber not only assist me in my parliamentary responsibilities, but they are also absolutely indispensable to the effective functioning of the Ontario Legislature as a whole.

While I would hope my efforts might represent an inspiration to them, in truth it is their patience, dedication, and positive attitudes which never fail to inspire me.

I could not do my job without my "Team Wellington-Halton Hills," nor would I ever want to.

Thank you Judy, Marnie, Karen, Janice, Rachel and Monica!

—Ted Arnott



FAMILIAR FACES AT THE WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS RIDING OFFICE – Karen Thomas, Marnie Mainland, Janice Howie, and Judy Brownrigg have supported the residents of Wellington-Halton Hills for many years from the Constituency Office, located in Fergus. Ted and his staff also regularly meet with constituents at the public libraries in Halton Hills.



HERE TO HELP AT QUEEN'S PARK – Monica Weber and Rachel Nauta work together to keep the Queen's Park office and the Legislature running smoothly, and ensure local issues are looked after.

WELLINGTON-HALTON HILLS

The riding of Wellington-Halton Hills is composed of the municipalities of:

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



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REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICES – The Ontario Veterans' Memorial stands in front of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and depicts scenes of Canada's military history, including those at Juno Beach on D-Day, 75 years ago this year.



MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL PARTNERS – Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is joined by his colleagues Rachel Nauta and Judy Brownrigg for a meeting with Puslinch Fire Chief Luis Gomes during a visit to Puslinch during the summer recess from the Legislature.