

Free Flamborough Committee for de-amalgamation from Hamilton

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Flamborough Regional De-Amalgamation Meeting

The Committee to Free Flamborough will be holding the first in a series of public meetings in Lynden in West Flamborough (see below for location details).

There will be subsequent meetings to be announced in the areas of Waterdown, Carlisle, Millgrove and Freerton with the aim of informing local residents of the activities and strategies of the Free Flamborough Committee and updating them in terms of the progress of the Campaign to Free Flamborough.

Flamborough De-Amalgamation Petition Campaign

There are approximately 150 people representing the Campaign to Free Flamborough going door-to-door soliciting support from residents of East and West Flamborough for the de-amalgamation Petition. This involves acquiring signatures from all residents on the electoral register and distributing yellow ribbons for prominent display.

The response so far (after just 2 weeks of campaigning) has been 99% support from all residents who have been visited. Current confirmed signatories to the petition is about 3,150, which represents approximately 15% of the 20,700 individuals on the electoral role.

The Business Liaison, Promotion and Research Teams are preparing strategies and activities with which to better inform and build a broad base of support in both the residential and business communities of Flamborough.

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- Meeting Date:** Thursday June 19, 2003
8:00 PM
- Location:** Royal Canadian Legion - Lynden
Lynden Road
Lynden, West Flamborough
- Directions:** Hwy 403, North on Hwy #6
Left on Hwy #5 toward Paris
Left on Lynden Road and 2K on left
- Contact:** 'Free Flamborough Committee'
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- CC.** Hamilton Spectator
Brantford Expositor
Toronto Star
Cambridge Reporter
The Record in Kitchener
Toronto Sun
Globe and Mail
MacLeans Magazine
National Post
CHML Radio
CKCO-CTV Waterloo
CHCH TV Hamilton
Cogeco
Flamborough Review
Flamborough Post

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MISSION STATEMENT

To have the Legislative Assembly of Ontario rescind the forced amalgamation order and return our local municipal government to the local citizens and their democratically elected officials in Flamborough, where each community within Flamborough will democratically choose their community affiliation, if any.

REASONS:

- The citizens of Flamborough had no direct say in the creation of the new City of Hamilton
- The government by regulation and legislation forced the recent amalgamation, against the will of the obvious majority of the people
- The government has not delivered the promised streamlined, more efficient and accountable local government, nor the provision of better services at reduced costs
- The promise of tax decreases has not been met
- The expected transition costs to area taxpayers of this forced amalgamation have already exceeded the promised amount

BELIEFS:

The Committee to Free Flamborough is independent of political party affiliation.

It will use its lobbying power and influence on the Provincial Government as well as that of the newly created Super City to achieve the above objective.

It believes that the communities of Flamborough and its citizens have a democratic right to evaluate and decide on their future direction in terms of services & local government structure.