

Flamborough, Ontario
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The will of the people shall be the
basis of the authority of government
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done
“When you know that an injustice was
and you find yourself in a position to fix it
and you choose not to – you inherit
responsibility for that injustice”

GERRETSEN'S TRUE RESPONSE FINALLY REVEALED

Once again the citizens of Flamborough have been treated like mushrooms, this time by the newly elected Liberal Government and our own MPP, Liberal member Ted McMeekin.

Members of the C.F.F. were surprised to learn that Petition P-9 the Flamborough petition, Petition P-15 the Ancaster petition and Petition P-22 the Dundas petition, all tabled in December 2003 had received official responses from John Gerretsen on February 20, 2004, nearly 3 months ago.

The official response of February 20, 2004 did not ask for more time or more information as stated by Mr. McMeekin in an interview published on May 7, 2004. Instead it 'passed the buck' to newly elected Mayor Di Ianni stating, "he is currently in the process of undertaking local initiatives to hear the concerns of his constituents and to seek ways to address them."

Question: Why did Mr. McMeekin not inform C.F.F. that an official response had been received and why did he not tell his constituents that their concerns were being considered?

Fact: Mr. Di Ianni has had no contact with the Committee to Free Flamborough or a representative group of those who signed the petition either to discuss any concerns or to deal with the problems.

Fact: During his election campaign, Mr. Di Ianni stated that de-amalgamation was not a municipal but rather a provincial matter.

Question: Why is Mr. Di Ianni, who is anti de-amalgamation, now dealing with this issue?

Fact: The provincial Government was responsible for all forced amalgamations in the province of Ontario.

Question: Why is this newly elected Liberal government, which was elected on the basis of a promise to support de-amalgamation, refusing to take the responsibility of addressing this issue and keeping their promise?

Fact: The residents of Flamborough and the other communities elected Mr. McMeekin, on the basis of his support for de-amalgamation and for no other reason.

Question: Why, in a meeting with the C.F.F. on February 25, 2004 at 4.30 pm, did Mr. McMeekin deny having any knowledge of a response from Mr. Gerretsen and why did he feel it was necessary to have a solicitor and Aarnad Kersten from the Chamber of Commerce present at the meeting to “observe the proceedings.”

Question: Why, in his published interview on May 7, 2004 did Mr. McMeekin state there is no deadline for response to petitions in the House of Commons and further state “There’s no official deadline. There’s an etiquette.”

Question: Why does the Government website state, “within 24 days of the day on which a petition is recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, the government is REQUIRED to file a response to the petition and provide a copy to the MPP?” Is this a misprint on the Government website?

Question: Why, as stated in the media, is Mr. McMeekin responding to new ideas when he has not corresponded with the citizens of Flamborough as to what these ideas might be?

Question: Why, did Mr. McMeekin not produce the note he claims to have received from Mr. Gerretsen on March 22, 2004 and share it with any member of the C.F.F?

Question: Why, on May 6, 2004, did Mr. McMeekin tell the Chair of the C.F.F. that he had “No additional information since the meeting of February 25, 2004?”

Question: Have other local MPP’S participated in the deception by not informing their constituents that an official response, from Mr. Gerretsen, has been received to their petitions?

Question: What information is being shared and what initiatives are being discussed between Mr. McMeekin and Mr. Di Ianni, that is not being shared with the 10,685 citizens of Flamborough who signed the petition in good faith?

Question: Has our democracy been hijacked?

It is the position of the C.F.F. that the 10,685 citizens who signed the petition have been deceived, misled and betrayed by Mr. McMeekin. The C.F.F. are now taking steps to demand his resignation and to request a public inquiry into his actions.

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