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MICRO SOLUTION TO A MACRO PROBLEM

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"I live a dream in a nightmare world"

Why is it that it appears that our elected official will not do something without some sort of political gain. This week The Region of Durham is partnering with Lakeridge Health, Ontario Tech University and Durham College on the Oshawa Micro-Housing Pilot Project.

A 10 modular home complex smack in an already economically depressed area of Oshawa. Does that sound to you like good planning. It is obvious that in Oshawa we have a huge homeless problem. Not to mention all the folks living on the edge of economic bankruptcy as they can't afford the exuberant rents landlords are asking now a day.

The attempt to find a solution is nothing short of an insult to those that need homes now. To me this is nothing but yet another attempt by the University to use the people of Oshawa for their benefit.

Durham Regional Chair John Henry says the partnership between the region and Lakeridge Health, Ontario Tech University and Durham College will support the success of the Oshawa Micro-Housing Pilot Project by ensuring participants have access to the supports and services they may need.

"No one should get left behind or fall through the cracks, and, by working collaboratively with our community partners, we can end chronic homelessness in Durham Region," says Henry.

He has to be kidding. 'NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND'. Really. So with 10 modules you will serve the need of the homeless? When the need is 1000 time more to say the least... but wait let's let the good self appointed academia treat our people like ginea pigs in order to extract research grants from the Feds.

This insane micro solution does not even come close to alleviating the real Macro problem we are facing in Oshawa.

The evaluation plan will be led by Dr. Tyler Frederick, associate professor at Ontario Tech University, who is partnering with the region in-kind to develop this plan and apply for research funding.

Here is the truth. This is not about the poor of Oshawa. This is not about the homeless. This is about the OTU looking for ways to bleed the government for grants.

This is what I would do. First we have to assure that whatever we do. We do it with the notion of maintaining the integrity of the area and the property values around it. I propose we take back our lands that GM claims to be theirs. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GM LANDS ARE THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF OSHAWA. THE DEAL WAS THAT FOR

AS LONG AS GM PRODUCED CARS. THEY HAD A ONE DOLLAR A YEAR LEASE AS THE PROPERTIES WERE GIVEN TO THE CITY BY MCLAUGHLIN. With this said. I as your City Mayor would take back the lands from GM. Primarily the GM pain line. Turn that whole area into 20-30 level complex and offer them scheduled rental amounts. This eliminating the treatment of less fortunate as second class citizens. Take the rent right out of their social service cheques. Offer the opportunity to dig themselves out of poverty by helping them secure a proper way of living. Standards would be set in order to assure the property would be kept up. The current security force the City employ would be used to assure safety and security. Those suffering from addiction or mental health issues would become by mandate awards of the hospital until such time as the hospital would take liability in the event of an episode at the stated facility. As it stands... sure the hospital the university will partner up... they have nothing to loose and all to gain. This Micro solution is an insult to those suffering the real Macro problem.

OTTAWA EXTENDING MULTIPLE

COVID-19 SUBSIDIES FOR WORKERS, BUSINESSES AMID DELTA SPREAD

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland on Friday announced COVID-19 benefits, including the wage subsidy and the rent subsidy, are being extended, as are the Canada Recovery Benefit, the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit. All had been set to expire on Sept. 25, but will now run until Oct. 23.

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland says the federal government is extending multiple COVID-19 benefits due to expire in September for an extra 30 days amid reopening delays and concerns about the spread of the Delta variant. At a press conference on Friday, Freeland announced the wage subsidy and the rent subsidy are being extended, as are the Canada Recovery Benefit, the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit.

All had been set to expire on Sept. 25, but will now run until Oct. 23. "From the government's perspective, it is essential to do everything we can to make sure the country's economic recovery is fast and robust, and that no one is left behind," said Freeland. "These support measures have been a lifeline." Freeland said that while the Canadian economy is showing "very strong signs of recovery," the reopening that had been expected this summer and is beginning to take place now has been delayed. In particular, she said the length and persistence of the third wave proved challenging and uncertainty about the rapidly spreading Delta variant means many businesses remain restricted. "Our country is now coming roaring back and these extra measures will help ensure our recovery is strong, swift and robust," she said.

Her remarks come as public health officials are warning that Canada is likely at the start of a fourth wave of the pandemic, driven by the Delta variant — which a report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now says is as contagious as chickenpox.

In its summary, the CDC report said Delta is highly contagious, likely more severe than other variants and breakthrough infections may be as transmissible as unvaccinated cases, though the vaccines still appear to be highly effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death. Story continues below advertisement

Canada's chief public health officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, cautioned on Friday that while new modelling "suggests we are at the start of the Delta driven fourth wave," the trajectory of that will "depend on ongoing increase in fully vaccinated coverage and the timing, pace and extent of reopening."



TO BE OR NOT TO BE ELECTIONS

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With political parties itching for an early election, the question is whether an election at this point will warrant the attention of the people. With the Covid pandemic in recess, Canadians are starting to focus on the recovery of the economic.

However, many factors beside political ambitions are in place, which will determine the call for elections sooner or later. Indicators are strong, now that Canada has a Governor General and the minority government is starting to believe strongly that that they might have a good chance of getting a majority. Supported by the Conservative opposition's lack of ideas and the NDP's further drift to the left, an early election call is very close to reality. Pollsters say there is a window this fall in which the Liberals could win a majority, as Canadians embrace the freedom of being vaccinated and the latest budget injects billions of dollars into the economy.

Of course the timing of the election is important, since the pandemic seems to be a highlight in the Liberal government's performance in the eyes of Canadians who are now naturally starting to shift their focus towards economic recovery. In fact, attention shifting to the economy will not favor the governing Liberals who have spent, and continue to spend recklessly. So the window for an election favorable for them seems to be now rather than later.

Earlier this month the Bank of Canada also painted an optimistic picture of growth heading into the second half of the year, before the economic storm which is bound to come, will hit.

Another potential source of trouble is that with cold weather approaching, instead of fading from peoples' minds, COVID-19 will come roaring back as more contagious virus variants spread. This is happening in the United States and elsewhere.

Despite the variety of issues on the carpet, the ultimate decision to ask the Governor General for an early election will be with the Prime Minister. How this will play out remains to be seen. The long-standing tradition of the Governor General acceding to Canadian Prime Ministers' requests to dissolve Parliament will practically push Mary Simon to accept a plea from Justin Trudeau to call an election.

However, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has asked Simon to refuse any requests from Trudeau that would send voters to the ballot box, noting that the fixed-election law states that every general election must be held on the third Monday of October four calendar years after the last one.

In a letter to the Governor General Singh has stated that the law allows for an early election if the government has lost the confidence of the House, but the Trudeau government has won every confidence vote it has faced, including the one on the speech from the throne and the budget. As usual, the NDP leader is telling half truths, in that the prime minister has the right to ask the Governor General to call an early election under the Constitution and the fixed-election law brought in by the Harper government did not change that.

However, surprises during election campaigns are not uncommon, in fact they often happen. Who is to say that there won't be distressing news on the pandemic or the economy just around the corner, or some other unknown issues of the day for that matter? Who's to say the polling, an increasingly hazardous enterprise, is accurate or that it won't change after the writ is dropped? There is one very big constant in Canadian political history that plays strongly to the Liberal advantage and should not be overlooked. They have been and they still are the natural governing party. Other things being relatively equal, they will win. The Liberals have been in power for 71 of the last 100 years, 31 of the last 50. They have emerged victorious in 25 elections, compared to the 18 Conservatives victories.

In their political orientation, Canadians are predominantly progressive. It is evident in almost every election, wherein the combined vote of centre-left parties easily surmounts that of the conservative vote. However, that might change in view of the rise in globalist trends that work against national interests. That might give a real chance to new political parties who are more nation oriented.

With a weak Conservative weather vane leader and a party lacking in constructive ideas, there is a real possibility that the Liberals will win a majority right now. To stop the Liberals, they'll need a series of fortuitous campaign surprises which are less likely to occur. Then, as expected, the natural governing party, the Liberals, will win again.

Modern history also shows roughly 10-year governing stretches for parties before fatigue sets in. The Trudeau Liberals have only been in power for six years, suggesting that voter fatigue likely won't put the Conservatives over the top this time.

A loss or a poor showing in the upcoming election for the Conservatives will signal a crisis in the party similar to that of the Liberals' Dion, Ignatieff fiasco. With Scheer's shredding of conservative values, followed so closely by O'Toole erring left right and center, there is some danger of a similar scenario unfolding for the Conservative Party.

Maybe it is a time for Canadians to look for new parties to support. Parties with more Canadian oriented than globalist views, such as the emerging Peoples Party of Canada.

In conclusion, we seem to be gearing up for an early fall election. Do not forget to vote for what you believe in. Till then, continue to have a good summer.

DELTA COVID-19 VARIANT AS CONTAGIOUS AS CHICKENPOX, INTERNAL CDC REPORT SAYS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has described the Delta variant of the coronavirus as being as transmissible as chickenpox and cautioned it could cause severe disease, the Washington Post said, citing an internal CDC document.

The variant was also more likely to break through protections afforded by the vaccines, but the health authority said such incidents were very rare, the CDC report posted on the Washington Post website showed. In its summary, the CDC report said Delta is highly contagious, likely more severe than other variants and breakthrough infections may be as transmissible as unvaccinated cases.

Still, the CDC's figures show that the vaccines are highly effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death. The findings are likely to stir debate about whether masks, social distancing and other measures may again be needed even in countries with broad vaccination campaigns and where lockdown restrictions have eased.

The CDC report said that universal mask wearing is still needed to reduce transmission in addition to vaccines. "The main thing that does change (because of Delta) is that masks will still be used and that in countries where this requirement has been lifted, it will have to be re-introduced," said Carlo Federico Perno, Head of Microbiology and Immunology Diagnostics at Rome's Bambino Gesù Hospital.

New research showed the vaccinated people infected with the Delta variant carried tremendous amounts of the virus in the nose and throat, CDC Director Rochelle Walensky told the Times. The Delta variant is more transmissible than the SARS-CoV-2 ancestral strain as well as the viruses that cause MERS, SARS, Ebola, the common cold, the seasonal flu and smallpox, the report said. It said it was as transmissible as chickenpox, a highly contagious infection common in children that causes itchy rashes. But the variant is roughly as deadly as the ancestral strain, whereas SARS, Ebola and other diseases had far higher fatality rates, the report showed. The immediate next step for the agency is to "acknowledge the war has changed" and improve the public's understanding of breakthrough infections as well as the big reduction in the risk of severe disease for vaccinated people, the document said.