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## NEEDLES AT PUBLIC PARKS

**A REAL SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN**



**Derick George White**  
Local Super hero.

Oshawa - Across Oshawa and Durham region in recent years there has been an increase in incidents involving disposed needles found at local parks and schools. This is a huge public concern as drug users are randomly discarding needles. Derick White for the past three years has taken the crusade to go around and pick up used needles found at local parks and walk ways. He picks them up from streets, walkways, alley ways, playgrounds, river banks. White said, "You can find them in most alley ways across Oshawa downtown.

You can also find a large number along the creek right behind City Hall." White believes that it has become and epidemic. He collects the needles and turns them in to the John Howard society or the Aid Society. Unfortunately the Aids society has closed do to no funding. Mr. White approached the mayors off ice and was highly dissappointed in the response as he was practically brushed off and left to fend for himself. This is the usual treatment by city elect when it comes to citizens good deeds and or concerns. Mr. White frustration does not deter him from continuing his quest to clean the city. At the moment Mr. White collects these needles and puts them on heavy duty plastic containers and batch disposes them safely. He approached Mayoral Candidate Joe Ingino for some ideas and support. Candidate Ingino took it upon himself to do everything in his power to assure Mr. White's great deed did not go unnoticed. Mr. Ingino offered Mr. White a

position in his candidacy team as head of the community development division. Mr. White's role will be to encourage others in the community doing good work to tell their story. Good deeds in our community must be acknowledged. Candidate Joe Ingino said, "People like Derick make this city great. He is a very special individual that would risk his own health in order to help others. To assure that our kids are safe and free of this very serious public health concern. As your new mayor, no person will be sent back without an answer and or support. We need to listen to our citizens and take their concerns to heart. As it is there are no real programs like these to clean up our parks and walkways of this very epidemic issue. There are some drop off boxes stratigically placed across the city for users to dispose of old needles. The fact is very few use them. Mostly diabetic. Addicts just pitch them. THIS WILL STOP."



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## DOUG FORD Announces Action to Uphold the Better Local Government Act

Will call back the Legislature and invoke Section 33 of the Constitution to ensure the Better Local Government Act remains in effect as passed by Ontario's democratically elected Legislature Ontario Premier Doug Ford today announced that his government will take immediate action to ensure the Better Local Government Act remains in effect as passed by Ontario's democratically elected legislature.

"Canada's Constitution makes it clear. The province has exclusive responsibility over municipalities," said Ford in announcing his government's action. "The Better Local Government Act will reduce the size and cost of government while reducing dysfunction at City Hall. The people who are most vocal and fighting this move are a small group of left-wing councillors looking to continue their free ride on the taxpayers' dollar and a network of activist groups who have entrenched their power under the status quo."

Ford announced that his government will immediately recall Ontario's Legislature and introduce legislation that, if passed, will invoke Section 33 of the Constitution and ensure the Better Local Government Act is preserved in time for the October 22 Municipal Election.

Ford also announced that his government will immediately appeal Judge Belobaba's decision to the Ontario Court of Appeal.

"I believe this decision is deeply concerning and wrong and the result is unacceptable to the people of Ontario," concluded Ford. "If you want to make new laws in Ontario - or in Canada - you first must seek a mandate from the people."

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