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## TWO OUT OF ELEVEN AIN'T BAD

### From The Bottom Of The Corporate Sea

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Most of you reading this can relate to Meat Loaf song, TWO OUT OF THREE AINT BAD. A romantic song that speaks of a man love for a woman.... relatable to taxpayers for the love of the City of Oshawa. Unfortunately. In this case... It is two out of eleven ain't bad....

Baby (Oshawa), we can talk all night  
But that ain't gettin us nowhere (thank god for 2026 elections)  
I told you everything I possibly can (council members do not return phon calls)  
There's nothing left inside of here (we are over taxed and no one cares)  
And maybe you can cry all night (it does not make a difference on the huge tax increases)  
But that'll never change the way that I feel (taxpayer's been screwed for way to long)  
The snow is really piling up outside (the needs of the city are real and no one is doing anything)  
I wish you wouldn't make me leave here (things will be different in 2026 with your vote)  
I poured it on and I poured it out (the people have spoken you have failed to listen)  
I tried to show you just how much I care (citizens have been ignore for way to long)  
I'm tired of words and I'm too hoarse to shout (false promises and wasteful spending 'parks')  
But you've been cold to me so long (8 years of diminishing quality of life in Oshawa)  
I'm crying icicles instead of tears (tired of waiting for different outcomes and left to pay)  
And all I can do is keep on telling you (deaf years)  
I want you (I want you) (to listen to the people)  
I need you (I need you) (I need you to do what you are elected to do)  
There ain't no way I'm ever gonna love you (The suffering is to great in our city)  
Now don't be sad (don't be sad 'cause) (do something.. as your empty excuses have not worked)  
'Cause two out of three ain't bad  
Now don't be sad ('cause)  
'Cause two out of three ain't bad  
The ending of this song should be 2 out of 11 aint bad... No one can argue that our city under this current Carter leadership is a mess. From our drug, homeless and crime infected downtown to the quality of life in many of your neighborhoods. Thank God Carter is not returning... but wait. There are rumors that he may be appointed Regional Chair by the Province.  
God Help Us All.

If it was left up to me. I start by getting rid of both Ward 1 councillors. Councillors that have allowed for farm lands to be raped into modern day Ghettos. There is no excuse. Neil has been in office for numerous terms... what has he produced? Rosemary McConkey, the same. What has she accomplished for her ward? They have to go.  
Ward 2 councillor both have to go. Jim Lee, the newly elected council member had potential but sat on his hands. He rather join the 'good old boys club at city hall than represent the constituents. He has to go. Then we have Tito-Dante Marimpietri a long standing council member. Now running for mayor. I have a question. What has he accomplished for all the years he has sat in office? Now we the taxpayers are expected to pay him more to do more of nothing.  
In my opinion he is no Mayoral material.  
Ward 3 - Chapman has been in municipal office for way to long. Can anyone please list his accomplishments for the betterment of Oshawa? He needs to be retired in 2026. Bring in new blood to that ward. No on the other hand we have Bradley Marks I keep. In my opinion a diamond in the rough. A person with the right intellectual scruples that has been forced silenced. I think he would make a great Mayor of Oshawa. His talents have not yet come through as he recognizes the perils of speaking out of rank in the old City of Oshawa boys club.  
Ward 4 - The front line of the battle ground over Oshawa's downtown core. Rick Kerr has pushed the arts for way to long and the city keeps looking like a third world country. NO MORE. We have to replace him with someone that is 'PRO' business downtown. How are we to expect wonders when he has never owned a business in the core. The we have Derek Giberson. A disaster politician. He according to rumors was responsible for the drug trade in the core as he sat on the board responsible for the actions that took place out of a church downtown Oshawa. A church that encouraged open drug use. He has to go.  
Ward 5 - Brian Nicholson has to go. His attitude and his support for local business is shameful at best. Once a political dynamo. Today nothing but a bitter voice that has allowed GM to walk out. Now John Gray. I keep him. He has proven to have what it takes... as he works the issues in the best interest of the people.  
2 out of 11 ain't bad. What's your take?

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## Remembering the Battle of Vimy Ridge, 109 Years Later

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There are moments in history when a nation does not merely act—it becomes. For Canada, that moment came on the cold, scarred heights of Vimy Ridge in April 1917.

Between April 9 and 12, more than 100,000 Canadians fought together for the first time as a unified corps. They faced a fortified German position that had defeated previous Allied assaults and was widely considered impregnable. Yet, through meticulous preparation, disciplined execution, and collective resolve, the Canadians did what others could not: they took the ridge.

Vimy was not simply a battlefield victory. It was the forging of a national identity. The cost was staggering. Canada suffered over 10,600 casualties in just four days, including 3,598 killed. April 9 remains the bloodiest day in Canadian military history. These were not professional soldiers alone—they were citizens in uniform. Farmers, labourers, students, immigrants. French and English Canadians, Indigenous soldiers, and newcomers all fought side by side. In their shared sacrifice, they revealed the essence of Canada before it fully knew itself. Historians have long argued that Vimy marked the moment Canada stepped out from Britain's shadow and asserted its own capability and confidence on the world stage. Brigadier-General Alexander Ross famously described witnessing "the birth of a nation." That phrase endures not because it is poetic, but because it captures a profound truth: Canada emerged from Vimy more unified, more self-assured, and more conscious of its destiny.

Yet the lesson of Vimy is not found in symbolism alone. It lies in how the victory was achieved. The Canadian Corps did not rely on luck or sheer courage. They rehearsed relentlessly. They mapped every trench, studied every metre of terrain, and coordinated artillery with unprecedented precision.

The creeping barrage—moving in timed increments ahead of advancing troops—allowed infantry to follow closely behind a curtain of fire.

This was not reckless sacrifice; it was disciplined innovation. That Canadian approach—thorough, methodical, intelligent—became a hallmark of subsequent victories. Under the leadership of Arthur Currie, Canadian forces refined tactics that emphasized planning over impulse and effectiveness over spectacle. From Hill 70 to Amiens, the Canadian Corps earned a reputation not just for bravery, but for competence.

And that may be Vimy's most enduring lesson. Because today, Canada faces a different kind of battlefield—one shaped by geopolitical instability, economic uncertainty, and shifting global power dynamics. The war in Europe has shattered illusions about lasting peace on the continent. The Middle East remains volatile. Great power competition is intensifying. The rules-based international order, long taken for granted, is under strain.

At home, Canadians are grappling with economic pressures, housing challenges, and questions about national resilience. We are no longer insulated from the turbulence of the world. Geography alone cannot protect us. History reminds us that complacency is not a strategy. Just months after Vimy, the world was struck by the Spanish influenza, which claimed millions of lives globally and deeply affected Canada. More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed vulnerabilities in global systems and tested national cohesion. Each crisis—military or medical—has reinforced the same truth: resilience is built before the crisis, not during it.

Vimy teaches us that success is never accidental. It is the product of preparation, unity, and leadership.

Today, that means strengthening Canada's defence capabilities—not as an act of aggression, but as a responsibility in an increasingly dangerous world. It means investing in our armed forces, modernizing our infrastructure, and ensuring that Canada can contribute meaningfully to collective security alongside its allies.

But it also means something deeper. The soldiers at Vimy did not fight as isolated individuals. They fought as Canadians—with a shared sense of purpose and duty.

That civic responsibility must not be lost in our time. A strong nation is not built solely through policy; it is sustained through the character of its citizens.

We must rediscover that sense of collective obligation—to one another and to the country we share. In an age of division and uncertainty, unity is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

As we reflect on Easter 1917, we should remember not only the courage of those who advanced across that shattered ridge, but the discipline and preparation that made their success possible. We should remember that nationhood is not a fixed achievement, but an ongoing responsibility.

And we should ask ourselves a difficult but necessary question: are we living up to the legacy they left us? Are our leaders demonstrating the foresight and resolve required for the challenges ahead? Are we, as citizens, prepared to shoulder our share of responsibility? The answers will define the Canada of tomorrow.

Because Vimy is not just history. It is a standard. A reminder that in moments of uncertainty, Canadians have risen—not through rhetoric, but through action. Not through division, but through unity. Not through chance, but through preparation.

The men who fought at Vimy Ridge did their duty. Now, the question is whether we are prepared to do ours. Lest we forget.

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