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IMO approves net-zero regulations for global shipping...

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is conspiring to enact a so-called legally binding framework to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ocean-going ships worldwide, aiming for net-zero emissions by 2050. The IMO Net-zero Framework is the first in the world to combine mandatory emissions limits and carbon pricing across an entire industry sector. Measures include a new fuel standard for ships and a global pricing mechanism for emissions that will become mandatory for all large vessels regardless of their origin. To his credit, United States President Donald Trump has said he is “outraged” that the International Maritime Organization would be voting on whether to impose a carbon emissions price on global shipping, and called it a “Global Green New Scam tax.” In a statement on Truth Social, Donald Trump said the United States would not comply with the measure and vowed to resist it “in any way, shape or form.” This newspaper believes he is absolutely right in doing so, and that other world leaders should follow suit. The proposal is flawed in its economic impact and environmental effectiveness. Such a useless tax will undoubtedly cause a significant and totally unnecessary increase in global shipping costs, and it would drive up prices for imported goods, thus fueling inflation. Further, the proposal represents ‘taxation without representation’ because it would be levied by a United Nations agency rather than a democratically elected body. Revenues would go into a ‘Net Zero Fund’ managed by global bureaucrats, inviting potential corruption and opaque special deals. The proposal is nothing less than a neocolonial export of climate regulations, benefiting Chinese shipbuilding in particular. And yet, some hardline environmental groups have the audacity to suggest the framework’s targets and mechanisms still don’t go far enough. The last thing our struggling economy (and that of other nations) needs right now is another Green Scam on the part of international bodies that you may be sure is manifestly designed to confiscate as much global wealth as possible. Canada and other Western nations must fight this glaring example of global environmental corruption.

Parliament must confront the outsourcing of our auto jobs....

Over three thousand Stellantis workers are under threat of losing their jobs now that Jeep production may soon be moving out of Brampton and into the industry-friendly environment that exists south of the border. Despite \$-Billions in subsidies, the automaker is intent on moving jobs and investment to Illinois, leaving former employees wondering how they’ll pay their mortgages and put food on the table. Prime Minister Mark Carney repeatedly bragged he would negotiate a “win” and somehow handle Donald Trump, however he has so far failed to deliver his promised “win” for workers in the automotive industry, as well as other critical sectors like softwood lumber. Since Mark Carney became Prime Minister, over 97,000 more Canadians are out of work. These devastating job losses don’t include the 3,000 Stellantis workers left in limbo. From farms and factories to steel and saw mills, the costs of Liberal Party failures have hard-working Canadians paying the price. The Conservative opposition has requested an emergency debate on this growing crisis, and there is good reason for doing so. When 2,500 auto jobs were threatened at our local General Motors assembly plant, an emergency debate was granted. Given that the Parliamentary calendar set by the Liberal government has not presented any opportunities to address the jobs loss at the Stellantis plant, and given the responsibility of the government to protect Canadian workers, it is incumbent upon the Prime Minister to step forward and act decisively. This is about real Canadian families who are being crushed by the Trudeau-Carney Liberals failure on trade. Canada and Ontario deserve better.

One law for all...

Roosevelt Rush, a Jamaican national, now resident in Canada, was found guilty of drug smuggling, and should have received a punishment that fit his crime. He had been caught with 55 grams of cocaine while on bail – GPS monitor and all – awaiting sentencing for previous drug and gun offences. But instead, he was given a sentence of only 12 months, only half of what the judge said his crimes deserved, in large part because of his immigration status. The Trudeau-Carney Liberals have failed to respond to a 2013 Supreme Court ruling permitting judges to consider immigration status in sentencing. This means that if a non-citizen commits a heinous crime that would put them at risk of being deported, or of having their citizenship or permanent residency applications rejected, they won’t be held to the same standard as everyone else. Canada is a country of fairness, and whether you are a newcomer or the Prime Minister himself, the law should apply equally. The judge in this case even acknowledged that ‘cocaine is an extremely dangerous and insidious drug with potential to cause a great deal of harm to individuals and to society’ and ‘this offence is significant, and his moral culpability is high.’ A proportionate sentence on these considerations alone would warrant a penitentiary sentence of 24 months. Roosevelt Rush, the non-citizen who violated the terms of his bail, trafficked illegal drugs and had no legitimate job. He is the last person we should go out of our way to keep in this country, and he is certainly not someone who should be released back onto our streets early, just to avoid deportation. Canada used to be a land governed by the rule of law, but those days have long passed. Lib-Left governments and agencies are placing their concerns on the criminal element in our society... in the name of a twisted woke ideology. That is truly a monstrous reality that must somehow be forced to change.

Canada needs a youth jobs plan...

Youth unemployment in Canada is now at crisis levels. Over 460,000 young Canadians are out of work, nearly 15 per cent of those 15 to 24 years old. The youth employment rate is at its lowest point in more than 25 years, outside of the pandemic. This newspaper believes this is an intolerable situation. A young person’s first job sets the course of their future opportunities. High youth unemployment doesn’t just hurt today, it damages the long-term career prospects of the next generation. To that end, the federal government must start doing whatever it can to unleash our economy by repealing anti-resource laws, cutting taxes to drive reinvestment, and eliminating the red tape that is choking homebuilding and business growth. The Trudeau-Carney Liberals have broken the system, and it’s long past time to realign immigration with labour and housing market realities. In addition, federal student aid should no longer treat all studies the same. The Canada Student Financial Assistance Program must be made to provide relatively more support to students pursuing in-demand fields, determined by up-to-date labour market data. Employers trying to hire in regions with labour shortages face major obstacles because workers can’t find nearby housing. To fix this, a 100% capital cost write-off should be implemented for any company that actually builds housing for its workforce. Imagine that. That type of powerful incentive would certainly help small businesses and large employers attract workers while expanding housing supply overall. That’s an idea well suited to our tough economic times.

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Dear Editor:
This is copy and paste...there are signatures on the original. THIS IS JUST WRONG. And NO OFFICIAL REASONING. I am a Grandparent of two of the Students at Brooklin High. Please get involved, this just can't happen!! Thank you, Marge Decher
Friday October 3rd, 2025
Subject: Reimagining End-of-Year Celebrations
Dear Brock, Brooklin and Uxbridge Grade 12 Families,
For many years, our end-of-year celebrations have often included a traditional prom. We understand that for many, this event carries fond memories and a strong sense of tradition. At the same time, the realities of hosting such a large-scale event have shifted. The growing expectations, liabilities, and risks connected to school-run proms make it increasingly difficult for schools to continue offering them in the way they once were.
Beginning this year, our school will be moving away from organizing a formal prom, as has PPHS for decades and hundreds of high schools across Ontario. This does not mean that students' friendships, accomplishments, and milestones will go unrecognized. Instead, we will continue to focus on creating inclusive and meaningful year-end activities that bring students together in ways that prioritize safety, dignity, and belonging.
We also recognize that some communities may choose to organize their own celebrations outside of the school. Families are free to pursue these types of gatherings if they wish, and we respect the diversity of choices that may emerge.
We know this shift may be disappointing for some and welcomed by others. What remains constant is our commitment to working alongside students and families to ensure that the conclusion of the school year is marked with joy, recognition, and a strong sense of community.
Thank you for your understanding.
Sincerely,
Will Jovel
Principal
Brock High School
J. MacKongie
Julie Mackenzie
Principal
Brooklin High School
Ay. Lee
Melissa Lee
Principal
Uxbridge Secondary School
Marge Decher, Durham

Dear Editor:
I read last week paper. The full page on what is going on in our schools. I have a grandson in High School and I am concerned for him. He comes home and tell all of us of what goes on at school. From students with knives and guns... to the many drugs available. I find this disgusting. We have educators not doing their job. Then to hear they want to cut 'Prom's'.... that is the last straw.... How dare they take Canadian traditions in order to accommodate for foreign holidays and the likes.
I have been silent for way to long. I am tired of seeing women wearing burka down a Canadian street. That is offensive to me and all red blooded Canadians. The worst is that if you say something the law is in their favor and you may end up in trouble.
As for the schools. Taking away traditions for bogus claims. That is wrong. Canada should not compromise to accommodate but instead it should champions it's traditions and customs. This includes Christmas, Easter and all the other.
One tire Canadian of seeing our Canada raped before our own eyes.
Christine Powers, Oshawa

Dear Editor:
Do we have an MP in Oshawa? I tried calling the office six times. No return. Do they check if you are party member before they return calls?
My concern or question was... what is our MP doing to bring new jobs to Oshawa. She obviously did nothing to keep GM in Oshawa. What are her plans for the future?
I wish she would call... But wait election time comes and she be out in full force making empty promises. Oh since in the topic of accomplishments. What has our Oshawa MP done in her many terms in office?
You have my number. Call me
Cindy Colder, Oshawa

Dear Editor:
Can someone at the paper please let me know where the City publish events. Few weeks back there was some sort of music event and no one knew about it. I would have thought they would publish it in the City paper as I am a devoted reader. Nothing.
Does the City of Oshawa not support its only in print newspaper?
Ron Piper, Oshawa

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