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## Protect your home. Protect your family. Protect yourself....

Recently, the Conservative opposition in the House of Commons announced their ‘Stand on Guard’ principle: a proposed amendment to the Criminal Code that would ensure Canadians won’t be thrown in jail for simply defending their homes, their families and themselves. They are calling on the Trudeau-Carney Liberals to introduce a bill enacting this principle this fall, failing which one of the party’s Members of Parliament will do so in a private member’s bill. This newspaper fully supports such a move, as the amendment would deem the use of force to be ‘presumed reasonable’ when used against an individual who unlawfully enters a house and poses a threat to the safety of anyone inside. If someone breaks into your home and puts your family at risk, you shouldn’t be forced to worry about being thrown in jail for doing what you must to protect yourself Under Section 34 of the Criminal Code, Canadians have the right to use force to defend themselves and others from violence, but the law is vague and subjective. Too often, ordinary Canadians face years of expensive trials while repeat offenders walk free on easy bail because of Liberal laws C-5 and C-75. Back in 2019, three masked intruders – one armed with a sawed-off shotgun – broke into a residence in Collingwood, Ontario. Cameron Gardiner and his girlfriend were zip-tied as the burglars searched the townhouse. Eventually breaking free, two of the attackers were shot as Gardiner wrestled for control of the weapon. But when the cops came, Gardiner was the one arrested – ultimately spending six months in jail before the charges were dropped. This was yet another case of the Liberals’ two-tier justice system: where monsters get sympathy and endless second chances, while Canadians defending their families are treated like criminals. Across Canada, families are being forced to live in fear: fear of crime, fear of break-ins and fear of being punished for defending themselves. If a violent intruder breaks into your home and threatens your family, the law should be on your side - not theirs. Force used to stop a home invader who poses a threat must be deemed reasonable, and there should be no more second-guessing after the fact. Canadians defending themselves should not spend years in court while criminals walk free. We deserve leadership that will stand on guard for our safety, not the criminals’.

## Mark Carney is bringing back the dreaded Carbon Tax...

As many Canadians cannot afford food, fuel, or even a place to live, Liberals are quietly sneaking into law yet another carbon tax on everything. This newspaper urges the opposition parties to fight against ‘Carbon Tax 2.0’ which is being not-so-cleverly framed by the Trudeau-Carney Liberals as a ‘Clean Fuel Regulation’ that will increase prices by 17 cents per litre by 2030 - according to the outgoing Parliamentary Budget Officer. One of the top priorities for the autumn parliamentary session must be to ensure stronger take-home pay by reversing the Liberals’ cost-of-living crisis. The increase that is being proposed is the exact same cost we were forced to pay at the pump under ‘Carbon Tax 1.0’ and it will add up to \$136 more per household every year, affecting those who can least afford it. The Trudeau-Carney Liberals know this, stating in their own Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement, “It is expected that increases in transportation fuel and home heating expenses would disproportionately impact lower and middle-income households.” Single mothers, seniors living on fixed incomes, rural households, and even those who rely on mass transit would all incur higher costs relative to their incomes. The costs would be even worse in Nova Scotia and PEI, where home heating oil is widely used. The government has calculated that heating costs would rise \$214 a year for those who rely on home heating oil. Not only will it cost us more at the pump and on home heating bills, our economy will suffer significantly. The Trudeau-Carney Liberals second carbon tax will cause a \$6.4 billion contraction, with the Maritimes being the hardest hit. Ontario will see its GDP decline by \$3.7 billion, with Quebec seeing a \$1.27 billion drop. Meanwhile, Newfoundland and Labrador will lose \$243 million, Nova Scotia \$229 million and New Brunswick \$208 million. Struggling Canadians cannot afford another carbon tax that will drive up costs and drive down our economy.

## Canada’s GDP is shrinking fast...

Statistics Canada has released a report showing this country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to have declined in April, May, and June 2025 - Mark Carney’s first full quarter as Prime Minister. This is the same man who, during the federal election campaign, fooled many of Canada’s seemingly gullible ‘Boomer’ population into believing he somehow had the ability to create the best economic growth in the G7. What a mistake that was. StatsCan data shows that GDP actually fell by 0.4% for Q2 of 2025, April-May-June. These abysmal numbers prove that once again, Mark Carney lied. He lied about “moving at a speed not seen in generations to build ports, railways, energy grids”. He lied about building the strongest economy in the G7, and he lied about being the best person to get a trade deal with Donald Trump. It’s never been clearer, the Liberals’ plan isn’t working. This newspaper is calling on Prime Minister Carney to actually do what he promised, and that is to build at a scale we haven’t seen in generations- and work with the opposition parties to restore Canada’s sovereignty in the face of American threats.

## Who Can We Trust...

They old saying use to be... ‘In God We Trust’. Well since the church messed that up with all the expose and corruption. People are less hesitant to use that line... Nonetheless still a great tool for many when they hit rock bottom. But, leaving kidding aside. Who can we truly trust. They use to say, politicians are trust worthy individuals... as they suffered the same fate as the church. Look at Canadian politics... We have an opportunity for change and we elect back the Liberals. The PC fell a part as usual for their in house political in-breeding to put it mildly and the NDP finally sunk. Their leader looked more like a foreigner off the boat than a representative of the people of Canada. The question who can we truly trust to lead?

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As The CENTRAL works to provide an interesting and accurate reflection of the communities that make up Durham Region through our weekly news pages, we invite local citizens to participate in the conversation through submissions and letters to the editor.

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## Letters To The Editor:

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**Dear Editor:**

The Ontario government announced it is increasing the Indigenous Energy Support Program (IESP) by \$10 million, a 66 per cent increase over last year, bringing the province’s total annual investment in the IESP to \$25 million. This investment is an important part of the government’s plan to protect Ontario by strengthening Indigenous leadership in the sector and funding community-led energy projects that will ensure the province has the affordable, secure, clean and reliable energy needed to build a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant province. For some regional context, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation had previously received funding from this program!

**Best, Isha**

**Dear Editor:**

Open letter from 89 groups call for green building ahead of Build Canada Homes input deadline Nearly 90 businesses, tradespeople, and climate organizations are calling on the Federal government to commit to using exclusively modern clean heating technologies, rather than polluting oil or gas furnaces, in its new Build Canada Homes program. The demands were shared in an open letter published today in response to the Housing Ministry seeking input into the design of the new agency, which plans to build millions of new homes in the coming years.

“What the government does with the left hand should be consistent with what it’s trying to do with the right hand,” said Lana Goldberg, Climate Campaigner with environmental advocacy organization Stand.earth, which authored the open letter. “Yes, we desperately need to build new affordable homes. We’ve also made commitments to tackle the climate crisis. Fortunately we can do both at the same time, but only if the federal government can act as a coherent unit.” The letter — signed by over a dozen architects, engineering firms like Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors, and many of the largest environmental organizations in Canada including Stand.earth, Equiterre, David Suzuki Foundation, and Environmental Defense Canada — points out that modern heating technologies like electric heat pumps are much less polluting than traditional oil or gas furnaces, while also being cost competitive and quicker to install since they don’t require new pipelines or hookups.

Currently, buildings are the third largest source of greenhouse gas pollution in Canada, mostly stemming from the burning of fossil fuels for heating. Proponents of building decarbonization say there are proven clean alternatives.

“In our homebuilding business, we already build all-electric buildings only,” says Bruce Murdoch, a homebuilder from Cranbrook, B.C., with building company K-Country Homes. “From a builder’s perspective, all-electric homes with heat pump heating for air and water are simpler than older systems since there is one energy source and one appliance for both heating and cooling. Building electric also offers a triple benefit of reducing building costs, production time, and operational costs for homeowners. We need to ensure that federally funded new homes are all-electric and eliminate costly retrofits of obsolete equipment down the road.” The Build Canada Home’s input site says it wants to “encourage better building methods.” Advocates say building green and healthy homes is an essential part of building better. The letter raises the fact that heat pumps also serve as air conditioners in the summer and can provide indoor air filtration, an increasing need with the spread of wildfire smoke.

“The government has an opportunity to provide real leadership to ensure the building sector is serving the needs of residents,” Goldberg said. “And our tax dollars should not be used in a way that would increase Canada’s pollution.”

**Dear Editor:**

I've got some big news to share with you. We've started construction on Highway 413. This new highway will cut commute times by up to 30 minutes a trip and create more than 6,000 good-paying jobs every single year during construction. It's going to move people, move goods, and pump over \$1 billion a year into Ontario's economy. For families, that means less time stuck in traffic and more time at home. For workers, it means more paycheques. And for businesses, it means keeping Ontario competitive and strong. Some folks want to say no and keep us stuck in gridlock. But your Ontario PC team is saying YES to building Ontario. Highway 413 is just one part of our plan to build the roads, highways, and transit our growing province needs; not years from now, but today. And with your support, we're getting it done. Thank you,  
**Doug Ford**

**Dear Editor:**

Four years ago, the Toronto Star published one of the most dehumanizing front pages in Canadian history. You might remember it: Just months prior to this, the Star was on the verge of bankruptcy. Who came to their rescue? None other than Doug Ford and his so-called “Progressive Conservatives.” In early 2021, Ford’s PCs handed TorStar a \$500 million online gambling license—a golden parachute disguised as “policy.” Then Doug Ford put the Toronto Star’s lobbyist—a former top staffer to then Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty—in charge of it all as the head of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission. Can you believe it? Federally, we have the Liberals funding the establishment left-wing media. Provincially, the Ford PCs found their own way to once again emulate the federal Liberals by funding the largest anti-taxpayer, anti-freedom, anti-faith, big government left-wing newspaper in the country, the Toronto Star. While everyday Ontarians lost their businesses, livelihoods, and freedoms under the longest COVID-19 lockdowns in North America, the Ford PCs were busy making sure their friends got paid. The result? A deeper addiction crisis across Ontario. Lobbyists cashing in while families were torn apart. A government working for the insiders—not for you. The New Blue Party supports a free press using the powers of provincial jurisdiction. We will defund the Toronto Star by revoking their online gambling license. This is one of the key grassroots policies that our members voted for during our first in-person conference last year. Click here to read our full Policy Declaration. We will continue to call out the backroom arrangements and deals that the establishment puts in place with their lobbyists, operatives, and apologists, all at the expense of Ontarians. To help us keep building, click here to chip in with a donation! A contribution today will net you a generous tax credit of up to 75% of your donation amount, mailed to you in the new year! Together, we will challenge the left, balance the narrative, and change the course!  
**Belinda Karahalios**