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— ONE DAY AT A TIME —

HYPOCRITES SEED IN CLARINGTON

By Joe Ingino

This week, Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster issued the following statement:

"We are seeing a rise in personal attacks, hateful rhetoric, and threatening behavior, both online and in our community. This is not debate or dialogue. These comments are meant to harm. They spread disinformation, target individuals, and are designed to create fear and divide our community. Clarington residents and staff—our friends and neighbours—have been doxxed and subjected to racist, discriminatory, and threatening posts. This is unacceptable. Harassment and hate undermine the values we stand for. If we ignore it, we allow it to grow. Enough is enough. Everyone in Clarington deserves to feel safe and welcome. Our community is built on respect, fairness, and inclusion. Each of us has a responsibility to uphold those values. Choose respect over hostility. Speak up when you see hate. Get

your facts from a trustworthy source. If you see hate, speak up and report it. Defend the victims. Hate has no home in Clarington."— End of statement. Well, like the good Mayor wishes, I am reporting it right here. At one time, I thought the world of Adrian. Today, after seeing his actions, I call for his resignation. If he refuses to step down, then I call on voters to remove him. Here is a man who does not return phone calls from the region's only in-print newspaper. Why? Because he has proven himself to be a silent "woke" supporter. A small man, full of contempt. He uses the system to attack his opposition because he lacks the substance to argue his position on important issues. This latest statement stems from an exposé involving members of his community allegedly slaughtering wild animals in the name of religion. This sparked an outcry across Durham Region. During an election year, Foster is attempting to grandstand on the backs of real victims while painting the community at large with a broad brush: either conform and accept what others demand, or risk being labeled. No, Mr. Mayor. You are the one promoting division. You are the one escalating tensions by making sweeping statements such as these. The better approach would be to encourage open dialogue and determine where the hostility exists within the community and toward which groups it is directed. Instead, he chooses to paint everyone with a "woke" brush. He has to go. This is the same mayor who, in my opinion, practices corporate discrimination. Once again, instead of unifying the community, he uses the system to justify what I believe is a lack of understanding of corporate realities while using staff as a shield to defend policies that I view as biased. Adrian, I thought the world of you. I always respected you as one of the last good mayors. You let me down. You let the people of your municipality down. What are people supposed to think? You do not even have the character or professional courtesy to return phone calls from your municipality's only in-print newspaper. Shame on you. If this is how you treat your only in-print newspaper, I can only imagine how quickly you respond to the average person looking for guidance. I must have read this release 20 times. Everything that is wrong with society today is reflected in it. Politicians with limited intellect making general assumptions and painting people with a biased brush. Here's a free suggestion: Hold a series of town hall meetings. Talk to the people. Find out why there is so much hostility and determine toward whom or which groups it is directed. Once you identify the source of the conflict, then work toward a remedy. Instead, he attempts to make himself appear caring while issuing what amounts to a warning shot—that if you do not accept whatever the issue may be, you will be labeled and shunned. Shame on you, Mayor.



Canada Day 2026: Unity and Confidence in a Rapidly Changing World

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Canada Day has always been more than a celebration of fireworks, parades, and summer gatherings. It is a moment to reflect on who we are, where we have come from, and where we are going. As Canadians mark the 159th anniversary of Confederation on July 1, 2026, they do so in a world that is becoming increasingly unpredictable and, in many ways, more dangerous.

The international order that brought decades of relative peace and prosperity is under strain. Wars continue in Europe and the Middle East. Strategic rivalry between the United States and China is reshaping global trade and diplomacy. Economic nationalism is replacing globalization. Artificial intelligence is transforming industries and societies at a pace few could have imagined only a decade ago. Climate change is imposing enormous costs, while cyber threats and disinformation challenge democratic institutions everywhere.

Canadians cannot afford to ignore these realities. Yet neither should we face them with pessimism. Canada possesses the resources, talent, and democratic traditions needed not merely to survive this period of change, but to thrive.

Throughout our history, Canadians have demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity. We have overcome economic crises, world wars, and political divisions. We have built one of the world's most successful integrated multicultural societies. Our achievements have never been accidental. They have been the result of compromise, hard work, and a willingness to put the national interest above narrow differences. That spirit is needed again today.

The greatest challenge Canada faces may not come from abroad but from within. Regional grievances, economic frustrations, and political polarization threaten to undermine the unity that has long been our greatest strength. Recent discussions surrounding Alberta's future are evidence that many Canadians feel disconnected from Ottawa and frustrated by policies they believe do not reflect their priorities. These concerns should not be dismissed. A strong federation requires listening and mutual respect. Western Canadians, Atlantic Canadians, Quebecers, and Ontarians all bring legitimate perspectives to the national conversation. However, the answer to disagreement cannot be division. Separation would diminish all of us economically, politically, and strategically. Canada's history has always been one of accommodation and compromise. Confederation itself was an exercise in recognizing differences while embracing common interests. Our diversity—regional, linguistic, and cultural—is not a weakness. It is one of the reasons Canada has endured and prospered.

Economic renewal must become a national priority. Canadians have reason to be concerned about declining productivity, housing affordability, and rising public debt. Young families struggle to purchase homes. Businesses face regulatory complexity and international competition. Infrastructure requires modernization, and healthcare systems are under increasing pressure. These challenges demand action rather than complacency. Canada must become more competitive, encourage innovation, accelerate infrastructure projects, and remove barriers to inter-provincial trade. It makes little sense that products and professional credentials can move more freely across international borders than between some Canadian provinces. A truly united economy is essential to national prosperity. Canada also possesses remarkable strategic advantages. Our reserves of oil, natural gas, hydroelectric power, uranium, and critical minerals place us in an enviable position as the world seeks secure supplies of energy and materials essential to modern technologies. We should develop these resources responsibly, recognizing that economic growth and environmental stewardship are not mutually exclusive.

Artificial intelligence represents another extraordinary opportunity. Canadian researchers helped pioneer the field. With appropriate investment and thoughtful regulation, Canada can become a world leader in the industries that will shape the twenty-first century. However, success will require improving education, supporting research, and preparing workers for a rapidly changing economy. National security must also receive greater attention. The Arctic is no longer a distant frontier but a strategic region attracting growing international interest. Canada's sovereignty cannot be assumed; it must be protected. Modernizing the Canadian Armed Forces, investing in cyber defence, and strengthening critical infrastructure are no longer optional. They are necessities.

Generations of Canadians have understood this responsibility. From Vimy Ridge to Juno Beach, from Korea to Afghanistan, Canadians have answered the call to defend freedom and democracy. Their sacrifices remind us that peace and security are never guaranteed. They require vigilance and commitment. For generations, newcomers have enriched our economy, culture, and society. This has become one of our defining characteristics and an important source of national vitality. However, immigration policies must be accompanied by investments in housing, healthcare, infrastructure, and education to ensure that growth remains sustainable and that social cohesion is preserved. Canada's reputation in the world remains strong. We are respected for our commitment to democracy, human rights, and international cooperation. However, respect abroad ultimately depends upon strength and confidence at home. A divided, economically stagnant, or inward-looking Canada cannot effectively influence the world. Perhaps our greatest advantage lies not in our resources or geography, but in the character of Canadians themselves. We are practical people. We value moderation over extremism, compromise over confrontation, and democracy over authoritarianism. We understand that freedom carries responsibilities and that rights are accompanied by obligations.

At a time when many societies are becoming increasingly polarized, Canada offers an example of how people of different languages, cultures, religions, and political views can live together under shared institutions and common values. This achievement should never be taken for granted. On this Canada Day, we should celebrate our successes without ignoring our challenges. Patriotism does not mean believing that our country is perfect. It means believing that it is worth improving. It means having confidence in our institutions, faith in our fellow citizens, and optimism about the future.

The world is changing rapidly, but the principles that have sustained Canada for nearly 159 years remain unchanged: freedom, democracy, opportunity, mutual respect, and unity. These values carried previous generations through times of uncertainty. They can guide us through the challenges ahead. As Canadians gather with family and friends this July 1, they have every reason to be proud. Not because Canada is flawless, but because it remains one of the most successful democratic experiments in history. In an age marked by instability and division, Canada must stand united, confident, and prepared. That is the true meaning of Canada Day 2026—and that is the promise we owe future generations. Happy Canada Day!

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