



Wannabes

By Wayne and Tamara

Mike, not his real name, and I started dating over a year ago. I quickly knew I was in love with him, but he was never quite sure. He would tell me in a variety of ways he liked me, but in his words "he didn't crave me."

After a few months we broke up. Then I found out I was pregnant. He stood by me through it all, but in the end a miscarriage resulted. Through everything we became the best of friends. We talk every day on the phone for hours, we hang out together, and we are like

a couple except we are not a couple. Every so often we mess around, stopping short of sex. Mike is very picky. He is obsessed with hot, thin girls with big breasts. I am thin but don't have big boobs. As an example of his pickiness, these are the other things he says he must have: brunette, brown eyes, cute face, tan, sexy, smart, good job, good in bed, and overall smelling good.

Back when he was in college, Mike had a serious relationship with the best looking girl he ever dated—the only girl he ever craved. But she left him. He says no one lives up to her. He still thinks about how perfect her body and face were, though she's married now with kids.

Mike is an attractive, 30ish, charming, professional guy who gets just about any woman he wants. He has no problem letting girls perform sexual acts on him, even when he doesn't like them or see it going anywhere.

Lately I feel depressed. I'm beginning to doubt my own attractiveness because I cannot understand why he doesn't crave me or find me hot enough to marry. As stupid as this might sound, I used to think I was hot but now feel no guy would want me. Do you believe in time Mike might see me in a different light?

Tracy

Tracy, pioneers drove wagon trains straight across the Platte River. They declared the river was "a mile wide and an inch deep." That's how superficial Mike is. Mike is the dog in the fable who dropped the bone in his mouth to seize the reflection of the bone in the water. He craves an illusion.

He's not looking for a partner, he is looking for a possession. He doesn't care who it is, he cares what it is. He's shaved his world down to a fantasy. I get to choose the mare. That's his mindset. Any woman's future with him is precarious. Breast cancer, an accident, stretch marks—any brush with the externals of life and he's gone.

Of course you are depressed. You are supposed to feel depressed when you are in a depressing situation and won't leave, just as you are supposed to feel pain when you leave your hand on a hot stove. You've had too much contact with him. You're starting to devalue love. You are starting to think as he does.

Staying in contact with a man like this puts you under his perspective of the world; it makes you judge yourself by his standards. You think the ads in magazines are shallow? He sees the whole world this way. Someone who loves you doesn't compare you to others and find you lacking. Someone who loves you makes you feel good about yourself, not doubt yourself.

How many women are asking themselves the same questions you are? 50? 100? More? How many women are trying to recover their self-worth after being with him?

Very few people are strong enough to stand up to a corrosive personality. The change in themselves is so gradual, they don't realize they, too, are changing for the worse. The only woman Mike can't damage is a female version of himself, a person a mile wide and an inch deep.

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Builders say Ontario government legislation will spur new home building

The Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON) commends the Ford government for introducing legislation that will cut red tape, streamline approvals and tackle other issues that add to the cost of a new home, as it will spur more building.

"In light of the dire housing supply and affordability crisis that we are facing, the proposed legislative changes are critical to eliminating hurdles and reducing costs so that the residential construction industry can get back on track and build the housing that Ontario needs," says RESCON president Richard Lyall. "Today's announcement aligns with many of the priorities identified by RESCON over the past two years to support residential housing construction and new home building. The actions undertaken by the government are vital to this effort."

Specifically, RESCON is pleased that the legislation aims to standardize development charges (DCs) levied by municipalities to pay for infrastructure that supports new developments. For years, RESCON has been calling on municipalities to work to reduce the impact of these charges, as they raise the price tag of a home and are ultimately paid by consumers. The bill would also allow developers to remit DC payments at the point of occupancy instead of much earlier in the planning approvals process.

The legislation would also give the provincial government a direct say in the development approvals process and place limits on how many studies a municipality could request from a home builder. Meanwhile, the bill would allow the minister of infrastructure to issue MZO and exempt transit-oriented communities from zoning and planning rules governed by local towns and cities.

The provincial government also announced other significant changes such as increasing its investment in housing-enabling infrastructure by adding \$400 million in immediate funding to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Fund. Ontario is struggling to meet its goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031. The glacial planning approvals process and exorbitant tax burdens are major causes. A report done by the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis revealed that the tax and fee burden in Ontario averages

almost 36 per cent of the purchase price of a new home — up from 31 per cent three years earlier. Hikes in development charges accounted for a big chunk of that increase.

Young adults are leaving Ontario because they can't find affordable homes. According to latest statistics, 8,094 young people left Ontario in 2024 while Alberta gained 18,413. Ontario, which used to lead net gains for workers, has held the title of biggest loser for four consecutive years.

"At a time when there are so many challenges facing the residential construction industry, these changes are necessary and essential as they will simplify the approvals process and make the homebuilding process more efficient," says Lyall. "The housing affordability and supply crisis is the most intense challenge facing the homebuilding sector in decades and nothing short of significant and collaborative effort can assist in turning this situation around. Today's announcement was a major step towards implementing the required solutions."

Mayor Roy has issued the following statement on the province's new housing legislation

Today, the Province of Ontario introduced the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 - legislation aimed at accelerating home construction by streamlining provincial permitting and approvals.

As the mother of three adult children who are actively trying to enter the housing market, I understand firsthand how urgent and personal the housing crisis has become for many families.

I support the goal of building more homes, faster, and increasing supply so that housing becomes more accessible and affordable for everyone.

As this legislation moves forward, the Town of Whitby will be closely reviewing its potential impacts on development charges, local planning authority, and our ability to make decisions in the best interest of our community.

Our residents expect housing solutions that are not only fast, but also well-planned, sustainable, and supported by infrastructure that makes neighbourhoods complete like parks, schools, community centres and safe roads. The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) applauds the provincial government

and welcomes the introduction of The Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025. The proposed legislation is a significant step towards addressing the current cost-to-build challenge, which has been hindering housing starts in the GTA. It will help increase housing supply and affordability, while also stimulating economic activity and protecting Canadian jobs.

"In this period of economic and tariff uncertainty, prioritizing housing is both a strategic imperative and a socio-economic imperative. Today's proposed legislation provides a much-needed focus on homes in a region facing a housing deficit and affordability challenges, while also protecting Canadian jobs and stimulating the economy. In the Greater Toronto Area, 100% of the labour and 90% of the materials used to build housing are Canadian," said Dave Wilkes, President and CEO of BILD. "We welcome the consultation on these important changes, however, given the magnitude of the current housing crisis and persistent economic threats, swift implementation and consistency with the spirit and intent of this proposed legislation are absolutely vital. I encourage all parties to support this effort to expand housing supply and provide economic stimulus."

The Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) is encouraged by the Government of Ontario's continued focus and investment in critical infrastructure in Budget 2025, A Plan To Protect Ontario. The infrastructure funding allocated will advance the much needed construction of roads, water systems, and transit, as well as focus on what is needed to boost housing across Ontario.

The economic headwinds caused by the Trump Administration's actions is creating real uncertainty across the economy and further underscores the need for action here at home. Budget 2025 advances the long-term critical infrastructure needed to support industry and communities in response with \$30 billion for highways and over \$200 billion for public transit over the next 10 years.

RCCAO is pleased to see the Ontario Government's additional \$400 million investment in the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to ensure water infrastructure systems are equipped to handle the demands of a growing population.

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