

The **TORONTO PARTY**

LEADING THE WAY

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Party Update

WHAT WE PROPOSE:

Repeal the \$60 motor vehicle registration tax

Repeal the discriminatory municipal land transfer tax

End the union monopoly at City Hall

Return City government to the hands of the people

Bring fiscal responsibility to budgeting process

Bring balanced transportation to our infrastructure projects

Give priority to the fundamental tasks of a city government

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MAYOR MILLER HAS DECLARED WAR!

City Council's assault on the city's car drivers will define history

For some time, our party has been following transportation issues across the city. We have pointed out that many of the city's transportation projects have negatively impacted on the ability of car traffic to navigate within the city boundaries and resulted in business closures and job losses.

The St. Clair Avenue streetcar right-of-way project, and the narrowing of Lansdowne Avenue are but two examples of City Council's poor transportation policy choices.

Last year, backed by a majority of Council, Mayor Miller slammed car drivers with an additional \$60 vehicle registration tax, the only such municipal registration tax in the entire province. Projected at raising nearly \$55 million in revenue, car drivers fought back by registering their vehicles elsewhere thereby avoiding the punitive tax and reducing the projected revenue.

But with a North American car industry under siege, mounting job losses across Ontario in the industry and concessions from autoworkers, Mayor Miller and his socialist hoard at City Council continue to plow forward with one foolish transportation project after

another to satisfy fringe special interest groups. The latest project is the proposal to narrow Jarvis St. by taking away the flexible centre-lane and adding bicycle lanes.

In the debate that resulted in Council's approval of this senseless project, Mayor Miller said that transportation was not about moving cars, but about moving people. Hence the need for more bike lanes!

Of course, a car can move anywhere from at least 5 to 7 times more people than a bicycle, do it more quickly and in a more efficient fashion. Furthermore, cars are more capable of transporting people in winter road conditions than bicycles.

The decision to narrow Jarvis St. based on the proposal approved by City Council is a regressive step for transportation. It is not reflective of good government policy, but reflective of a war against car drivers in the city. It is a good thing that Mayor Miller is not in charge of Canada Post because with his anti-car disposition, Canada Post would probably be delivering the mail by Pony Express under his leadership.

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For many months, angry citizens have been circulating a petition to impeach Mayor Miller. Unfortunately provincial legislation does not permit any Mayor from being impeached. The only solution to getting rid of a Mayor who has declared war on 70% of his residents is to go to the ballot box in the next election and vote for an alternative.

And it is not only Mayor Miller, who has accomplished virtually nothing in nearly 8 years as Mayor, who has to go, it is the bulk of City Council, who year-after-year have supported the Mayor's useless policies, who have burdened the city taxpayer with higher taxes while services have been reduced and who have stood by and watched as job losses have mounted and as our real estate market, thanks again to an ill-advised municipal land transfer tax, has declined.

In summer, Mayor Miller and his City Council are incapable of keeping our pools open. In winter, Mayor Miller and his City Council are incapable of keeping our ice rinks open. But what the Mayor and his Council are capable of doing is utilizing our taxpayer dollars on useless things like the "Our Toronto" brochure to shamelessly engage in self-promotion. They are also capable of giving themselves a pay increase and then implementing a wage freeze on non-unionized employees, while their public service unionized pals are handed the keys to the vault at City Hall.

When Mayor Miller was first elected it was on the bravado that he would kill the fixed link to the Island Airport and thereby stop an expansion of the Island Airport. Thanks to the business acumen of Porter Airlines, there are more flights now out of the Island Airport than when Mayor

Miller took the job.

The broom that Mayor Miller promised to use to clean up City Hall hasn't been seen for years either. Aside from well-publicized cases of employee fraud and corruption, our city councillors continue to use their office expense budgets like personal bank accounts, spending money on such important things like ice cream bars, bunny costumes, French lessons and speech improvement lessons without shame or more importantly reimbursement.

Despite promises of accountability at City Hall, there is none.

And of course whenever someone proposes alternative solutions so as to reduce the city's ballooning operating budget, they are quickly ridiculed and shown the door in favour of the special interest groups who praise Mayor Miller's left-wing policies and are thrown more and more government money for programs that ought to be delivered by agencies other than government.

How much of Mayor Miller and this council are residents of Toronto going to take? With the declaration of war on the car, the answer is "No More!"

The Toronto Party is asking every car driver, every real estate agent, every business owner and every other resident to get mobilized. The 2010 election is around the corner and we will be fielding candidates to return City Hall to its rightful owners — the people of Toronto. We have been the only opposition to the Mayor and City Council and we are the only political organization committed to ensuring his defeat.

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