

Letter to the Editor:

We've been reading the "Letters to the Editor" in the Apsley Voice and we can't believe the untruths aimed at the present Mayor, Rick Woodcock.

At the All Candidates Meeting at the NKCC on August 25th Mr. Whalen constantly made mention of the increase in taxes, the lack of money in the coffers, budget increases and so on. When Mr. Woodcock spoke, he said these were all exaggerated numbers and not the truth.

Recently, on September 2nd, about 40 of us met at a residence on Eels Lake to have a chance to listen and talk to our current mayor. What a great meeting. Mr. Woodcock showed his usual class, always taking the "High Road" with nothing bad or derogatory of the other candidates.

In this campaign, neither Mr. Whalen or Ms. Amyotte have one sign on the sixteen kilometers of the West Eels Lake Road. All other candidates do.

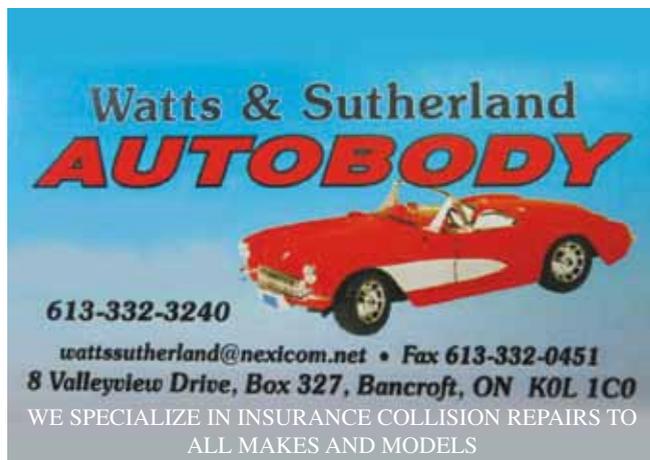
We believe that both of these candidates are resting on their laurels and running negative campaigns against their opponents. We wonder if they have anything positive to add to council.

In contrast, we believe the current mayor, Rick Woodcock, has ALWAYS had time to listen to all concerns and he takes the time to understand the issues from ALL sides. He treats the taxpaying citizens and fellow councillors with respect. He knows there is no "I" in team. He has accomplished many things and despite being left some challenges by previous council, we believe he has done remarkably well going forward.

We have no doubt that Rick Woodcock is more than capable of continuing as Mayor and by far the best candidate for the position.

We believe that the last thing North Kawartha needs is for council to REGRESS.

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Treaty 20 Settlement Update:

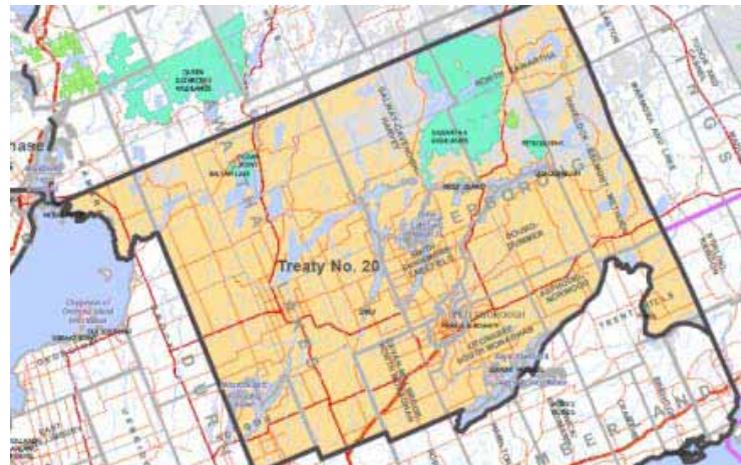
Peterborough Public Health, which provides services to all residents in Peterborough County and the residents of Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations, held a Board Meeting on the Hiawatha territory in September.

At the kick-off of this meeting, Chief Laurie Carr provided an update on the status of the Treaty 20 Settlement with the Government of Canada. First, she presented a brief history of Hiawatha First Nation as context to the current treaty resolutions that started in the 1990s. Currently there are 650 citizens of Hiawatha, 205 of whom presently live on their 2,100 acre territory located on the north shore of Rice Lake. Hiawatha First Nation people have occupied this area since the 1600's.

They are one of seven First Nation signatories of Treaty 20 (along with Curve Lake First Nation), one of the Williams Treaties. These various 18th and 19th century treaties covered lands in different parts of south central Ontario. In 1923, the Chippewas and Mississaugas signed the Williams Treaties and together, over 90 years later, the Williams Treaties First Nations have joined to ensure their rights to and the relationship with the land is respected. An agreement has been reached between the federal government and these seven First Nations regarding Treaty 20, settling 95 years of disagreement. The settlement includes lands, harvesting and financial components and will be made public once the process is finalized.

The settlement area includes most of Peterborough County, including North Kawartha.

Below: This overview map shows the area which Treaty 20 covers. For more information on Treaty 20, visit: the website at: WilliamsTreatiesFirstNations.ca.



Editor's Notes re. Bruce Meadow's submission: Jim Whelan reports that he installed one of his signs at the entrance to West Eels Lake Road. Also, Carolyn Amyotte has posted answers to community questions about West Eels Lake Road on her web site.