

Spread the Word! - Board positions available

We are happy to announce that all efforts in presenting the first ever June 21st celebrations of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people in Orangeville was a huge success. A wonderful beginning.

As we are planning for next year, currently elections for Board of Directors positions will be taking place - Volunteer positions available on the board are: Chair and Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and other various positions.

If you would like the opportunity to be nominated for a position on the Board please send your nominations or a letter of interest and pertinent experience to globalnativecrafts@gmail.com.

As well, we are working to form a Youth Board/Committee and as such, we are asking any First Nations, Métis and Inuit people or self identifying youth who have experience, would like to gain experience, add to their resume or have co-op hours for their position on the Youth Board/Committee to contact globalnativecrafts@gmail.com.

Must be a resident of Orangeville or surrounding area in Dufferin County.

Closing Date August 14, 2014 @ 10:00 pm.

www.aboriginaldayinorangeville.com

Monica Vida

via email

Don't ?improve'

Belfountain roads

The following letter, addressed to Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

It is widely reported that despite an expansive provincial budget, yours is the responsibility for eliminating government deficit. Here is an idea to save several million dollars while winning the loud acclaim of local constituents: Cancel the unpopular plan to ?improve? the roads and install sidewalks in the hamlet of Belfountain.

The Region of Peel conducted several public consultations on its proposed sidewalks for our historic 100-house hamlet and was met with universal dismay.

The improvements, part of a \$32 million upgrading of four regional roads, including Mississauga Road and Bush Street that pass through the village, will destroy the character of the village. Roadway rain and melt-water is at risk of being channeled into the Credit River (there being no drain system in Belfountain); instead of being absorbed by the soil. Mature trees will be felled and a suburban atmosphere will be thrust upon our rural settlement.

No-one who lives here wants or needs these changes; yet the Region is deaf to the voices of reason and fiscal responsibility

Directly or indirectly, the province will provide part of the funding for the proposed changes.

It strikes us, the elected Belfountain Community Organization, that a cash-short government should seize every opportunity, such as this, to eliminate unwanted expenditures and reduce its deficit.

Incidentally, the red sandstone of the Queen's Park Legislature came from the historic quarries of Belfountain. Our hamlet lies within the Niagara Escarpment, the Green Belt and a UNESCO designated World Biosphere Reserve.

Save \$32 million, and earn the thanks of voters.

Sounds like a win-win to us.

The Board of Directors

The Belfountain

Community Organization