

Metroland Letter to the Editor

We need to rein in government spending

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To the editor:

As any citizen of Oshawa and/or Durham Region should realize, we are already in a state of recession that will probably get worse to the point where it may well be defined as a depression.

Local, provincial and national indicators point to seriously negative futures for employment, housing, investments and all the social services supported by the many tax levies from all levels of government that draw on the bottom layer (and the only layer) of citizens who pay the bills. It should go without saying the trough is about dry.

As we listen to commentaries in the media and read our local papers I begin to wonder where our so called leaders' heads are in terms of the real world. Seems we need to send 17 or so regional whiz kids to visit a stabilized landfill facility in Halifax to look at it. We do this in mid-summer as opposed to the dead of winter.

It seems to me we have spent copious amounts of public money studying this subject and I thought the direction had been resolved and approved by all the so-called experts be they politicians or our high-priced bureaucrats who lead the charge when a trip is available.

When all the indicators are for a downturn in the economy and subsequent reduction in revenues collected by our Oshawa and Regional governments why do our politicians and staff never seem to think in terms of reducing their spending to reflect the real world?

Somewhere along the way we need our elected leaders and high-priced employees to show some real leadership in dealing with the real situation and not their world as they see it.

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