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FEATURED LETTER

Engineer shows courage in sharing her story

I would like to provide further comment on "Professional engineer makes minimum wage at a Beer Store" posted on April 12, which, to date, has 183 online comments, most of which condemn the P.Eng. who shares her story of underemployment as being arrogant, incompetent and entitled.

I believe Betina Hodak demonstrated courage by sharing her story — just one of thousands of families who are impacted by this issue across the province.

More than 33 per cent of engineers in Ontario work in jobs that do not require any university degree. Only 20 per cent of women who graduate from an engineering program are working as engineers.

Is it arrogant for the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) to release these statistics, and note that this is a huge waste of talent?

Residents of Sudbury should

One of many

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certainly recognize that engineers create wealth — their innovative designs and solutions not only improve our standard of living, but are exported worldwide and bring economic growth to all Canadians.

OSPE will continue to advocate for industry, governments and universities to come together to develop solutions to this unacceptable situation:

- Universities must evaluate their programs to ensure students graduate with the skills industry needs;

- Industry must provide more on-the-job training and co-op opportunities to university students to match the real-life learning environment offered in the workplace;

- Government needs to do more to encourage industry to create jobs and new programs to increase innovation and economic growth.

Ontario needs to appreciate and invest in its engineers, and ensure they are at the table when important decisions are being made regarding infrastructure improvements, Ring of Fire development, and climate change initiatives, so that the future of this province is based on economically sound principles, and not political spin.

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 Professional Engineers

LETTERS

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Bill C-51 violates our rights

I have watched the committee actions on Bill C-51 with growing alarm and disgust. It was without doubt the worst example of anti-democratic process and partisanship I have ever seen.

I watched Elizabeth May and Justin Trudeau and Thomas Mulcair all attempt to bring reason and improvement to this bill without success.

The changes necessary to improve oversight, to control and direct spy behaviour and to ensure fair process under our Canadian laws and Charter of Rights and Freedoms did not and have not occurred.

Reckless

It is probably time to stand up for ourselves and demand the Harper government change this reckless, dangerous Bill C-51.

I have written to the Speaker of the House, who by the way agreed to represent Sudburians without a voice in Parliament. Unfortunately, he has been unable to find time to reply to my letter, or to find a way to present my views to Parliament.

One might think that our fine law enforcement officers would find a way to ensure that our privacy, and our laws would be upheld, but recent experience with the G20 did not support this ideology, where officers of the law used every process legally — and some that were not so legal — to control and implement the government's goals.

It is probably time to stand up for ourselves and demand the Harper government change this reckless, dangerous Bill C-51. It turns CSIS into a "secret police" force with oversight by a small

committee within the justice department that is also responsible for CSIS itself, so we have one boss overseeing it all, and covering his own behind.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read this. Please mail Mr. Harper a letter:

I encourage Canadians to learn more about how we can work together to stop Secret Police Bill C-51 at StopC51.ca

Patricia Rogerson
 Sudbury

CAO's exit a long time coming

Congratulations to Mayor Brian Bigger for his much-needed spring cleaning at City Hall.

Mr. Nadorozny should have been terminated by the previous council, after the Sudbury Transit scandal and the still missing \$600,000 of taxpayers' money.

There are certainly a few other mandarins that should be worried about their future with the city, but I'm sure that Mayor Bigger will continue on his crusade to regain credibility and respectability for our fine city.

Next step after cleaning house, perhaps look at why it appears certain contractors get most of the work for the City.

In salvaging Sudbury's reputation, it would be great if we had someone like Mayor Bigger in charge of the ethics in provincial byelections.

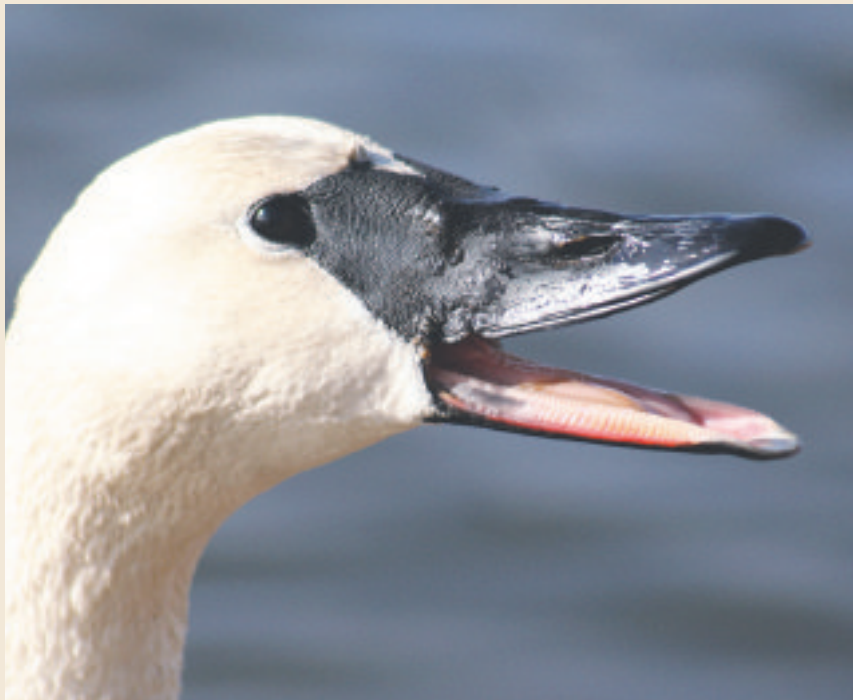
Simon R. Guillet
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Ontario NDP a political embarrassment

On April 16, 2015, the leader of the Ontario NDP, the member from Timmins James Bay, the member from Nickel Belt and the

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IN FOCUS



Ushering in the season

Chris Blomme snapped a photo at Fielding Park of a trumpeter swan. "Spring is slowly arriving, and this trumpeter swan appears to herald in the season," Blomme said in an email. Northern Life welcomes submissions of local photography for publication on this page. Send high-resolution images to editor@northernlife.ca.

Facebook



A Sudbury man was charged last week when a video of him chasing a moose was posted on social media. The story ran on NorthernLife.ca, and generated quite the discussion on Facebook:

Pegi Retty Dahm: Why put an animal under stress ... how cruel ... why not just stop your vehicle on the side of the road and thank God and appreciate the gift in having the opportunity of seeing this splendid majestic creature.

Jennifer Desforge: I saw the video on Facebook earlier and my first thought was why the hell are they chasing it? It

clearly was panicked and trying to get away. Good way to get someone hurt. I am glad they were charged!

Mike Veller: Bahaha, film yourself driving like a dummy and post it on the net. Genius.

Brian Carter: If he is a hunter, he should have hunting rights revoked for a period of time.

Andrew Higginson: How freaking awesome indeed, you blogged the evidence for the cops.

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