



# RANDY PETTAPIECE

## MPP – Perth-Wellington

**Constituency Office:** 55 Lorne Avenue East • Stratford, Ontario N5A 6S4  
 Tel. (519) 272-0660 • Toll-free: 1-800-461-9701 • Fax (519) 272-1064  
 E-mail: randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org



[www.pettapiece.ca](http://www.pettapiece.ca)

### Speaking up for Perth-Wellington

Randy Pettapiece has been working hard on behalf of the people of Perth-Wellington, representing our values and voicing our concerns. Here are just a few of his recent actions:

- Introduced and passed a motion calling on the government to address policies harmful to rural and small-town Ontario; the motion was successfully adopted with support from MPPs of all parties.
- Called on the Minister of Health to do more to address the family doctor shortage in our area.
- Supported local tradespeople calling on the government to abolish the College of Trades and eliminate new fees on tradespeople and employers.
- Held the government to account on excessive regulations facing farmers and small businesspeople.
- Attended meetings of the Perth and Wellington Federations of Agriculture, Christian Farmers, various local commodity groups, and brought concerns to the government's attention.
- Celebrated Ontario Agriculture Week by hosting agriculture open houses in Mitchell and Arthur.
- Continued to speak up for our communities' right to be heard on energy projects including industrial wind turbines.
- Urged the government to reconsider its cancellation of the Slots at Racetracks agreement, which has sustained the horse racing industry.
- Joined local agencies and three other MPPs for a roundtable discussion on social services.
- Nominated some of Perth-Wellington's most accomplished volunteers and community leaders in business, the arts, education and the environment to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.
- Met frequently with municipal partners to address their concerns and support their priorities.
- Successfully addressed numerous constituent concerns and attended community events and announcements across our riding.



*A trusted voice for  
Perth-Wellington*



**SUPPORTING THE UNITED WAY** – Randy catches up with the United Way of Perth-Huron's Care-A-Van of Hope campaign at its stop in St. Marys on January 31. From left: Randy Pettapiece, Ryan Erb (Executive Director, United Way of Perth-Huron) and Elizabeth Cooper (Co-Chair, United Way of Perth-Huron 2012 fundraising campaign).



### LEGISLATURE BACK IN SESSION

On February 19, Randy and other MPPs returned to Queen's Park after it was shut down over four months earlier. On October 15, the outgoing (former) Premier announced his resignation as Premier. He also prorogued the legislature, shutting down debate, eliminating all proposed legislation, and cancelling the legislature's all-party committee hearings, including those scheduled to review the cancelled gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga.

## Putting rural Ontario back on the radar

The needs of rural and small-town Ontario were the subject of a September debate initiated by Randy Pettapiece. The rural-urban divide, MPPs agreed, cannot be ignored.

Following debate on September 6 in the Ontario legislature, MPPs from all parties voted to support a private member's motion that Pettapiece introduced.

His motion called on the provincial government to re-evaluate policies that negatively affect residents of rural and small-town Ontario.

*"I'm very pleased that we put rural Ontario back on the radar," said Pettapiece after the vote. "My motion was intended to highlight the rural-urban divide. I also wanted to get MPPs thinking about ways to bridge that divide."*

During the debate, Pettapiece brought forward a range of other issues affecting rural Ontario, including:

- the lack of any meaningful local input on industrial wind farms;
- cancellation of the Slots at Racetracks revenue-sharing agreement;
- over-regulation in agriculture;
- school transportation procurement policies; and
- skyrocketing hydro costs affecting manufacturing.

Pettapiece also challenged MPPs, rural and urban, to focus on building the province to the benefit of all regions.

## Advocating for those who need a family doctor

The Ontario government must do more to address the shortage of family doctors – especially in our area, says MPP Randy Pettapiece.

*"Too many families still don't have a local, trusted family doctor," said Pettapiece. "Family physicians are essential to a strong local health care system."*

Many of Pettapiece's constituents have called because they are unable to find a family doctor in Stratford.

Within the next year, the Minto-Mapleton area is expected to lose two long-serving doctors and Arthur is expected to lose one.

*"Without a family doctor, people may have no real alternative but a trip to the emergency room," said Pettapiece.*

Pettapiece has written many times to Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, calling on her to show leadership to ensure we have the family doctors we need. He has also spoken about the issue in the Ontario legislature and submitted a written question to the minister, compelling the government to respond.

Pettapiece strongly supports local recruitment efforts, including those of the Huron-Perth Healthcare Alliance and the Wellington Health Care Alliance, as well as efforts led by area municipalities.

*"We're fortunate to have strong local leadership from our health professionals and our municipalities to help bring doctors to our area," said Pettapiece.*



**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS** – Randy speaks at the Volunteers in Perth Association's International Volunteer Day Celebration in Stratford. Each year, the event honours and celebrates volunteers across a variety of local community organizations. Randy is proud to support their efforts.



**FAMILY BUSINESS** – Randy congratulates the Walsh family on the 65th anniversary open house of Walsh's Pharmacy in Arthur. From left: Cheryl Walsh (Front Store Manager), John Walsh (Pharmacist), Randy Pettapiece, and Joe Walsh (Pharmacist).



## Provincial auditor examines Drive Clean program

Auditor General Jim McCarter's 2012 Report examined the cost and effectiveness of the Drive Clean program, along with other examples of poor value for money in the provincial government.

Drive Clean is Ontario's mandatory vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program, which requires vehicles at least seven years old to undergo emissions testing.

Since the program's introduction, over 75 percent of improvements in vehicle emissions were caused by factors other than the program, according to the Ministry of the Environment's own figures. The auditor also found that some vehicles leaving the program with only partial repairs were actually worse off for the environment.

The program is required for residents of Perth and Wellington counties, but not for residents in several neighbouring counties. That's not fair, Pettapiece believes, especially when the program's effectiveness is in question.

In April 2012, Pettapiece wrote to the Minister of the Environment to highlight concerns from the County of Perth and demand answers from the government.

### Drive Clean Facts

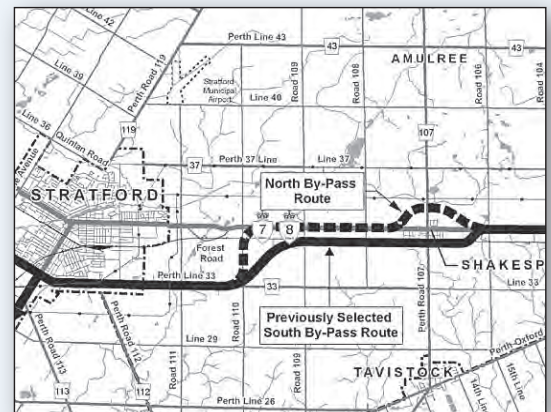
- Under new testing requirements for 2013, vehicles with the "check engine" light on will fail.
- Light-duty vehicles in Perth and Wellington counties are subject to Drive Clean emissions testing, but vehicles registered in Huron, Bruce and Grey counties are exempt.
- Through the Drive Clean program, the Ministry of Environment collects \$30 million annually in fees from vehicle owners.

## Highway 7/8: making our voices heard

**Randy Pettapiece has been working hard to represent local concerns on the province's plans for Highway 7/8. Here are just a few of his actions:**

- Requested and received a full ministry briefing with senior Ministry of Transportation staff.
- Attended Perth County Council's joint meeting with the councils of Perth East and Perth South.
- Spoke in the Ontario legislature and called on the Minister of Transportation to address community concerns.
- Wrote to the Minister of Transportation on issues of heritage preservation, safety considerations, economic impacts, the environment, regional traffic flow, movement of agricultural equipment, fair consideration of property values, among many other issues.
- Discussed the issue with affected constituents.
- Supported the Agriculture Business Community in its call to extend the feedback deadline for the updated Highway 7/8 proposals. Following Randy's letter to the minister, the extension was granted.
- Encouraged constituents to submit ideas and concerns following the release of updated Highway 7/8 route proposals in the summer. Randy brought constituents' views to the Minister of Transportation and project team.
- Requested information from the Minister of Transportation on behalf of citizens by submitting written questions, with which MPPs can compel the government to respond.

The next opportunity for local residents to see the latest Highway 7/8 design proposals will be at the Public Information Centre (PIC) #6, tentatively scheduled for spring 2013.



The latest information from the project team can be found on the Highway 7/8 Corridor Study website: [www.7and8corridorstudy.ca](http://www.7and8corridorstudy.ca).

# Putting education on a new path

## RANDY'S VIEW

### 1. TEACHERS DESERVE OUR RESPECT

Teachers are professionals and should be treated as professionals. Entrusted with our children, they deserve our gratitude for their vital work.

### 2. FAMILIES MUST ALSO BE RESPECTED

Parents should not have to scramble to find childcare – or be forced to take unpaid time off work – because of union leaders' actions or the government's lack of leadership. Strikes are unfair to students and families.

### 3. ONTARIO CAN'T AFFORD THE STATUS QUO

Ontario faces a deficit of nearly \$12 billion, record debt levels, and a bleak financial outlook. The government must address rising salaries and benefits, which have led to rising government spending.

### 4. ON WAGES, SHARED SACRIFICE IS NEEDED

Ontario needs a two-year public sector wage freeze. It should apply not only to teachers, but to all public sector employees including senior public servants and MPPs. This would follow the MPP pay freeze brought in three years ago.

### 5. YOUR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES ARE IMPORTANT

Government and union officials need to hear from parents, students and teachers. Randy Pettapiece also welcomes your comments.

#### Did you know?

Since 2003, spending on education has gone up approximately \$8.5 billion – despite some 250,000 fewer students in school.



**WIND TURBINE DISCUSSIONS** – MPPs Vic Fedeli and Ted Arnott join Randy and his constituents at a meeting in Alma. They discussed the high cost of industrial wind farm projects, their impact on our communities, and the need to get the government listening to local concerns.



**2013 PLOWING MATCH** – Randy joins organizers at the official unveiling of the 2013 Perth County International Plowing Match billboard in Mitchell. The Plowing Match will be held at Nulandia Farms from September 17 to 21, 2013. From left: Coralee Foster, Dianne Josling, Bert Vorstenbosch, Larry Cook, Ron McKay, Laverne Gordner, Gary Schellenberger (MP Perth-Wellington) and Randy Pettapiece. Photo courtesy of the Mitchell Advocate.



## RANDY PETTAPIECE, MPP - Perth-Wellington



**QUALITY TIME AT QUALITY HOMES** – Tim Hudak and Wellington North Mayor Ray Toot join Randy for a tour of Quality Homes in Kenilworth on July 17. They toured the company's production facility, where employees build modular homes for customers across Ontario. Prior to the tour, Hudak and Pettapiece met in Mount Forest with municipal partners to discuss how the province could work better with municipalities.



**CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY** – Randy tours Pond Biofuels, located at St. Marys Cement, with MPP Vic Fedeli on November 15. Pond Biofuels converts raw smokestack emissions from heavy industry into algal biomass. Algae is among the most cost-effective and sustainable means of carbon sequestration.

## Skilled trades set to face new fees, regulation

This year, skilled tradespeople are facing new fees and regulations. Many believe this could ultimately affect the cost of building new roads or schools, and even the price of a haircut.

The provincial government created the College of Trades to regulate approved trades. Intended to oversee certification, training, and policies and procedures, it will not, however, directly train workers or teach any courses.

The College will be funded by mandatory new membership fees. In 2013, the College will begin by charging \$60 from apprentices and \$120 from

journeypersons and employers. That is on top of any existing licensing, certification or qualification fees.

Randy Pettapiece is concerned the College will drive up costs and discourage those seeking careers in the trades.

In November, Pettapiece invited his colleague, MPP Garfield Dunlop, to Perth-Wellington to discuss the issue with local tradespeople. They participated in a public meeting hosted by the Stratford and Area Builders' Association (SABA).

Discussion focused on issues including apprenticeship reform, compulsory certi-

fication, and the College of Trades and its mandatory fees.

Pettapiece agreed with Dunlop that the government should abolish the College of Trades. The MPPs also support changes to increase the number of skilled trades workers.

"Those workers need jobs, and Ontario needs those workers," said Pettapiece.

Pettapiece is urging those looking for more information on the College of Trades to call his constituency office at

**1-800-461-9701.**



### Are you facing new fees?

Compulsory certification under the College of Trades is coming for the following trades:

- Alignment and Brakes Technician
- Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer
- Auto Body Repair
- Automotive Electronic Accessory Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Electrician – Construction and Maintenance
- Electrician – Domestic and Rural
- Fuel and Electrical Systems Technician
- Hairstylist
- Hoisting Engineer – Mobile Crane Operator 1
- Hoisting Engineer – Mobile Crane Operator 2
- Hoisting Engineer – Tower Crane Operator
- Motorcycle Technician
- Plumber
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- Residential (Low Rise) Sheet Metal Installer
- Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Steamfitter
- Transmission Technician
- Truck and Coach Technician
- Truck-Trailer Service Technician

Many more trades are currently classified as "voluntary," but their status is subject to change in future years.

# Perth-Wellington honours Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Randy Pettapiece honoured some of Perth-Wellington's most accomplished volunteers and community leaders in business, the arts, education and the environment.

In two ceremonies celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Pettapiece presented Diamond Jubilee medals to 14 local citizens.

The Perth ceremony took place on November 5 in Stratford; the Wellington ceremony took place on November 7 in Arthur.



### Individuals receiving the Diamond Jubilee medal at Pettapiece's ceremonies were as follows, in alphabetical order:

- **Mayor Julie Behrns** (Municipality of North Perth)
- **Mrs. Patricia Berfelz** (Municipality of North Perth)
- **Mr. Ted Blowes** (Township of Perth South)
- **Mrs. Jean Campbell** (Township of Mapleton)
- **Mr. Paul Day** (Township of Mapleton)
- **Mrs. Vivian Jarvis** (City of Stratford)
- **Master Corporal Randy LeBlanc** (Town of St. Marys)
- **Ms. Barb MacLean** (Municipality of West Perth)
- **Mrs. Donna McFarlane** (Township of Wellington North)
- **Dr. Robert McFarlane** (Township of Wellington North)
- **Mr. John Miller** (City of Stratford)
- **Miss Natasha Rae** (Town of St. Marys)
- **Ms. Pat Salter** (Township of Mapleton)
- **Mr. Ray Wightman** (Town of Minto)



Perth County recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee gather with Randy on November 5 at the Stratford Campus of the University of Waterloo. From left: RCMP Cst. John Mitchell; Master Corporal Randy LeBlanc, Natasha Rae, John Miller, Randy Pettapiece, Pat Berfelz, Ted Blowes, Mayor Julie Behrns, Vivian Jarvis and Barb MacLean.

Wellington County recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee gather with Randy on November 7 at the Arthur branch of the Wellington County Library. From left: RCMP Cst. John Mitchell, Dr. Robert McFarlane, Donna McFarlane, Jean Campbell, Ray Wightman, Pat Salter, Paul Day and Randy Pettapiece.





## RANDY PETTAPIECE, MPP - Perth-Wellington



**NEW YEAR SOCIAL** – Randy speaks with Arthur residents Carol Droog and Allan Suggitt at his New Year Social in Mitchell on January 13. Randy and Jane welcomed constituents from across Perth-Wellington to the event.

## HERE TO SERVE YOU [WWW.PETTAPIECE.CA](http://WWW.PETTAPIECE.CA)

Let us know how we can help.

- Health Care
- Education/OSAP
- Seniors' Issues
- Family Responsibility Office
- Birth Certificates
- WSIB Claims
- Driver's Licences
- Ontario Disability Support



**WORKING TOGETHER**  
Randy helps to break ground for construction of the new North Wellington OPP Operations Centre in Teviotdale. The facility is expected to be complete in spring 2014. County Councillor Lynda White, former Wellington Police Services Board Chair, led the ceremony. Randy congratulated the County for its leadership on the project.

Please cut along the dotted lines and mail to:

Randy Pettapiece, MPP • Perth-Wellington • 55 Lorne Avenue East • Stratford, ON N5A 6S4

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Access our survey online at  
[www.pettapiece.ca](http://www.pettapiece.ca)

**1** Ontario is on track to be the last province in Canada to balance its budget. How concerned are you about Ontario's deficit and debt levels?

- ☐ Very concerned
- ☐ Somewhat concerned
- ☐ Not concerned

**2** Do you believe that provincial government policies are contributing to the "rural-urban divide"?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

**3** What is your view of the Drive Clean mandatory vehicle emissions testing program?

- ☐ Maintain it
- ☐ Change it
- ☐ Abolish it
- ☐ Unsure

**4** How should the government address disruptions in public education?

---

---

---



**RECOGNIZING YOUNG LEADERS IN AGRICULTURE**  
Randy congratulates Isaac Brubacher, winner of the 2012 Ron Wooddisse Memorial Award. The award goes to the most improved Wellington County 4-H Beef Member. The Wellington County Cattlemen's Association presented the award at its Annual General Meeting held in Alma on January 18. From left: Randy Pettapiece, Rob Unsworth (Advisory Councillor, Wellington County Cattlemen's Association), Mary Ellen Wooddisse, Ted Arnott (MPP Wellington-Halton Hills), Isaac Brubacher, Charlie Twiss (West Luther Beef Club, Wellington 4-H), Taika von Konigslow, Josh Wooddisse, Michael Chong (MP Wellington-Halton Hills), Rick Mitchell (Vice-President, Wellington County Cattlemen's Association).

**TALKING WITH TIM** – Tim Hudak speaks at a town hall meeting in Perth-Wellington. Pettapiece was very pleased that Hudak listened to local concerns about issues including jobs, the economy, infrastructure, energy, agriculture, red tape and many others. Hudak called for a frank discussion on Ontario's economic troubles and the ongoing jobs crisis. The Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce hosted the July 17 event.

(Photo courtesy of the Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce)



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Continued from previous page

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_