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**Grand Opening
coverage**



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Centra Food Market Grand Opening, May 12, 2018



Show the logo.



With help, Mayor Jeff Lehman wakes the dragon,



and the other one, too.



We have dragons, here!



Going for the low-hanging fruit...



...and then throwing it all over the place.



Lehman with Centra's president.



Letter from Lehman to Centra.



Barrie store's manager, Kevin Chen.



Big cake.



Lehman, council members, staff, make toast.



Lehman made sure that even the...



...dragon got a drink. Both dragons!



A little bit more music to close the ceremony.



Yours Truly, hours later, reviewing Centra items in the parking lot. With my camera. And tripod. The police are on the way.

Located in The Bayfield Mall, where Winners used to be (and still is, according to the mall's website, which is never updated), Centra Food Market was a long time coming. So long, that you could have bet against it, and maybe watched the Mall fail again, at something. Anyway, enough of that.

Centra is a great store and I was waiting and hoping for a long time for it to arrive, after it was announced. Better believe that I was there to cover it. I was also there for the soft opening a few days prior. It was busy then, was for the grand opening, and continues to be.

All of the pictures on the opposite page are from a video I shot of the grand opening, and a small review I did on the same, of some of the items from the store. As for the grand opening, it had dragon dances along with the musicians that go with them, the President of Centra along with some vice presidents (i don't know how to spell their names) and Mayor Jeff Lehman, along with councillors from wards 4, 9 and 10; Barry Ward, Sergio Morales and Mike McCann, respectively. I've only seen Ward attend the store, since. I'm there almost every other day.

Lehman spoke briefly in Chinese to greet everyone who attended, and received a good reaction from the crowd. Smooth operator!

Now for the store. It's all food. No junk. No "dollar store"

section, no magazines. The aisles are smaller than other grocery stores, which you notice right away the first time you go there, and then, you get used to, and forget the difference. The small shopping baskets are really cool and different. They are rounded pods with wheels and almost look like toys. Those are the only ones I've used. I have also seen the traditional bigger carts, although not grabbed one, myself. Why would I want to? I try to space out my purchases and go there every other day. My favourite items are the noodles. More on those in this issue.

The opening week, they had Primo pasta 900g bags and 1L chocolate milk both on for 0.88¢. Friendly move.

They have Hello Kitty snacks, and tons of other Asian-style snacks. Want some lobster chips? Right here.

The announcements on the public address system are in Chinese, which I like. Almost everyone who works there is Chinese, too. The staff and Asian customers are super polite. There is a sushi chef there and they have half price specials at the end of the day, if there is anything left.

It's not anything Barrie has had before, and is somewhat like visiting another country, which is part of the reason why I like it. I plan on writing more about it, and you should give it a try.

—Darren Roskam

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Doug Ford, Yours Truly, Barrie, May 18, 2018



Doug Downey, June 7, 2018, victory speech

In the eighteen years I have published this magazine, one thing I have not done is put myself on the cover. This time I almost did. That's me next to now Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, at a rally he did in Barrie on May 18. He also posed for pictures with everyone who wanted one, after the rally was done. If you want video of his entire speech, go to my website, www.thecrowe.ca and then go to the VIDEOS section.

And yes, I ran in the election, too. Usually with the Libertarians, I had a falling out with the provincial leader this time, so I went with the None of the Above Direct Democracy Party, instead. Got some points across, got less than 1% of the vote like I usually get with the Libertarians. Neither of those two parties had any money to spend in this riding, so what the hey. Better that I get a few hundred votes and get some people involved who would not otherwise have bothered voting, and I did not come in last. As they say, it's all good.

While I do not approve of the way Patrick Brown was removed from the PC Party, or rather, what forced him out of it, I am grateful he was removed, and he deserved to be. He lied about carbon taxes to get his party's leadership, then began to destroy the party, from within. He waged bloody and unprovoked war on the grassroots he swore to respect, and--liar that he is-- said he was doing the opposite. He was and is nothing more than an unrepentant, self-serving liar. And a liberal. Doug Ford made the right move not to allow Brown's apologist, Garfield Dunlop, to run in the riding of Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte. Ditto for the champion of Brown's platform, The People's Guarantee, MP Alex Nuttall, who campaigned for that leftist platform and its carbon taxes personally and in writing, against the interests of his federal leader, Andrew Scheer. Nuttall wanted to leave his own federal party and run provincially so badly he pissed and moaned about it, in public, citing his conspiracy theories about who took Brown out of the provincial party. Go to www.simcoe.com and search Alex Nuttall+hate campaign. I'm a PC Party member. I got plenty of mass emails from Nuttall telling me how great The People's Guarantee was. I got none about Doug Ford and who he picked for this riding, Doug Downey. Nuttall campaigned for a liberal platform. He needs to leave the Conservative Party of Canada, for working against what it was, and is, trying to achieve.



Garfield Dunlop and MP Alex Nuttall, April 20, 2018, bitching at Doug Ford's PC Party

Ford came to Barrie in May, Ward 7 Councillor, Andrew Prince, attended. Maybe that was because Doug donated \$500.00 to his campaign for Ward 7. That's fine with me. I asked Ford for money myself, for that by-election. Didn't get any. For that 2016 by-election, only 17.5% of the ward's 9,180 voters, bothered to take part. Of that, Prince received 362 votes, which is 22.53%. That is 22.53% of the only 17.5% who voted, which, close to 25%, a quarter, is 17.5 divided by 4, equals 4.375. That is roughly the mandate that Prince has been given: one quarter of 17.5% which means less than five percent of the people of Ward 7 support him. The other 95% do not care, and a few of them, voted for others.

Sorry to go off on a tangent, there. Wanted to finish the thought. And so, Prince at least, showed for Ford's rally, as did MP John Brassard. Nuttall, did not. Usually, all of Barrie City Council's PC and Conservative Party members, show for every party event (*continued on page A6*)

Patrick Brown Loyalists

What the newspapers in Toronto do not know and did not report on, is that Brown's history of exploiting his office and the time he is paid for, to build a network of friends that he works to get into seats of power, has been going on for a lot longer than his short time as PC Leader.

There's nothing wrong with being a member of a political party. It is just that the "Conservatives" on council are not real Conservatives. They act like Liberals. To them, exactly as it was to Brown, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Conservative Party of Canada are just social clubs. Conservative values mean nothing to them, and I'm going to prove it. I hold memberships for the provincial and federal parties, and many times saw seven of the eleven members of council at the local rallies, including the one at which Brown announced his run for leader, and, volunteering during voting day, for leader. When

Centra Food Market has the Korean Fire Noodles



New Samyang Ramen Spicy Chicken Roasted Noodle
4.93 oz
by Samyang
★★★★★ 10 customer reviews | 3 answered questions
Price: CDN\$ 19.91
Size:
Select
• Samyang Spicy Fried Chicken Ramen
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Clockwise from top, left: Samyang Spicy Chicken (fire) Noodles available at www.amazon.ca; area YouTuber Ken Domik doing the Fire Noodle Challenge; the 2X Spicy version of the same noodles, featuring Hochi, the Samyang chicken mascot, and Hochi, location unknown, making an appearance

For years, people have been doing the Fire Noodle Challenge on YouTube. For the last two years, I had been meaning to do the challenge myself, for fun, but the noodles were not available here, and whenever I did searches for them online, I could not even find them in Toronto. Certainly they must have been available somewhere in the GTA, however, wherever they may have been, they were well hidden. They were always available at Amazon...for \$19.91 plus shipping for a five pack. For a cost of like what...more than \$6.00 for one pack of ramen noodles? And guess how much a five pack costs at Centra? \$5.99. Want to get just one? \$1.59. Taxes included. Who needs Amazon?

That is Hochi, on the cover of this issue. These are Korean noodles, and Centra has the Spicy Chicken one, the one for the challenge, and the even hotter 2X Spicy, and a few others, which are shown below, and I will get to, later.



(continued from page A4) there is made available to them, to go to. Brown also shows for Nuttall; Nuttall shows for Brown, and these City of Barrie councillors,



Clockwise from bottom, left: Mike McCann, Ward 10; Andrew Prince, Ward 7; Bonnie Ainsworth, Ward 1; Rose Romita, Ward 2; Doug Shipley, Ward 3; Sergio Morales, Ward 9 and Arif Khan, Ward 8

All Conservative Party members, all no-shows for PC MPP, Doug Downey

show for both of them, all the time.

They just don't show for Doug Downey. And again, I know. I attended the victory party for this riding's new MPP, Doug Downey; got there at 9:00 PM sharp, and stayed to 10:15 PM. Real Conservatives such as former MP for Simcoe North, Doug Lewis, and current MP for Simcoe-Grey, Kellie Leitch, attended. Leitch brought flowers. Every councillor listed in this column, brought their indifference, and was a no-show. Why?

Normally, these folks are on PC and Conservative Party shindigs like white on rice. Let me explain.

Brown portrayed himself as an outsider to the PC Party when he ran for leader of it, in 2015. He promised to do away with any of Premier Kathleen Wynne's carbon taxes, and not to bring new ones, if he became the leader. He became the leader and in 2016 he broke his

promise, and in doing so, also broke his often-repeated promise to respect the grassroots of the party.

When confronted with his lies, Brown said that Conservatives needed to "evolve." What was really needed was for Brown to stop lying. After that point, the PC Party of Ontario became

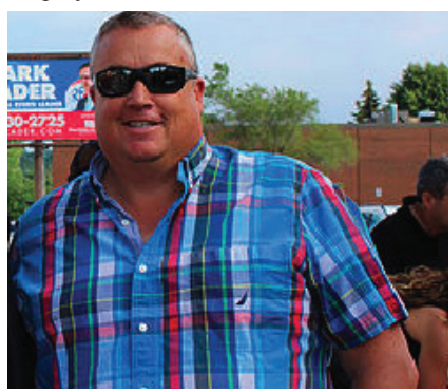
Brown had alienated fiscal Conservatives by deciding to apply carbon taxes; social Conservatives by flip-flopping on the province's sex education curriculum and marching in needlessly explicit gay pride parades, and democratic Conservatives by hiring former Liberals to work for the PC Party, and playing fast and loose with the candidate nominations. Make that playing "corrupt as hell," instead.

That only scratches the surface of the corruption that blossomed with Brown as the leader. For much more, go to www.axethcarbontax.ca. By the way, the man who runs that website, Jim Karahalios, was kicked out of the party by Brown and sued, for criticizing it. Karahalios has since had his membership returned, and his wife, Belinda Karahalios, was elected as MPP in the riding of Cambridge. Poetic justice.

Along the way, as Brown ruined everything that the PC Party had been built on, the local social club members, or "Patrick Brown Loyalists," as they were named by the *Barrie Advance*, stood by their impresario, their svengali, every leftist step of the way.

The most perfect example of this is Ward 3 Councillor, Doug Shipley. Like the rest of the Brown social club, he carried right on

supporting Brown after he became a leftist, applying carbon taxes. Just before the end of the election, Shipley posted his home address along with his registration papers to run for re-election in Ward 3. I went by his house. **No sign for Doug Ford and Doug Downey from Doug Shipley.**



Ward 3 Councillor, Doug Shipley, attending the PC Party members-only acclamation of Brown as the candidate for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Royal Canadian Legion, July 20, 2017

This coming from a man who, after voting to try to and install big spender Lynn Strachan with last year's appointment to replace former, frugal councillor, now Barrie CAO, Michael Prowse, to Ward 6, told all the others not chosen for the appointment, to go "knock on doors," and exercise their "democratic right," to run.

Shipley spent \$286.45 under the \$11,616.40 limit to get elected in Ward 3. None of the money was his. Not even his wife donated any of the money. Not one dollar. The other two candidates for that ward, Ross Edwin Wuerth and Ken Parsons, spent \$1,100.00 and \$260.00, respectively. All their own money. Shipley received 80.88% of the vote. Wuerth received 12.45% and Parsons, 6.67%.

Shipley spent \$2,718.33 on signs, alone.

Shipley knows the importance of signs for himself. And, it's not as if people didn't already know he was a PC; he tried for the nomination in the other Barrie riding, Barrie-Innisfil, then withdrew. So he should have had a Ford sign. Like any other Patrick Brown Liberal, he had no love for Ford. No sign on the lawn, and no attendance on election night. His hero, Brown, was off the radar and out of the story.

"Democratic right," and "knocking on doors," Shipley says to those with no rich friends, telling them to run for office, when he knows it takes gobs and gobs of cash from rich friends, to win elections. The only "democratic right" those without those friends have, is the right to lose. He is living proof of that sham, spending his way into office.

Leftist Doug Shipley talks a line of pure bull. —Darren Roskam



Patrick Brown in 2016, betraying his promise, calls for liberal-style carbon taxes

a helpless plaything for Brown to destroy and remake in his own leftist image. The people of Ontario away from the ridings of Simcoe North and Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, didn't know who Brown was, or what he really stood for. That would come later, with his official, leftist platform, the so-called "People's Guarantee," which was a marketing gimmick, and not really a guarantee of anything.

Patrick Brown never really loved Barrie, and with no money coming for pretending to love it, he has left it



"I've known Patrick Brown to lie just about every time he opens his mouth."
—PC MPP, Randy Hillier



"He (Patrick Brown) has run this party into the ground."
—Tanya Granic Allen, PC leadership candidate; Parents as First Educators



Patrick would not endorse Doug Downey for MPP. He has always endorsed everyone else, though



Patrick Brown never loved Barrie.



Conservative MP, Alex Nuttall, endorsed Patrick's carbon taxes while his Conservative Party fought them

He was not born here. He was not raised here. He never spent a day at school or college, here. He attended a rich kid's private school, St. Michael's. After that, he became a professional student, attending college for longer than he needed to, in order to become a lawyer. He practised law for little more than fifteen minutes, after coming to Barrie for the only thing he wanted here, which was an advantage in politics, where he did have a few family members, most importantly among them, his uncle, PC MPP, Joe Tascona. Of course, if you were to raise the subject to either of them, both would say that neither one talked to the other. What would you expect of them, the truth? An easy start was all that Barrie meant to this rich kid from Toronto. Once he got elected, we would always hear of how much he adored Barrie, and when the riding got bigger, and split, he would say that Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte was the most beautiful place in the world. When he ran in Simcoe North just to grab a seat to go with his leadership of the PC Party, he swore to us, as he was already preparing to run back here, that Barrie was "his home," his home, his home, his home! One last lie, before leaving. After Doug Ford refused to allow Patrick to run in this riding, he quietly cleaned out his desk in between irrelevant Twitter comments, and moved to Mississauga. On June 7, the day of the election, he listed his multimillion-dollar house for sale. Goodbye, Barrie. Back to the GTA, for this rich kid. Thanks for the fat government salary, all those years.

While I shared the debate stage with Patrick, during those times I was the Libertarian candidate and trying to make friends with his clique, I never raised the fact that the people who go to private schools, as Patrick did, lord over those, who go to public schools. It was the best argument to be made, for getting the government out of the education business. I'm making that argument, now. I voted for Patrick, for the leadership of the PC Party. He promised to respect party members, and no more surprises. Then all on his own and with no consultation from party members, he surprised everyone with carbon taxes. We were stuck with Patrick the Liar, Patrick the Liberal. He had lied to get the party leadership, and was running the PC Party into the ground. If he would've stayed as leader, he would have ruined it so badly, it would have taken years to repair it, and if he had become Premier of Ontario, he would have destroyed the party completely.

And yes, it was a cheap way to do it, but as Patrick said himself, in front of me, at the Pie Pizzeria when his friend Alex Nuttall became MP of this riding by a slim margin, "a win is a win." Forcing Patrick out of the PC Party is a win. It became a larger win for Doug Ford and all other real Conservatives, and for the PC Party. There is nowhere in politics for Patrick to go here, so that means no more money or advancement, so he leaves, immediately, the minute his MPP salary is gone. We are all worse off for having suffered him for so long. At least we know what an absolute fraud he has always, always been, and that his sweetest dream will never come true. Not that it will hurt him, much. Shallow that he is, he will always have money, and a network of turds to bring him opportunity. Thankfully, we no longer have to deal with him.

—D.R.



Never forget why carbon taxes are a sham: Patrick Brown wanted to lay carbon taxes on the people, while he, himself, enjoyed a jet-setting lifestyle and living in a mansion with a carbon footprint the size of four football fields. That is his house, 3 Pemberton Lane, with five bedrooms, a three car garage for his foreign-made vehicles and three bathrooms now listed for sale at www.faristeam.ca for \$2,950,000.00.

Patrick Brown was a liar and elitist. He was only in it for himself, and his circle of dishonest leftist friends, and everything they could get for themselves, and nothing more. An opportunistic poison to the PC Party, and the PC Party saved itself from him. Good riddance, Patrick Brown.