

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Trees on duty 24-7

### THE EDITOR,

Yes, it's me again: the tree hugger. The last time I wrote about saving the trees it was a little spiritual. This time around, let's take the gloves off and be a little blunt.

All this clear-cutting is happening when countries from around the world are gathering in Paris to

fight climate change. The exact problem is lowering carbon emissions to clean the air we breathe. So what came to mind for me was a tree.

It takes in carbon-infested air, processes it and gives us clean oxygen. It's so simple and trees aren't unionized; they don't go on strike, they don't take days off. They work 24 hours a day, seven days a week and need little to no maintenance.

So I was hoping

that people who live off the land might want to pay it forward with kindness to the land, the trees and the animals.

But I guess I was wrong. I understand if trees are tough for everyone, but maybe we don't have to clear-cut everything we have.

Everything is happening so fast and you don't want to miss the boat. Your neighbours are doing it and the rumour of a clear-cutting ban just makes you want to do it more. Then you add a smooth-talking,

clear-cutting salesman and wow . . . he makes it sound so great.

Which brings us to the question: why all the clear-cutting all of a sudden? Is the clear-cutting to grow crops for other countries who have dishonoured and destroyed their own land . . . and wish to do the same to ours to grow for them. Is it making room for more solar panels, or maybe wind turbines?

As for the fear of clear-cutting being banned in Ontario, I would not worry too much about it. Our local politicians have allowed Quebec contractors and companies to pretty well do whatever they want to do in our province, without allowing us the same privilege and they have allowed this travesty to continue for more than 50 years.

Just think about it: five decades of taking our jobs, our very livelihood. Wow. It seems as long as Ontario politicians get their paycheques and pensions, a few thousand Ontario residents who live close to the Quebec-Ontario border getting screwed doesn't really matter. It's scary when people come into your province and don't have to answer to anyone. So as far as the ban is concerned, to bring it in would take guts and brains. I hope our politicians have both.

In closing, our planet is dying and quickly . . . and after how we have treated her in the past, and the present, we don't deserve to live here any more.

Goodbye.

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