

Unlike Dieter Heinrich in his letter of April 2, I am not a newcomer to Owen Sound. My ancestors helped to build this great country that he is so fortunate to have immigrated to. I also have a slightly different view of democracy in that I believe it is the job of the politicians that are elected to the Federal and Provincial governments to represent the will of the people who have elected them. I also believe that in a democratic society it is not ignorant, nor intolerant to have an opinion. We do have something called freedom of speech in Canada.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Walker's opinions are based on a long historic understanding of Native interactions in Ontario and Canada. Mr. Miller and Mr. Walker know that the Federal Government of Canada rejected the Native right to commercially fish in Bill C-38. The incompetent Liberal government of Ontario hurried this agreement through without any regard to that fact. As a Canadian citizen and taxpayer I have a right to express my disapproval of the Provincial government supporting an industry, which has historically already destroyed the fishery of the Great Lakes. I also object of handing over \$850,000 of my tax dollars to support an industry which does not come near the economic benefit of the recreational fishery which it threatens to destroy.

The same incompetent Liberal Government is trying to push through the horribly flawed Algonquin Land Claim agreement for Eastern Ontario. Maybe before we allow this Liberal Government to give away our country we should all understand what is at stake for future Canadians.