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Latest shot at Veterans may hurt the most

Dear editor:

Having read Doug Skeates' article in the 30 May issue of the Citizen, ?Balanced approach to Capitalism? I was obliged to ask myself, ?Why can't Canada produce the visionaries that Norway does and keep the nation's future positive??

Our local crop of politicians are in the process of destroying that for which the citizens paid heavily in the past and have responded to the Veterans' Hospital Recovery Team's petitions in an unmistakable manner.

?They want the hospital to remain just that ? a hospital and not a housing project that will create heavy debt for tax ? payers, while the instigators of the plan(?) retire to their hiding places and leave others to repair the damage they have created, both fiscal and structurally?.

What has occurred is evidence to the fact that the election of clowns leads inevitably to a circus, and in this instance a costly circus, estimated at $4,000,000. That's the initial estimate, later comes the real costs being fiscal and health.

Meanwhile the values for which our veterans fought in past wars, democracy, has been ignored in this destruction plan. Despite unanimous responses to the petitions sent by the veterans (at their cost) favouring the retention of the hospital for medical purposes, these elected creatures have decided it is to be what they want, not what the majority of the electorate need and want. Their project begins a spending spree that will eventually hit the pocket books of every citizen while those living in the squalid little apartments the county geniuses have in mind will be receiving financial support from every one.

That the urgent care needed for veterans suffering from PTSD has received no consideration indicates that these comfortably ensconced political geniuses have never heard a shot fire in anger or experienced was and combat. Mostly they are products of the aftermath of those terrible years.

That makes it easy to disregard the needs of those who sacrificed life and limb to provide the comforts and security enjoyed by the many including those who deny them the care they require.

Well, as the debt load rises and local taxpayers groan and bitch we will remind them that freedom and democracy are not free ? we all must remain vigilant and ensure that all threats to our way-of-life is not abused or taken from us. It will also serve to advise you that you should have participated in the Veterans' Hospital Recovery team's efforts to save our hospital. It would have meant an evening or two without hockey, football and beer. Would that have been too much?

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