

**Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.**

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June 17, 2014 (recently noted)

Owen Sound Sun Times - Cheryl Clock - Opinion

### **Why do we vilify the poor?**

If you are on social assistance and choose to be poor in Ontario (because, of course, we all know poverty is a lifestyle choice), you will need to follow certain rules.

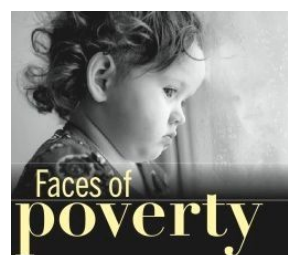
If you abide by these simple rules, you will be allowed to remain poor. On assistance. Forever.

Oh, and they're not my rules. These have been imposed on you, by your peers.

In no particular order:

Rule 1. Say goodbye to Tim Horton's ...

[Click here the full opinion piece on the Owen Sound Sun Times website](#)



April 16, 2014 (recently noted)

Daniel Miller's Blog

### **We are stuck on band-aid plans cause beyond them we can't see**

The world is covered in band-aids.

We open more food banks in attempts to vanquish hunger. We target leaders of any given terrorist group to combat global terrorism. We elect different political parties in attempts to vanquish unemployment and increase democratic accountability. We ban facebook and phones in schools to reduce cyber bullying. We put more staff in hospitals in order to make our society healthier.

[Click here to read the full post on Daniel Miller's Blog](#)

July 11, 2014

Health Providers Against Poverty - Primary Care Tools on Poverty

### **Letter to Premier Wynne on Poverty Reduction**

Individuals at the lower end of the income spectrum are at greater risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and mental health illness. In the health system, individuals living in poverty are treated differently than those who are wealthy, with less access to specialist health services and lower uptake of many preventive measures. Illness in turn can deepen poverty, particularly through barriers to employment. To ensure a healthy population, we need to not simply treat illness but tackle the upstream causes of illness including poverty.

[Click here to read the full letter at the Health Providers Against Poverty website](#)

July 18, 2014

The Independent - Robin Whitaker - Opinion

### **The trouble with charity**

Giving and generosity may reduce the burden of immediate suffering and desperation, but if we're serious about finding long term solutions we can begin by questioning why some have so much while others have so little



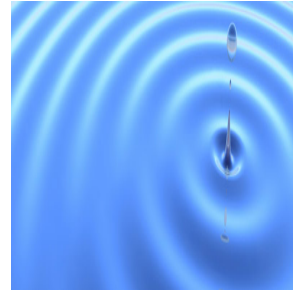
[Click here to read the full opinion piece at The Independent website](#)

July 13, 2014

Canada Without Poverty - Leilani Farha - Executive Director

### **Beyond Partisanship, the Wynne-ing way?**

These are tough times in Ontario ... a province in crisis: 40% of those who suffer food insecurity in Canada live in Ontario; ... 10% of those using food banks are gainfully employed; immigrants, newcomers and other vulnerable groups are over-represented in precarious employment, often working multiple part-time jobs and still not earning enough to make ends meet; social assistance recipients are living at least 40% below any accepted poverty line, and thousands of people, including many youth, are homeless, living in shelters, on the streets or doubled up with friends, and family.



[Click here to read the full article on the Canada Without Poverty website](#)

July 16, 2014

Shelburne Free Press

### **Foodland fundraising BBQ for local food bank**

Chair of the Shepherd's Cupboard, Reverend David Howe is extremely grateful for all the community support ... answers to resolve the issue of poverty are not easily found, making the donations the Shepherd's Cupboard rely on so very precious.

Howe is examining Freedom 90, The Union of Food Bank and Emergency Meal Program Volunteers ...

[Click here to read the full article at the Shelburne Free Press website](#)

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