



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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The Star - Joe Florito

Poverty costs us billions

Marc Hamel is a money manager. What does he know? As it happens, he floored me with knowledge.

Hamel made the opening remarks at a recent conference in Halton region, where changes to provincial welfare rates were up for discussion...

"Imagine for a minute that you have an infection and go to see the doctor. The doctor tells you that you need 10 mL of an antibiotic for 15 days to clear up the infection completely.

"He then prescribes you 5 mL for 10 days. Sure, you might feel better a bit, but there is no doubt that you will need to be back for ongoing refills of the antibiotic."

"We would never run our health-care system this way and I struggle to understand why we are using this approach to tackle poverty."

[Read the full article at The Star website](#)



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Oakville Beaver - David Lea

New strategy offers little relief for those in poverty

Local organizations working to fight poverty in Halton cringed last Thursday upon hearing about changes to social assistance being considered by the Province.

Jennefer Laidley of the Income Security Advocacy Centre discussed a recently-released Commission for the Review of Social Assistance report at a poverty reduction forum hosted at the Oakville Conference Centre by the Halton Poverty Roundtable.

[Read the full article at the insideHALTON.com website](#)



April 12, 2013

Grassroots: Sudbury's Media Collective - Scott Neigh

Solidarity in the Snow: Sudbury Rallies Against Austerity

As the city endured one final blast of winter, 75 residents of Sudbury braved the weather on Friday to express their opposition to austerity measures expected in the forthcoming provincial budget. The demonstrators gathered in Memorial Park for a meal and a rally, and later 40 or 50 of them then took to the streets to voice their demands outside the provincial building and at the office of Liberal MPP Rick Bartolucci.



Clarissa Lassaline of the Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty (SCAP) said that her group is "really fearful" about the impact that budget measures might have on the poorest people in the city -- "people living in poverty, people making minimum wage, who are not able with the income they have to feed themselves, to clothe themselves, to find proper housing."

[Read the full article at The Media Co-op website](#)

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The Star - Catherine Porter

Conference Board's food strategy summit missing important voices

Canada desperately needs a national food strategy.

Our food system is broken.

Farmers are now making less money off their farms than they did during the Great Depression. Our national food guide tells us to load up on fruit and vegetables, but we don't grow them any more - 80 per cent of produce is imported. Just four companies control more than 70 per cent of food sales in the country! Around 2.5 million Canadians are constantly hungry, and a quarter of us are obese. Canada is the only G8 country without a nationally funded school meal plan ...

[Read the full article at The Star website](#)

April 18, 2013

rabble.ca - Hannah Renglich

Industry voices dominate at Canadian Food Summit

Fellow Canadians, have you eaten today?

If you did -- and even, or especially, if you didn't for lack of physical or economic access to food -- you should know that behind closed doors sits a group of industry leaders claiming to be non-partisan, objective, independent and representative. They are hammering out a national food strategy for Canada.



On April 9 and 10, the Conference Board of Canada hosted their 2nd Canadian Food Summit in Toronto, an event focusing on, in their own words, "constructive ways to make the most of our opportunities, resources and talent to achieve the great economic potential of the food sector and meet the full range of Canadians' food needs."

[Read the full article at the Rabble website](#)

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