

into southwestern Ontario by the thousands. I am happy to say that in my city and across metro the concept of a domed stadium has received trilateral support from representatives of all political groups.

In Mississauga the domed stadium proposal enjoys community support. It has the endorsement and financial backing of the city council and is sparkplugged by the local business community. You will have seen recent newspaper advertising to the effect that the Trillium domed facility offers the kind of sports facility that we need in the metro area without putting a heavy burden on the back of the taxpayer.

Anyone considering a domed stadium has to ask the questions—why, where and who pays? Let me take those questions in order and ask Hon. Members to consider our proposal and also, please, to compare it with the more widely advertised proposals for de Havilland and the Canadian National Exhibition. I believe that the Mississauga proposal comes out way ahead of those.

To deal with the first question of why we need a domed stadium, in the Toronto region apart from the sports services that would be offered, a domed stadium would represent thousands of jobs in its construction and operation. It would represent a major attraction far beyond the sports level. Conventions and trade shows would be drawn to the facility. It would be a major spark-plug for massive development in transportation, service industries and hotel industries. Perhaps it is for that reason that the Metropolitan Toronto Labour Council has said that the Toronto region needs this kind of facility. It recognizes that it is an investment in the future, not just for business or a few sportsmen, but for ordinary working Canadians.

The next question is where such a facility should be built. I say it should be put in a place that services the whole province, a place that is easy to get at. I ask you to compare what we are offering in Mississauga to the facilities in the more crowded centre of the city. We propose to build it at the corner of Highway 10 and Highway 401. To the east, Scarborough is only half an hour away, to the west Hamilton is only half an hour away, and in between there are Toronto, Etobicoke, Brampton, Burlington and Oakville. Millions of people live within that radius of half an hour. If the radius were extended to one hour you would begin to encompass people from Welland, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Barrie, Orillia, Kitchener, Guelph, Cambridge and Waterloo. All of these communities would see that domed stadium as part of their area, not as part of the narrow Toronto area.

A domed stadium in the Mississauga area would be a domed stadium for all Ontario and not just for Toronto. We have great highways and we have facilities to handle commuters coming by car. When the Woodbine race track was built, Mr. Speaker, it was thought to be way out in the country and inaccessible. Urban sprawl caught up to it and soon it was seen as a central facility. I predict the same thing will happen with the Mississauga domed stadium site.

Then there is the question of who pays for this. I do not believe taxpayers should pay for it. The taxpayers can help to

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build it, but they should get the money back. The taxpayer should not be stuck with a permanent debt. In my opinion the Mississauga proposal is a four star project. The user of the stadium would help to pay for it along with private industry which would build and manage it. These people have assembled 2,000 acres of prime land on the corner of Highway 10 and Highway 401. They need about 150 acres for the stadium. The rest of the land would belong to the stadium, and as it increased in value, it would be sold. The presence of the stadium would attract hotels which would buy the land and the proceeds of that sale would bring a return to the Government and to private lenders who helped put it up in the first place.

It would be a long-term repayment plan rather than a long-term burden on the public Treasury. I must say that this would be an ideal partnership between governments and private enterprise. It would use the initiative, the imagination and the profit motive of private enterprise and the short-term financial support of the Government. If the Hon. Members agree with me, I would ask them to look into the proposal a little further. The real key to the success of this proposal is the Government of Ontario. We are asking Premier William Davis to consider the Mississauga site, along with the others which have been proposed. We are asking him to look into the self-financing aspect of it, to look into the private enterprise aspects, the regional service rather than just service to one city. If Hon. Members agree with these principles, we are asking them to contact Premier William Davis and ask him to put us into the running. Just let us have a chance to sell our ideas.

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We do not believe that the Ontario Government has to pick us arbitrarily. We believe that if the Ontario Government compares the Mississauga proposal to the Downsview or CNE proposal, then our proposal will win flat out every time. We offer the taxpayer the opportunity to have this facility on a self-financing basis. We offer it to the people of the whole province, not just to the people of one city, and we offer it with all the excitement and imagination of a good private enterprise project.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Questions, or comments? Debate.

**Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie):** Mr. Speaker, it has indeed been interesting to hear the comments of the previous speaker. I appreciate his comments on what is a very interesting proposition and we wish him and his riding well. It was also interesting, Mr. Speaker, to hear the comments of my colleagues on the various aspects of the tourist industry in Canada and as it relates to Hon. Members in the various regions and ridings from which they come.

I would like to address a comment which was made by the Minister this morning, which I believe illustrates the insensitivity of this Government and, indeed, the hypocrisy. The Minister said that the Government is seeking the Asian tourist market of Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. That is fine. I appreciate