

What's wrong with Moroun's plans?

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Re: Matty Moroun.

Does anyone know why the Canadian/Windsor mindset is so strongly against this man and his plans? Is it the same old Canadian view of the "rich against the poor," "the elite versus the non-elite," notwithstanding that Buzz Hargrove used to say in his welcome to new employees at Chrysler, "welcome to Canada's elite."

He knew his people were among the highest household income in the country. That was before so much industry and many jobs left Windsor.

Now we have the opportunity to "get it done," as so many are saying, and at no cost to us taxpayers. Moroun is poised to complete it and fast; he's already completed much of it. Just one or two problems, though.

Canadians don't want the bridge that badly, nor that quickly, if Moroun is going to be the builder. Even MP John Baird comes in, spouts off as if Moroun, who's been running a successful bridge for decades, might jack the price to where no one would use it.

Now that would be self-serving don't you think, or stupid? But I've heard it. Or that Moroun will build, by a magic wand, not using the same labour force (jobs) as anyone else would.

Or that Moroun's bridge would be a target for terrorists--- but DRIC wouldn't be? Huh?

What about all the houses that Moroun bought at arm's-length by negotiation, not force, under the bridge on our side?

Now those same Canadians who think only the government knows how to run a business, usually at excessive rates above the private sector but has the luxury and fallback position to throw tax money if there's a problem, like a shortfall in their predicted tolls.

Of course, everyone in Windsor knows that the property acquisitions for the DRIC have been expropriated. Translated, that means forcible taking, they had no choice in the matter.

Even so, we Canadians, Windsorites, won't let Moroun tear down the houses he bought by negotiation. Now they are derelict and trouble for the rest of the neighbourhood.

Council, take your fight somewhere else.

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