Letters to the Editor

Toilet paper ballot
Could the Council of Canadians please lobby to change the electoral system?

We are in our sixties and really value our right to vote. We moved to the U.S. from 1989 to 2005 and, being unable to vote, survived two Bushes and a Clinton. As we looked forward to coming home to the Ottawa area, the ability to vote was very much anticipated. Unfortunately, we did not consider this when we decided to buy our 208-acre farm in the riding of Leeds Grenville, an hour south of Ottawa. Being voters in this Conservative bastion is absolutely futile. One could use our ballot as toilet paper and it would be more useful in today's electoral system.

We will continue to vote, but this could be a good reason for others to decide not to bother wasting their time.

Mandatory voting is not going to help until this futile electoral system is changed so that our vote will be worth at least the time it takes to make it.

Nicolaas and Maki Hilferink
North Augusta, Ontario

Our “Turtle Pond” (pictured above)
We are long-standing members of the Council of Canadians. We noticed and admired the photography on the front cover of the last issue of Canadian Perspectives.

My husband’s hobby is photography and I write poetry and over the last few years we have combined our talents and produced some rather nice pieces of artwork.

There is one we have named “Turtle Pond” and it speaks to protecting our wetlands. We would be honoured if you would share it with your readers.

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