

THE STORY OF NO HATE IN HURON (SO FAR)

A strange tale of how neo-Nazis came to our little rural Ontario county,
and what some of us are doing about it.

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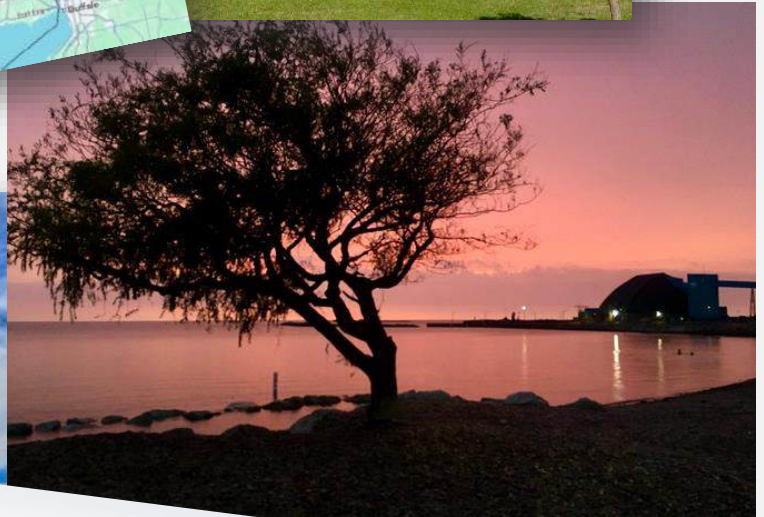
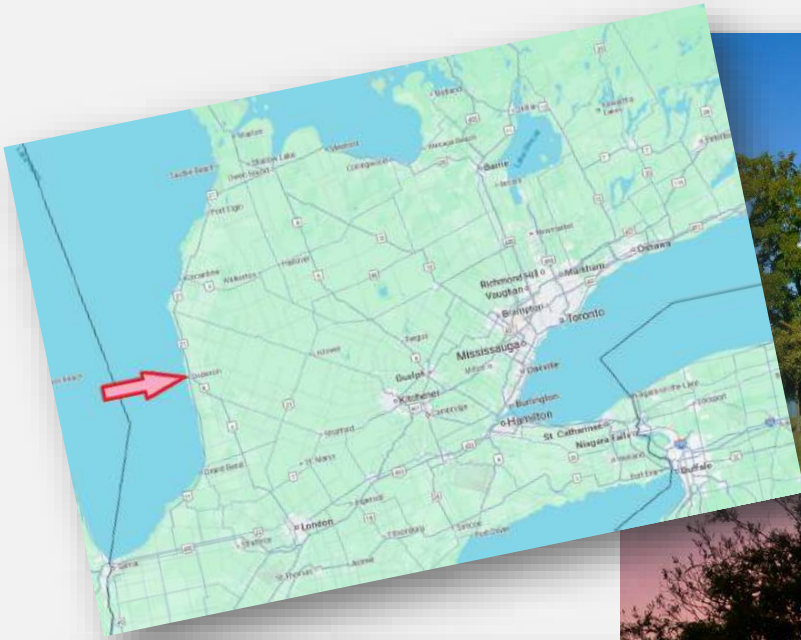
September 29, 2024

I live in my little hometown called [Goderich, Ontario](#)

on the shores of Lake Huron.



It is soooooooooo beautiful. And full of lovely people.



Goderich Quick Facts:

Population: 8000

“The Prettiest Town in Canada”

Home to the world’s largest salt mine

Overlooks Lake Huron

Surrounded by farm land



It all started on the August long weekend, 2024.

I saw the strangest thing on the **Bluewater Veterans Highway...**



A homemade billboard at the town's entrance with the writing
“**White Lives Matter**”



We get a lot of visitors from all over the province in the summer.
I didn't want them to think we are all a bunch of racists!

White Lives Matter is the name of a **neo-Nazi organization** and a known rallying cry for white supremacists.





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WHITE LIVES MATTER

White Lives Matter, a racist response to the civil rights movement Black Lives Matter, is a neo-Nazi group that is growing into a movement as more and more white supremacist groups take up its slogans and tactics.



EXTREMIST GROUP INFO:

SPLC Designated Hate Group

Date Founded: 2015

Ideology: [Neo-Nazi](#)

IN ITS OWN WORDS

“What happens to blacks in this country at the hand of law enforcement is none of our concern ... other than to prepare to restore order and rebuild our neighborhoods taking back our lands one community at a time. When the enemy destroys ... we guard our town borders and make our homes white and great again.”

—Rebecca Barnette, White Lives Matter co-founder and Women’s Division leader of the National Socialist Movement, July 16, 2016

“Do not allow our lands to turn into Haiti ... time to shut the savage beasts down. Shut down Black Lives Matter.”

—Rebecca Barnette, July 9, 2016

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/white-lives-matter>

I wrote a **petition** calling on our local leaders and community members to condemn neo-Nazi ideology.

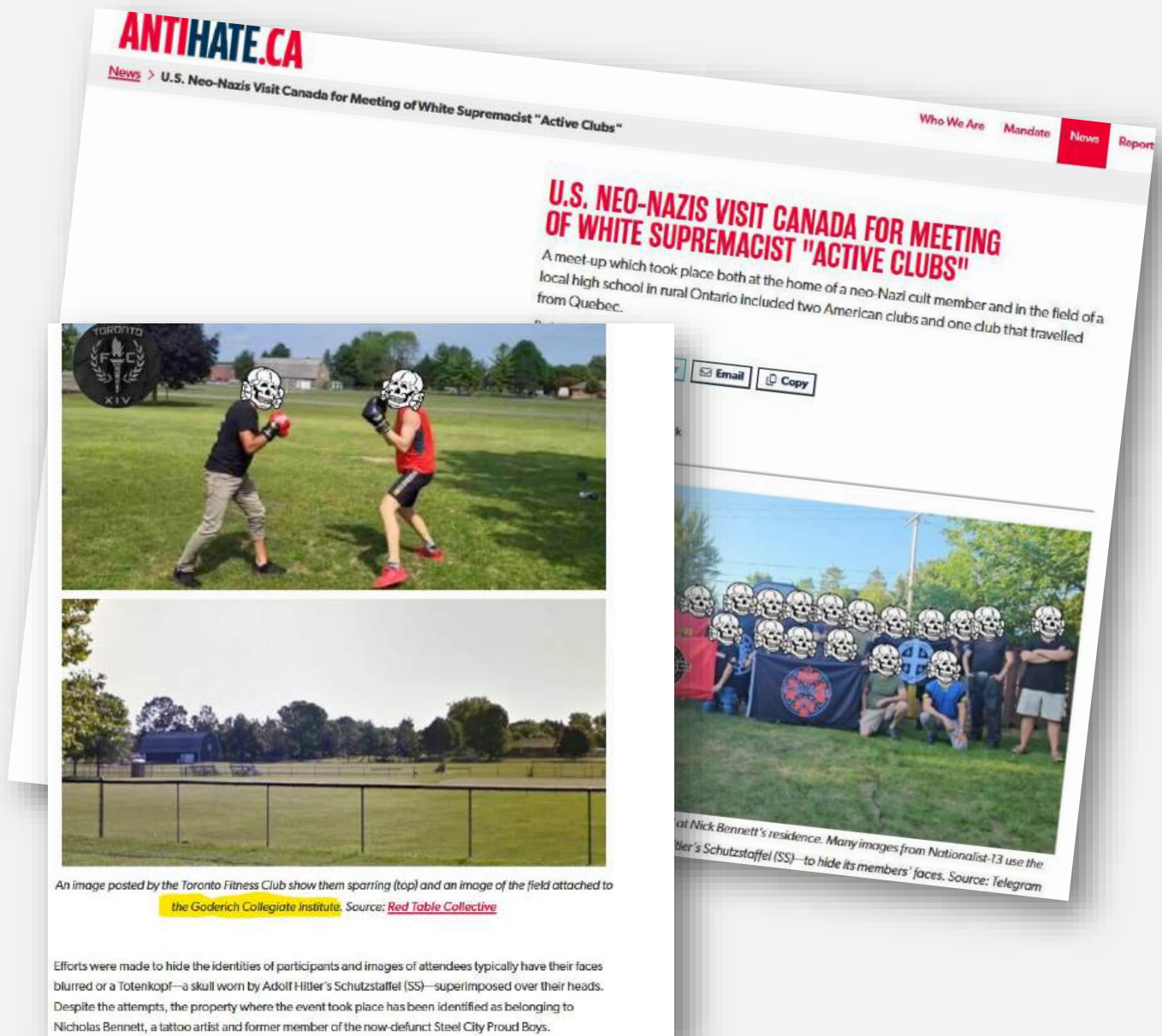
It gathered 70 signatures and was published in two local newspapers.



<https://www.kincardinrecord.ca/story.php?id=16864goder>

I soon learned that the situation was actually far more serious. Gah!

A neo-Nazi meetup had occurred in Goderich in August!
I could hardly believe it. **Neo-Nazis in our beautiful Goderich????!!**



https://www.antihate.ca/us_neo_nazis_visit_canada_meeting_white_supremacist_active_clubs

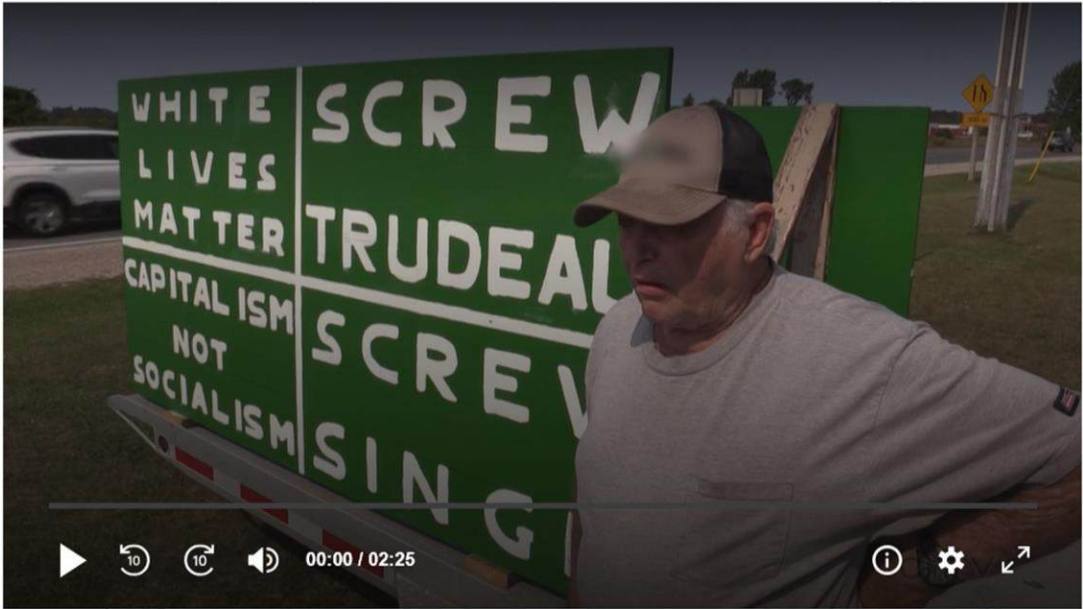
The story about the billboard got picked up by **CTV News** and ran on September 23, 2024. They didn't mention the neo-Nazi meet-up.

CTV NEWS
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'White Lives Matter' billboard sparks controversy in southwestern Ontario





Scott Miller
CTV News London
Videographer

In early August, Gord Leamen proudly put up a billboard on his front lawn that says "Screw Trudeau, Screw Singh, Capitalism not Socialism, and White Lives Matter."

"White lives do matter. The white man built this country, and now we're seeing it all taken

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/white-lives-matter-billboard-sparks-controversy-in-southwestern-ontario-1.7048475>

I started an **online petition** to local politicians.
Surely now they would condemn neo-Nazi ideology, I thought.

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Call on Huron County Leaders to Denounce Neo-Nazism



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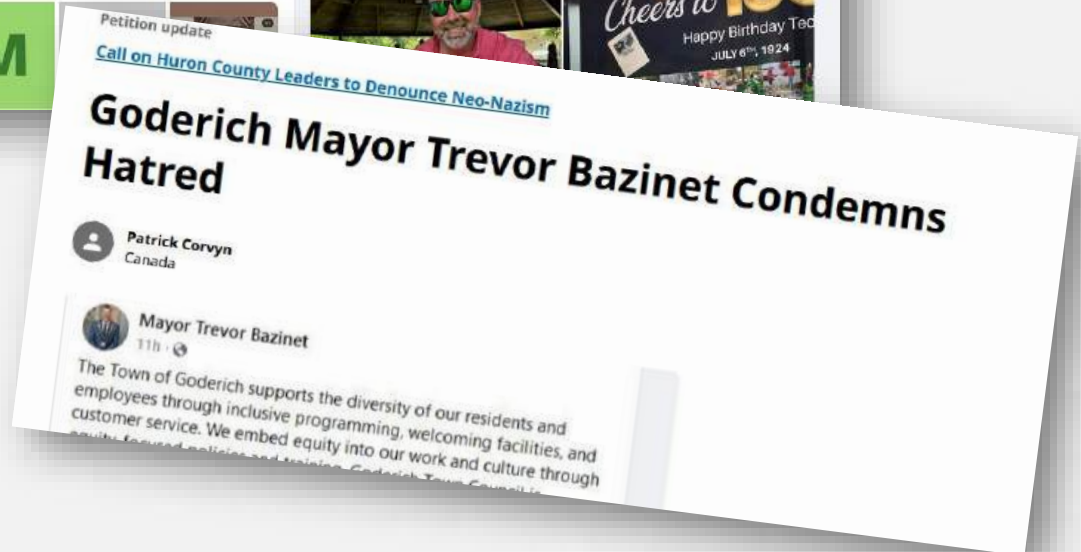
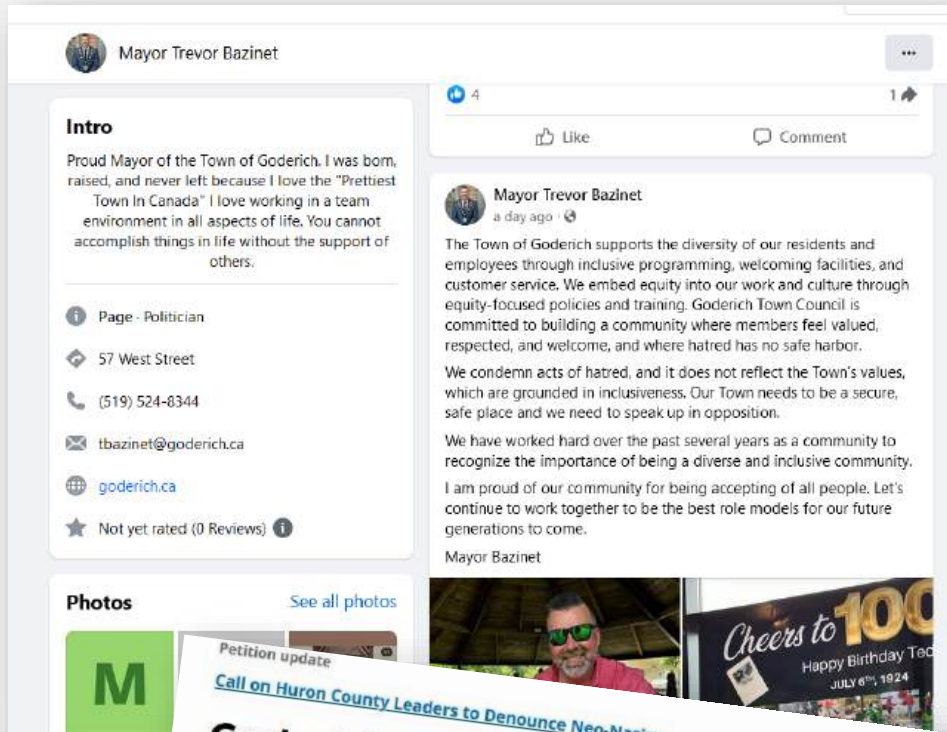
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<https://www.change.org/nohateinhuron>

On September 27, 2024, The Mayor of Goderich publicly denounced hate activity in our community! **Yay Trevor!**



I was invited by the [Goderich Sun](#) to an interview (stay tuned!)

Patrick Corvyn – response to Goderich Sun interview questions.

September 28, 2024

What I would like to know is what motivated you to do the petition and what you hope to achieve from it?

As a registered nurse, I feel a strong moral and professional obligation to the safety and well-being of our community. I have spent nearly a decade serving people living and dying at the extreme edges of human suffering and marginalization. For me, the sign in question on the Bluewater Veterans' Highway causes needless suffering in our community. It opens old wounds I hoped we had moved past decades ago. I am responding accordingly.

Secondly, as the descendent of a World War II veteran, I feel a duty to challenge Nazi ideology in whatever modern guise it may take. Sadly, neo-Nazi groups are alive and well in Canada, and growing in these times of hate-filled polarization. Whether that be the violent and dangerous neo-Nazi ramblings of the KKK, The Proud Boys, Nationalist-13, the Toronto Fitness Club, the Frontenac Active Club, or White Lives Matter, it is my pleasure to ensure their horrific goals remain forever unfulfilled and their views remain in the garbage dump of history where they belong.

Thirdly, as a proud member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community I am acutely aware that I and the fabulous people I love so dearly are among the primary targets of hate groups such as White Lives Matter.

What I hope to achieve with my advocacy work around this issue is to stop the seeds of hatred from taking root in our community.

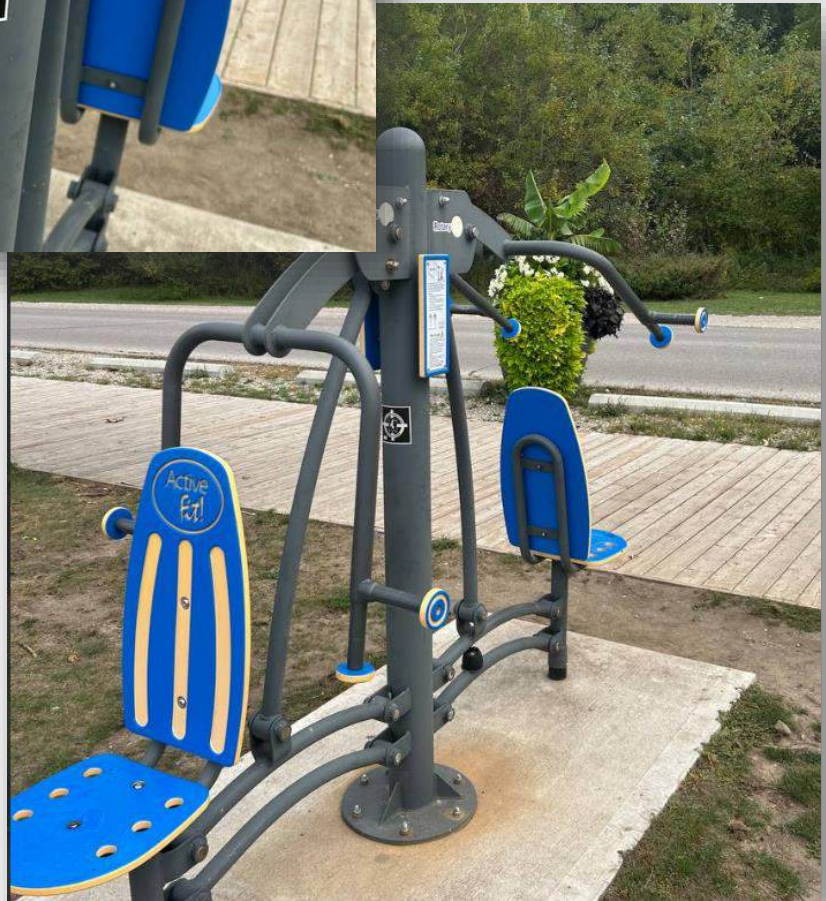
Could you please explain and elaborate on your thoughts on this topic?

At the centre, we see an aggrieved individual claiming that he is being oppressed and that his rights are being taken away. Can this person genuinely point to a single right or freedom he has been deprived of? Does he imagine that he has a right to never see or interact with any person of colour?

But the good times didn't last long....

I went out for a Sunday stroll this morning along our beautiful boardwalk. But I found something **very ugly**. I found recruiting stickers for a neo-Nazi organization: **The Great Lakes Active Club!!**

Ugggghhhh..... 🤔





I recognized the symbols on the stickers. I knew the Roman numeral 14
and the bundle of rods and the axe all meant something
really really awful.

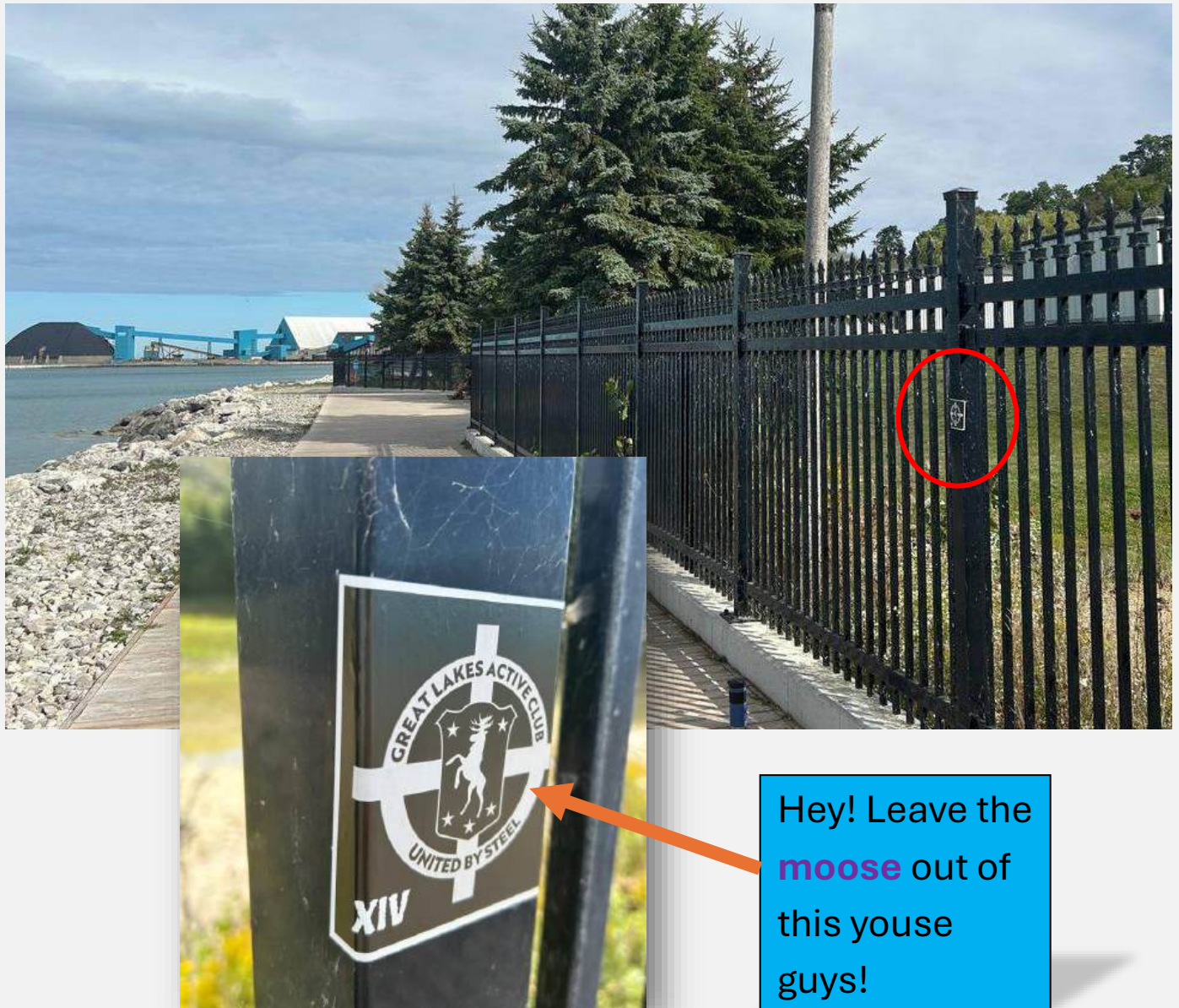
I tore off the sticker on the exercise equipment at the **Rotary Cove**
and the sticker on the bench at **St. Christopher's Beach.**

I thought: “not in **OUR HOME** you don't!”

The one at the water treatment plant was really stuck on there though.

I'll go back again tonight to give it another whirl.

I'll let you know if I find more (psssst....I did....a lot).



Hey! Leave the
moose out of
this youse
guys!

It's official. Huron County and Goderich...**we have a Nazi problem.**

I am getting really concerned now.

Our **Conservative MP Ben Lobb**
and our **Conservative MPP Lisa Thompson**
STILL have not spoken out against neo-Nazi ideology
and hate activity in our community!

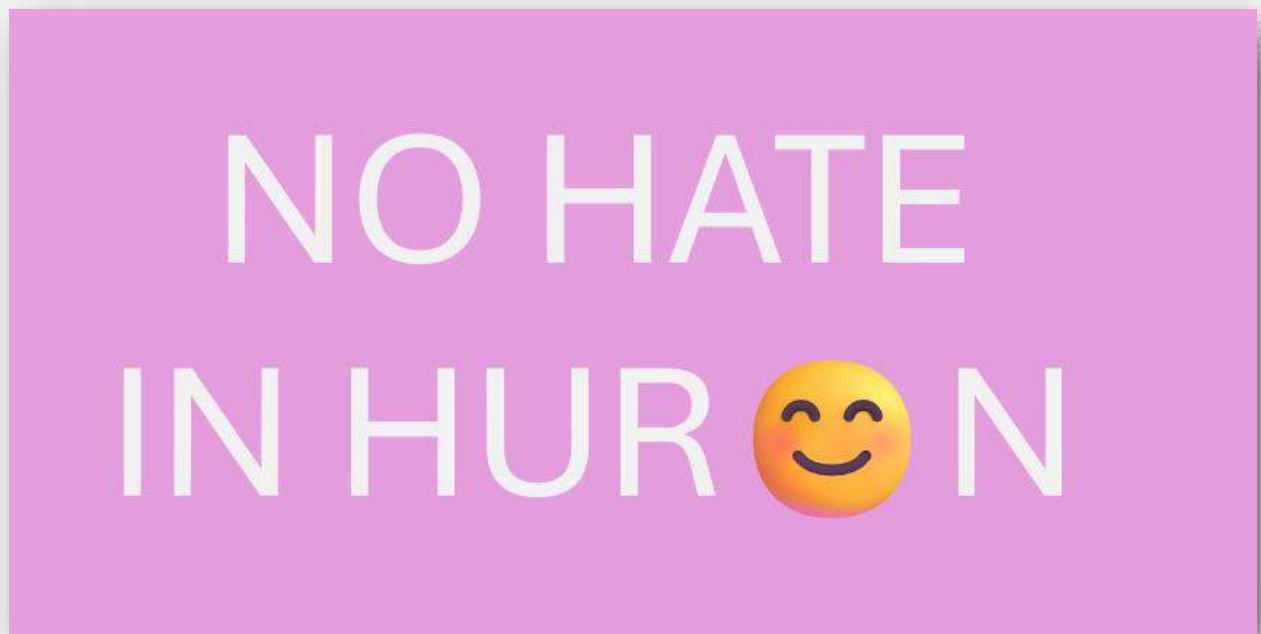


Today is September 29, 2024.
It has been **55 days** since we first called upon them to do so!

But guess what? Goderich and Huron County are chock full of

fun, fabulous, caring, amazing people.

We are planning a **Community Cabaret** in Goderich
on November 23, 2024 to celebrate just how fabulous we are!



Neo-Nazis aren't going to stop us from **caring for each other** or from
showing off our **amazing local talent.**

I would love to tell you more about this story.
If you have any questions, please reach out to me at:
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