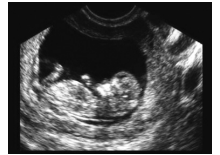




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When are we human?

MP Stephen Woodworth wants Canadians to review law with 400-year-old roots December 21, 2011

Kitchener Centre MP Stephen Woodworth says Parliament should examine the question of when a child is considered human under law.

In a news release Wednesday, Woodworth said Canadian law does not consider a child human until it is completely delivered out of a woman's birth canal.

"This means that in Canada a child is legally considered to be sub-human while his or her little toe remains in the birth canal, even if he or she is breathing."

Woodworth said the law, Section 223 of Canada's Criminal Code, has roots going back 400 years and should be revisited in light of 21st-century medical science and principles of human rights.

"Perhaps Canadians should at least examine this question," the press release reads. "MP Stephen Woodworth proposes that Parliament has a responsibility to lead that examination."

Woodworth spoke to a crowd of thousands attending the 14th annual anti-abortion rally on Parliament Hill in May, shortly after Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives won a majority government in the federal election.

During the election campaign Harper was adamant that there will be no change in Canada's abortion law under

his watch.

"As long as I am prime minister we are not opening the abortion debate," Harper said.

"The government will not bring forward any such legislation and any such legislation that is brought forward will be defeated as long as I am prime minister."

Sara MacIntyre, a press secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, repeated that pledge during a brief telephone interview Wednesday afternoon. We've been very clear, we're not going to re-open this (abortion) debate," she said. "The member (Woodworth), like all members, can choose to move forward with motions or private members bills."

MacIntyre said Harper is aware of Woodworth's press release, but declined to disclose his reaction to it.



Kitchener MP proposes motion to study definition of human being

February 6, 2012 OTTAWA A backbench Tory MP is asking Parliament to study whether Canada's definition of a human being, which refers to birth,

needs to be pushed back to include life in the womb.

Stephen Woodworth, a pro-life member representing a Kitchener, Ont., riding, said today he has filed a motion in the House of Commons asking for a committee to study the issue.

Woodworth, who says the issue is relevant to the abortion issue, wants Canada to throw out its 400-year-old definition of a human being as someone who is born, saying medical evidence has shown that human beings are created sometime before birth.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson immediately played down the move, saying the prime minister has been very clear, our government will not reopen this debate a reference to Stephen Harper's assurances that his government will not reopen the abortion question.

Woodworth's motion would have to be approved by a majority in the House of Commons before it could be considered by any special committee.

Woodworth says he wants the issue studied, and is not suggesting what the outcome might be.

Now there might be some people who can convince themselves that a child magically transforms into a human being when their little toe pops out of the birth canal, he said in remarks for a news conference Monday.

However, I've concluded that modern medical science will inform us that children are in reality human beings at some point before the moment of complete birth.

Follow the proceedings on CPAC

Change the law

February 7, 2012 The Record

I am astounded by a country that says a child is not a person until they are born. The whole issue really hit home on Jan. 22 when I helped deliver my baby girl.

Holding her just out of my wife's womb, she was the most perfect, most innocent, life-sustaining person I've ever seen. However, according to the laws of this country that I love and have served and would lay my life down for in an instant, had my baby girl been allowed to continue to full term she would not have been a person.

I have to ask why this is. The doctors and medical staff at Grand River Hospital clearly felt that she was capable of breathing and sustaining life on her own. Otherwise it would have been reckless of them to induce labour. She was born at 8 pounds, 9 ounces; therefore she was a good size baby. The problem with the current law as it stands is that it defines personhood based on the location of the baby. Had my baby girl stayed in my wife's womb for another four weeks she would not be a person, even though she was fully developed and fully capable of living on her own.

I, for one, wholeheartedly support Kitchener Centre MP Stephen Woodworth in his initiative to have the personhood laws of this country reviewed, changed and updated as we are in dire need of. I applaud him in his efforts and implore the rest of Parliament to follow his leadership.*

Chris Howell Board Member KW Right to Life

The Ad below was designed by Alex Matan as a bus ad in the form of a quiz that when peoples cells phones pick up the code picture it takes them directly to our website to take part in the quiz. A good pastime when travelling on the bus. Please contribute to this ad by placing quiz in your cheque memo.

#1. A child is considered a human being under Canadian law once:

- a.) She has her own blood
- b.) His heart starts beating
- c.) She starts moving her hands
- d.) He can feel pain
- e.) She can survive outside the womb

Find the answer at: www.KWRTL.ca/quiz



Chris & Jaclyn Howell's baby is pictured in the ad below. Perephone was born on January 6th, 2012. She speaks through this ad about personhood being denied to children in the womb.

Please contribute to a version of the ad for bus/billboards this Spring: Send your cheque with Persephone's Personhood in the memo. An income tax receipt will be issued for every donation.

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From the President

Jane Richard

KW Right to Life expresses great hope and determination to support the motion of Stephen Woodworth MP Kitchener Centre. An old Law 223(1) that states a child is not a person until the moment of complete birth and how that relates to current medical and scientific evidence needs to be examined.

We are under no illusion that there will be an immediate law to make abortion illegal, in particular the first trimester, however this motion sets a precedent for getting to the fundamental principle of whether or not a preborn child is a person, that has implications for the protection of life beyond the womb.

We encourage supporters to write the Prime Minister at pm@pm.gc.ca and their local MP's, Braid.P@parl.gc.ca and Albrecht.H@parl.gc.ca to vote in favour of the motion this coming June. Discussion for the motion begins in March and again in June before the vote. Please thank Stephen Woodworth, Woodworth.S@parl.gc.ca for this much needed motion.

If it passes, the task will be finding proof that indeed the child in the womb should have rightful claim to personhood.

We pray. We act.

Abortion Petition:

See Petition at the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA)
(Google ARPA Canada or call the office at 519.746.5433 for a copy)

Write a letter to:

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6
(Postage Free)

Letter Sample:

*Dear Prime Minister Stephen Harper,
Please support the Motion by Stephen Woodworth MP to examine Law 223 (1) that states a child is not a person until the moment of complete birth and how that relates to current medical scientific evidence. Signed: Name and complete address*

Most abortions occur at 10-12 weeks in utero like the baby in this picture.

When a baby is aborted it screams in silence when the abortionist begins the deadly assault. In Canada, over a hundred thousand babies a year are screaming in silence.

Women suffer from physical and psychological effects from abortion. Many suffer in silence.

The provinces vary in termination times, circumstance and methods. Inaccurate statistics give a false picture of the extent of the destruction of human life with little or no reporting of physical and psychological effects.

A beating heart at 21 days - Circulating blood by 4 weeks - Clearly defined fingers and toes (plus prints at 9 weeks) - Measurable brain waves at 6 weeks - A body with every organ functioning at 8 weeks



Abortion arguments fail to convince

February 7, 2012

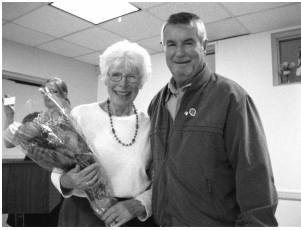
Re: There is no need to reopen the abortion debate in Canada Jan. 31

Joyce Arthur, of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, may convince herself with her arguments against recognizing a fetus as a person, but she hasn't convinced me. Scaremongering and attempts at shaming have no place in this debate.

She must know the physical and psychological harm that abortion does to women. If she wants to advocate for choice, then at the very least she should be agreeable to giving women informed choice. Tell them the sad statistics about the illnesses and harms that follow women all their lives after an abortion. Tell them about fetal development. Tell them about alternatives such as adoption. Tell them about crisis centres that can help them during what seems like an impossible situation. When fully two-thirds of women in North America have abortions because they feel that they do not have a choice (according to the 2009 documentary, *Blood Money: The Business of Abortion*), Joyce's argument falls flat.

The most bizarre argument she uses is full of holes: the biological status of the fetus is irrelevant since women need and have abortions anyways. People are going to be violent anyway, so would she also argue that laws against violence are irrelevant? All kinds of things happen anyways, but that doesn't mean as a society we shouldn't take a stand on it through our laws, supports and funding. *Christine Dixon St. Jacobs* (See kwrtl.ca for more letters)

KW Right to Life 40 Years of Service in the KW Area



Special Events Planned for the Anniversary Year 2012

Dessert & Coffee June 7th, at Club Willowells at 6:00pm 40 Blue Springs Dr. Waterloo (street parking near East Side Marios) Good Will Offering

Guest Speakers are Marilyn & Dr. Hart Bezner who are the founding members of KW Right to Life

I was remembering 40 years ago when we were showing the slides of fetal development so people could see how each one of us is on the same journey of growing and becoming. I would point out that life is a continuum and that our worth is not dependent on size or wealth or age or intellect. And that protection must start from the womb, as Steve pointed out, if we are not safe there, we are not safe anywhere, as we are now finding out from the push for euthanasia. I think that our thrust should be that life is a continuum and that our law needs to play catchup to what medical science has already made plain. I remember how surprised folk were to see how the babe at 6 weeks could fit inside a walnut and yet so much was already happening in that wee individual, and you know all about that

Abortion and Two Historic Parallels

Hart Bezner, Ph.D. (Some thoughts about Right and Wrong)

It is difficult to evaluate a moral crisis while in the midst of it, torn by diametrically opposed arguments, but once a moral crisis has resolved itself, even if only partially, it is much easier to look back upon it and to comprehend the real issues. Without the perspective of time differentiating between right and wrong can be elusive.

The abortion debate is evidence that we are in the midst of a moral crisis. The arguments on both sides are strong and persuasive and many good people are bewildered and unable to judge the moral significance of the debate.

We can profit greatly by looking into the recent past where two similar moral issues erupted and were partially resolved. We are far enough removed from both to evaluate them much more objectively than the original participants. I am referring to slavery in the Western World and also to the more recent Nazi era.

The abortion problem, the slavery issue, and the Nazi period are strikingly similar in moral content because all three involve the arbitrary devaluation of human life. The accompanying moral confusion basically follows the same tragic pattern.

Find the full 1974 article at http://homepage.mac.com/hart.bezner/historic_parallels.html or call 519.746.5433 for a copy.

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done? (Proverbs 24:11-12).



KW RTL 40th Anniversary Dinner

November 3rd, 2012
At the Schwaban Club
1668 Weber St. W. Kitchener

Speaker: Jojo Ruba - Renowned Apologist & Debater



Past Board Members, Presidents, & Volunteers will receive honourable Mention. If you can provide historic information about the pro-life movement in the KW Area, Please call the office at 519.746.5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net
Tickets available \$35 in early September 2012



KW Right to Life
33rd Annual Walk for Life



Saturday May 12th, 2012

Registration—10:00am

St. Michael's RC Church

240 Hemlock St. and University Ave., Waterloo

Walk begins at 10:30am (nearly 5 K)

ξ **Start at St. Michael's, go along University Ave. to King St.**

ξ **Turn right on King through to Waterloo Square 75 King St.**

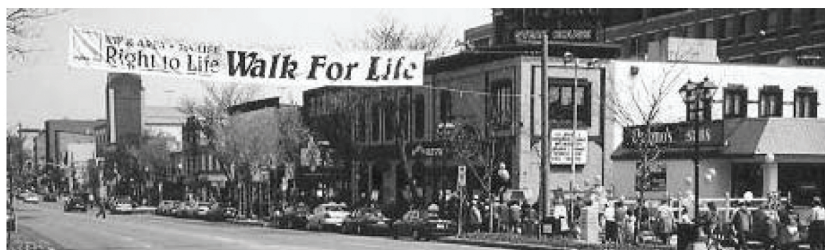
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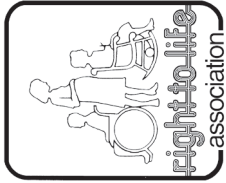
ξ **Return along King St., then left on University to St. Michael's**

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K-W Walk for Life; Saturday, May 12, 2012

purpose: To further the aims of the Right To Life Association
by: promoting greater respect for all human life through
educational programs.

Registration 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's RC Church
240 Hemlock St. and University
Waterloo

The Walk 10:30 a.m.

Details about the walker you are sponsoring

Name: Age: Address: City:
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Note: Walkers between 10 and 14 years old must secure parent's signature. Children under the age 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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Reminder: 1. Pledges are to be collected by the walker, preferably prior to the event.

2. Please provide complete names and address, **including Postal Code**, for Tax Receipts.

3. Income Tax Receipts will be issued at year end for donations of \$10.00 or more, if requested above

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Coming Events 2012

Stephen Woodworth MP Presentations in March, 2012

Regarding Motion to examine Law 223(1) - Call KW RTL 519.746.5433 for dates and places

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Plowing Match - International Plowing Match KW RTL Display September 18-22, Roseville ON (near Kitchener)2012 Call 519.746.5433 to volunteer at this exhibit. Expected attendance; 150,000.

Life Chain Memorial — September 30th 2012 in front of Grand River KW Health Centre 835 King St. W. Kitchener 2:00pm—3:00pm with speaker

40th Anniversary Dinner — November 3rd, 2012 at the Schwaban Club on 1668 Weber St. W. Guest Speaker: Jojo Ruba renowned apologist & debater Cocktail Hour 5:00pm—Dinner At 6:00pm—Tickets—\$35

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