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Blenkarn condemns federal grant to PAGG

South Peel MP Don Blenkarn is investigating a Local Initiatives Program grant to the Peel Association for Good Government (PAGG) because he feels federal funds should not be used to finance "political" parties.

"They should not be entitled to use your tax money and my tax money to organize and run a political campaign."

He said the grant was to "organize area groups for a common front. You know what political party uses the phrase 'common front'."

Blenkarn noted Pierre Trudeau was a member of

that same party in 1962.

Bill Johnstone, a director of PAGG, said the \$13,333 grant will be used primarily to inform the electorate about the record of municipal councillors in Peel County.

"It's quite likely we will find candidates whose position on issues we like and will support, but we haven't chosen a slate of candidates," he added.

The grant will be used to research council decisions, to study municipal land use, and to liaise with community associations and ratepayer groups.