

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Garbage over children, Campbell charges

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As a supporter of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens group in their opposition to Site F as a regional garbage dump, I welcome the support you have offered our environmental concerns.

At the same time I find your priorities in selecting this cause as deserving of your earnest attention to be peculiar if not perverse in view of your refusal to provide the slightest backing to the concerns of a parent-ratepayer committee in Halton in their two-year quest to improve our public education system. In fact you have both been quoted in the press as ridiculing the anguished concerns of a majority of parents expressed in their behalf by the Renaissance briefs to the Board and to the Minister of Education.

As a non-sectarian, non-partisan citizen's committee "seeking to exert the civilizing influences of parent-power in public education", Renaissance has, at enormous sacrifice to its nearly 1000 members, pleaded with the leaders of all Parties in Ontario, to consider the plight of the majority of parents in this region, (as reflected in the results of an every-householder opinion survey), who would prefer to have their children educated in schools committed to the traditional Judeo-Christian educational philosophy, rather than under the destructive influences of the permissive secularism dominant now in the public schools.

Renaissance contends that in its 2 1/2 year intensive quest for improvement to the public schools there are no problems encountered that would not be resolved by allowing schools committed to such traditional values to compete on equal economic terms with the secular alternatives which

now have a government monopoly in public education in Ontario.

Premier Davis and Education Minister Wells have demonstrated a willingness to consider the validity of these basic human rights of these parents which are now being grossly violated in the present system. There are signs that the Davis government is beginning to respond to these concerns and we are hopeful that Ontario parents will be permitted alternatives in an open educational system which is compatible with the character of our pluralistic society.

As leaders of the opposition Parties, your studied avoidance of parental concerns in education coupled with your enthusiasm for the environmental issue raised by our Tremaine-Britannia group suggests that in your priorities, our GARBAGE is more important to you than our CHILDREN!

Sincerely,
Ken Campbell.

Is aim of committee to make money for arena?

To the Editor of the Herald:
Re: Acton Arena Rental Rates

As part of the delegation representing the Acton Junior and Intermediate Hockey Clubs at the G.A.C. meeting on Monday September 27th, (re. Story on page 3 - September 29 issue), I wish to clarify some of the comments made during the meeting by some of the committee members. While in attendance at these meetings some statements tend to be overlooked until reminded of them by the subsequent newspaper articles.

The most obvious impression we got from the committee is that they feel a Junior Hockey Club is the same as a license to print money. Nothing could be further from the truth. Even the Georgetown Geminis suffered a loss of approximately \$3,000.00 despite super support from their fans.

As our Recreation Director stated, our operation of a Junior or Intermediate Hockey Club is "Private Enterprise" and as such small gates and high costs are your (the Club's) problem. You (the Clubs) are not doing a good job at fund raising if you (the Club) is in financial difficulty. Even though Councillor Morrow insisted Mr. Gray's remarks were taken out of context, I do not know how else they could be interpreted.

In Acton, in particular, such as for Councillor Morrow's quote "I have never heard so much B...S... over \$2.00 in my life" I'm afraid he has missed the whole point. In the 1975-76 season our ice rental rates for both practice and games (20 games) was \$1,188.85. For 1976-77 our projected ice rental rates for practice and games (21 games) is \$3,030.00. This represents an increase in this item of \$1,841.15 or 155 per cent. The Councillor's obvious theatrics of throwing a \$5.00 bill on the table followed by

Mr. Sheehan's \$20.00 bill was neither humorous nor appreciated. Besides, both gentlemen quickly picked up their money before we had a chance to accept their kind offer. The thinking of the G.A.C. may well be that we have been spoiled by low rates at the Acton arena in the past, however, it appears they are intent in recouping all at once rather than in gradual stages. In an effort to upgrade the calibre of hockey in our town and to cut down on excessive travel, we applied for, and fought for, a Junior B rating despite the disadvantage of being a small town. It appears that with the increase in calibre the "Town of Halton Hills" feel it is a good time to double the ice costs. In the five year period of operating a Junior D, then Junior C Club we always paid our bills sometimes with the help of a bank loan but mostly through the thankless task of the volunteer executive and helpers rounding up Sponsors and Advertisers and of course the loyal fans.

While we are, naturally, thinking of our own interests primarily, the increased ice costs are also affecting Minor Hockey and the Figure Skating Club, both of whom have suffered some decline into registration. We have talked to some parents who simply cannot afford to have their children play "All Star" hockey. A decline in "All Star" players will ultimately affect the Junior Hockey Club.

In fairness to some members of the committee, we feel that we would have received no reduction from the original proposed costs had it not been for the intervention of Councillors George Malby and Roy Booth and we appreciate their concern. Councillor Doby of Acton adopted an attitude of neutrality and as Chairman, perhaps rightfully so.

If it is the aim of the Committee to make money (to reduce the deficit?) then they are going about it the right way, however they are killing Junior, Intermediate and to a degree Minor League inter-town competition in the process. This shouldn't bother them however as they can always rent the ice to teams from Mississauga or Brampton or Toronto for the \$35.00 per hour figure that has been set for out of town groups. This of course, is after the Intermediates, Juniors and All Star Teams are forced into Bankruptcy.

Sincerely,
N.W. Campbell
Secretary, Acton Sabres Hockey Club

Region funds

Regional council is expected to approve today use of \$57,532 from the Acton area subdivision permit account for the construction of watermain in Acton.

Administration committee endorsed the move last week after learning that Halton Hills has approved the construction. The funds will be charged back to Halton Hills.



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