

# Realtors seek budget change

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A copy of the following letter to Ontario Premier Bill Davis has been submitted to The Herald for publication.

**Dear Bill:**  
The members of the Brampton Real Estate Board anxiously waited for the presentation of the recent Provincial Budget by Treasurer Frank Miller May 13. The members were particularly looking forward to the Ontario government's plans to stimulate activity in the housing industry.

Unfortunately, the announcements of that evening were of great disappointment and we are concerned that the effective results will be short term and exclusive to a small minority of the Ontario populace.

We understand that the program of offering interest free loans of up to \$5,000 to first time buyers of new homes was intended to stimulate the housing construction industry. However, this plan is lacking in its overall potential to stimulate the economy

of the Province as a whole and on a long term basis.

Your primary concern as well as ours is, of course, to allow first time buyers the right of home ownership and to get the buyers into the marketplace to free up rental units. We feel that the grant offered is discriminating, restrictive and that it falls short of potential chain reaction to the economy in its present form.

We believe that the government should alter the budget so that the first time buyers have greater incentive to purchase a resale home. Amending the budget to provide the incentive by some form of assistance would also create a demand for the purchase of new houses. Homeowners normally sell their properties to purchase a larger, upgraded home. Present homeowners sell to meet changing family needs and are able to purchase larger and usually new homes because of equity acquired during the term of ownership. First time buyers can more easily purchase those resale homes because of the larger choice available in all price ranges. Present homeowners who must sell because of changes in family status, unemployment, high interest rates or necessary relocation are having problems which could be relieved if the first time buyer came back to the resale market.

The entire economy would benefit by this greater increase in activity in the housing market. Owners of homes (new or resale) make improvements to their properties by purchasing appliances, furniture, landscaping supplies, etc. They also

decorate and make renovations to their homes which stimulates the construction industry. Major contractors benefit because of major renovations and the small contractor hired to pave driveways, fence properties, install new plumbing, etc. benefits as well.

Changing the budget to give an incentive to buy in the resale market would provide a greater surge of activity in various other fields of business. Increased employment would be the result of a greater demand in the retail and manufacturing markets and provide an

increase in tax revenue at all levels of government.

The Ontario government has to realize that many homeowners with properties for sale are suffering personal and financial disaster. The new budget has offered no relief for these taxpayers who really are the backbone of our economy. Instead, the assistance has been channelled exclusively to the new home builder.

Our suggestions must be considered by this responsible government as they provide more opportunity to benefit all of the people of Ontario and not just a minority group. We are looking forward to a change in the budget proposals.

Yours truly,  
Jim McCreary, President,  
The Brampton Real Estate Board

# Case restated for Stewarttown P.S.

Dear People of Georgetown:

I am dropping you a line to let you know that I found my note and I did find my two little girls. Tired and hungry with their hiccups hanging over their shoulders, at Pinoview - miles away from their home - because Stewarttown's gym was not available.

As I was writing my last letter, I honestly felt something could be done about this situation if someone would take the time to point out certain wrongs that existed to a group of individuals whom are elected to represent the best interest of our young people. Mind you, I wasn't expecting ground breaking within the month but I must admit I expected more than what I got.

emina, upon receiving my first letter. A couple of weeks ago I spoke to her once again, she now sympathizes with our plight.

I was told by Bill Lawson, a board member from Milton, that there was absolutely no reason to want or to believe that Stewarttown was in need of a thing at the present time. Facilities, in his eyes, at Stewarttown are right where they should be. Mr. Lawson told me that in 1967 the new addition was constructed according to ministry specifications.

Now, if our world had stood still since 1967 his opinion would be justified. But seeing we have walked on the moon, lived through the hippy and flower child generations, remember Woodstock and the way it changed our music. Our hemlines have gone up, down and back up again, but Stewarttown still

exists in the same state it was 15 years ago.

My opinion: we are telling our children to grow, but they are not being given the proper facilities in which to do this growing.

There are two haunting questions that play over and over again in my mind:

1. What are the ministry specifications in 1982 for newly constructed or additions onto our schools? Just how far behind is Stewarttown?

2. Why will Brookdale Sr. Public School in Oakville be getting a new 6,000 square foot addition? Brookdale's new addition will make it 18,000 square feet larger than Georgetown's Centennial School. Brookdale's capacity is 513 students. Stewarttown's is 473. Only 40 extra students will give Brookdale 6,000 square feet and

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## Letters to the Editor

**Hike was worthwhile - but messy**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A copy of the following letter to North Halton District Scout Commissioner John Sharples has been submitted to The Herald for publication.

Dear Mr. Sharples:

On page 9 of the May 12 Halton Hills Herald, there were excellent features on Scouts, Guides and Cubs in north Halton. The article on 1st Limehouse Cubs told of the worthwhile litter clean-up program on Regional Road 43.

Another article described the eleventh annual Explorer hike of North Halton District Scouts. What it did not say was that a tremendous amount of litter was left behind on the Bruce Trail after the Scouts had passed by. Sunday, the trail looked like a minor disaster area and it took a good deal of clean-up work on the part of some volunteer Bruce Trail Association members to pick up the garbage following the Scouts' trek along the trail.

It was commendable to have the boys complete this hike and win points towards their awards - but isn't it more important to teach them the proper wilderness ethics for behavior in a natural area?

I am a Bruce Trail member and very concerned about keeping the trail and respecting the land-owners whose property the trail traverses.

Yours very truly,  
George Roberts,  
RR5 Georgetown

### Three-way stop

Acton residents living near the intersection of Frederick and Agnes Streets should be relieved now that the town has moved to rectify a traffic problem in their area. The intersection will get two additional stop signs, changing the intersection into a three-way stop. Twelve residents signed a petition asking for the extra signs and the town's engineering department agreed that the steep hill at the intersection poses a danger to north and southbound traffic on Frederick Street. Driveways tend to be obscured as motorists approach the intersection, and the intersection itself can catch motorists by surprise.

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### To the streets



Gordon Alsop-Uxbridge. "The massed bands - there's no two ways about that. The heavy games are alright, but you have to stay and watch for a long time to get really interested. I've been coming to these games for six years and to the ones in Fergus for 19 years."



Craig Juby-Georgetown. "I like the shot put and I want to do it one day, too. I don't like the dancing but I think the drums are great."

### Town hall

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by Messrs. Eli Snyder, John Cameron, and a firm of Toronto architects, any one of which it was considered would very well meet the requirements of Acton, and ranging in their estimates of cost at from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

When the plans had been examined and thoroughly discussed it was moved by Major Allan, and seconded by Robert Agnew, that this meeting recommends the Council to erect a Town Hall at a cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000.

An amendment was moved by James Matthews, and seconded by Edward Nicklin, recommending that a Town Hall be built at a cost of not more than \$5,000 complete.

The original motion was carried almost unanimously.

Messrs. James Matthews, James Moore and Edward Nicklin were appointed a committee to circulate a petition to the ratepayers, praying the Council to take proceedings toward the erection of a Town Hall.

This petition was circulated and very largely signed, and after presentation to the Council, THE FREE PRESS comments as follows:

There is now a prospect of getting a spacious Town Hall, Council Chamber, police cells and fire hall, all of which can be paid for at a rate of about \$2.00 per thousand of assessment when extended over a period of twenty years. We have no doubt that all will concur in the action to be taken by the Council at the next meeting, in preparing a by-law for such purpose, and that a year hence we will see erected and completed and a credit to the place, a Town Hall in Acton, which will compare favorably with that of any other village in the Province.

And thus we discover that our fine Town Hall, which is still serving the needs of the community, had its inception in the month of May, 1881.

### ATTENTION LADIES (Teens welcome too!)

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- 1) Classes are held twice a week for 10 weeks.
- 2) Running shoes must be worn.
- 3) Classes begin MONDAY, JUNE 21st, 1982.

For Further Information Contact:

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(After 6:00 p.m.)

