

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for your support

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter is addressed to Mayor Russ Miller and town councillors.

Dear Sir,
Thank you for your recent motion of support for Prime Minister Trudeau's peace initiative. Quite possibly his mission was inspired at least in part by the strong "Yes" vote for disarmament in the referendum which this town and many others held a few months ago. Our efforts do make a

difference!
Already, three months into the Prime Minister's peace mission, we sense a change in the rhetoric of world leaders, a hint that perhaps they will begin to talk with each other instead of at each other. It gives us a glimmer of hope that our children will live to grow up, that Halton Hills will still be a good place to live in years to come.

Yours truly,
Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament

Ontario Hydro load carried by consumer

To the editor of The Herald:

Two shocks came in one envelope from Halton Hills Hydro today. One was the size of the hydro bill for Jan. 1, 1984. The second surprise was a rate increase card for 1984. This rate card shows an increase in the cost of power purchased by Halton Hills Hydro Commission from Ontario Hydro of 8.2 per cent.

Halton Hills Hydro Commission found it necessary to pass on an increase of 8.9 per cent, effective Jan. 1, 1984. We have not been assured that this will be the only 1984 rate increase:

At one time, we, in Ontario, were able to say that we were blessed with low cost hydro-electric power. However, that was before the complete mismanagement of Ontario Hydro. As glaring examples, we should look at Wesley Pipe, Atikokan, Pickering and other financial disasters. Next, we should look at the degrading debt load by Ontario Hydro. In reality, the debt load is carried by the consumer as evidenced by the continued price increase passed on by Ontario Hydro.

The Halton Hills Hydro Commission is part of the problem as it continues to pass on that increase without attempting to hold back the cost of doing business. Even the automotive industry has acknowledged its errors in

passing on increased costs along to the consumer. No longer can industry pass on increased costs.

Rather, it is necessary that industry become more cost effective with increased productivity to be able to absorb more increased costs. The loss of jobs caused by imported automobiles continues to plague the automobile industry particularly in Southern Ontario.

How much time will be passed before Halton Hills' Commissioners in their wisdom to build a new "World Class" Halton Hills Hydro unified one building palace? These concerns are manifested in our fruitless attempts to attract new industry to Halton Hills - only to have these prospective industries frightened off by high taxes and high energy costs.

Is it not time to manage Halton Hills in a similar manner to any well-run business? A well-run business today does not just pass on an increase to its customers. Rather, they negotiate cost reductions with suppliers, seek cost cutting systems, and insist on freezing wages and/or increased efficiencies in all areas.

My concerns are shared by many other Halton Hills residents. Energy costs are a significant portion of the operating expense of every home and business.

Sincerely,
R.J. Stuart,
Georgetown

Peace is above party politics

To the editor of The Herald:

"Peace plan is for Parliamentarians" says Regional Councillor Jim Grieves. The citizens of this country have already indicated locally their interest in peace. When 68.8 per cent of the residents of Halton Hills who chose to vote in the 1982 election endorsed the Global Nuclear Disarmament Proposal, and when a clear majority of voters throughout the country who had an opportunity to vote on this question voted in favour, then I would think that the message to ALL elected representatives is clear - Canadians want peace.

This is above party politics - peace is our chosen goal. When this question comes to Regional Council, I hope each member will think back to the referendum and vote as his-her constituents did.

Dollie Moulden

2,000 booklets to smokers

Herald Special:
Over 2,000 self help booklets were issued in the Georgetown area during the recent television series designed to help those who wanted to become one of the growing numbers of non-smokers. (They are the people who stand around at a party enjoying the conversations of their choice, not the conversations closest to the ashtray).

One of the biggest problems you will have as a new non-smoker, is the urge to start again. Over the next few weeks we hope to be able to offer you some tips that may help you over the worst moments.

THIS WEEK'S TIP:
If you still find the urge for a cigarette after you eat, try this: As soon as you finish eating, leave the table

and clean your teeth. You see, for all the years you've been smoking, your mouth has had something to do "after" you finish eating, so give it the attention it requires; brush your teeth well, dental floss, etc. Spend a few minutes looking after your mouth.

By the time you've done that, the urge will have passed. If you have to dine out regularly, carry your tooth brush and dental floss with you.

If you have been a successful "Quitter" and can offer any tips on how you are coping, we'd love to hear from you. Address your tips to Mrs. Barbara Dunleavy, Public Information Chairman, Canadian Cancer Society, Suite 2, 164 Guelph St., L7G 4A6.

Peace meeting

Brampton and area peace council will meet Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. at Cardinal Leger school

annex Rm. 2, corner of Queen and Mary Street in Brampton. Everyone welcome. 453-0288.

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