

# Citizens' forum

## Traffic over extended

Dear Sir,  
I would like to address the issue of traffic on our roads here in Halton.

Recently an accident occurred on Trafalgar Road involving a truck, a school bus and a child. The result was an injured child and the truck driver charged. As serious an incident as it was, and it could have been worse, there are a few other issues involved here. This problem won't be resolved by everyone blaming the truck drivers nor by reducing the speed limit on Trafalgar Road, the main access road joining Georgetown to the rest of Halton in the south.

Halton County is involved in major growth right now. If you look around you'll see Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville and Burlington pouring houses into new subdivisions, and not fast enough to accommodate all the new people who want to live in this area. Along with these new people come cars and traffic, traffic that our roads are not equipped to handle in the fashion we are all used to.

I agree with Mrs. Campbell on the point of surveying the traffic on Trafalgar Road, but certainly not for the purpose of lowering the speed limit lower than 80 kms/hr. That would be totally crazy. I would say the municipality ought to be looking to widen Trafalgar Road and others in order to accommodate the incredible growth of traffic. Cars and trucks using Trafalgar run a steady

line down to the 401 and the Q.E.W. daily. I, myself, drive the route daily.

This is not just a road but a highway and this highway is no different than Hwy. 7 through Acton/Georgetown/Brampton. It is no different than Hwy 5, or Hwy 6 or Hwy 10. If Mrs. Campbell thought this would stay a nice rural community then she was mistaken. Anyone who buys or builds a home on a major artery cannot expect the traffic patterns to change for them, the minority. If you want a rural road, I'm sure there's still a few around but there's no guarantee it will stay that way.

I hope our town engineers look soon at our traffic problem because it is not going to go away. The problem is here and I'm sure it is going to mushroom and fast.

Do I feel bad about the little one who got hit a couple of weeks ago? Yes. Do I think the truck driver should have been charged? Yes. (there are a few bad apples in every profession) But do I think a lower speed limit on busy thorough fare is the answer? Hardly.

Toronto has over-extended itself in traffic. It is supersaturated with cars. Wake up soon as this problem is rapidly moving in all directions.

Yours truly and concerned,  
Anne Kozlowski  
Another Halton resident

## Choral group plans concert for Nov. 28

Georgetown Choral Society has planned a fabulous Christmas concert with several new works that the choir has not attempted before. The concert is entitled The Sounds of Christmas and it is at Knox Presbyterian Church Nov. 28 and 29. Tickets are available at Oxbow Books, 102 Main Street, Georgetown (877-8861) or by calling 877-5815.

The program will consist of two major pieces, John Rutter's Gloria and Bach's Cantata 140. In addition the audience will participate in singing familiar Christmas carols, some of which will be accompanied by an eight-piece brass orchestra. The choir will provide a variety of music - a gospel type carol called Be Not Afraid which is from the musical Birthday of a King, an upbeat choir favourite, Make We Merry and, of course, the simple and beautiful strains of Bach's Cantata 140. There is something for everyone and a chance to relax before the season gets too hectic.

Ten new members have joined the Choral Society this year, bringing the voices up to 55 in number which is a participation record for the last ten years. Conductor, Dale Wood, is thrilled with the full sound the choir is producing, particularly in the Gloria which is a fast paced and exciting piece of music.



Halton Harmony

Students from across Halton were in Georgetown last week practising for the musical extravaganza called Showcase '87. Students from each of the Halton secondary schools will be at the Great Hall, Hamilton Place November 3 for a musical concert. Seen here are members of the choir taking part in the event.

## Pass tobacco bill C-51

Dear Sir,  
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) believes that the health of Canadians would be improved by speedy passage by Parliament of Bill C-51, the Tobacco Products Control Act. The Bill, introduced last spring by the Hon. Jake Epp, Minister of National Health and Welfare, would eliminate advertising of tobacco products and introduce other measures to reduce smoking.

There is no doubt in the minds of physicians that smoking, that is responsible for more than 35,000 deaths every year, is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Canada. The CMA which supports efforts to eradicate this killer, has asked Canada's 56,000 physicians to contact their MPs to

voice their support for Bill C-51 as a citizen and as a health care professional.

While I believe it is the responsibility of the medical profession to show leadership on this important health issue, I think every Canadian should express their opinion on Bill C-51 to their elected representatives. I urge readers to join the doctors of Canada and make their views on prohibiting tobacco advertising known to their MP and this newspaper. Information on who your MP is, the correct address and telephone number is available by calling the toll-free number 1-800-267-3800.

Yours truly,  
Dr. Athol L. Roberts  
President, Canadian Medical Association

## Knights raise \$14,500

Dear Sir,  
The Georgetown Knights of Columbus wish to announce that the 1987 campaign on behalf of the Arthritis Society raised a total of \$14,500.

Thank you to the people of Georgetown and area for your generous support and to the many volunteers who were invaluable and

contributed largely to the success of the campaign.

If you did not have an opportunity to contribute and would like to do so, please send your cheque to P.O. 71 Georgetown and a receipt will be returned to you.

Thank you,  
Campaign Committee.

## Workers want free trade

Dear Sir,  
Big union leaders should be ashamed of how they're opposing freer trade.

Bob White of the autoworkers, Shirley Carr of the CLC and Jeff Rose of CUPE are all indulging in irresponsible scaremongering over the freer trade pact.

They make chicken little look like Rambo. They have no confidence in the creativity, entrepreneurial ability and capacity for hard work by Canadians.

Big union leaders want Canada as a protectionist backwater where they can continue to collect their \$1.6 billion in forced union dues each year.

The jobs of big union leaders are on the line, not those of workers. These left-wing, big union leaders want government to be able to tax more, spend more and regulate more without facing competitive pressures.

What is most shameful about the opposition to freer trade by big union leaders is that they're not even

representing the views of workers who are forced to pay union dues to them.

A recent national poll by Globe/Environics found that 46 per cent of union members supported freer trade while only 38 per cent opposed it.

Yet Bob White spent \$400,000 of the forced dues of workers in double page ads across the country opposing freer trade.

Bob White's spending spree is a good example of why Merv Lavigne launched a constitutional court challenge to the use of forced union dues for political parties and causes.

Bob White and other big union leaders are violating the basic political freedoms of hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers by using forced union dues in this way.

For these workers' sakes, we hope that Merv Lavigne is successful in stopping this repugnant practice.

Sincerely,  
David Somerville,  
President,  
The National Citizens' Coalition

## Year for the Homeless

Dear Sir,  
The Pan-Canadian Conference on the International Year of Shelter of the Homeless held in Ottawa last September sensitized Canadians to the problem of the homeless in Canada and in the World.

In 1986, 100,000 Canadians were homeless at one time or the other. This is an unacceptable situation. What worries me most is the ever increasing number of young people, women and families who are roaming the streets. The three main reasons for this new phenomenon are: 1) inadequate income; 2) deinstitutionalization of psychiatric wards and; 3) a decrease in the number of affordable dwellings.

The Conservative Government says that the Canadian economy is in good health, just the same, the gap between rich and poor is widening constantly and still the Conservatives are doing nothing for the homeless. A country as rich as Canada and with such a harsh climate must not let its citizens live on the streets. As many participants at the Conference have stated: "What is the most scary is that this can happen to you!"

We must take action now! As Liberal Critic for Housing, I invite you, your family and friends to sign the enclosed petition and return it to me in the herewith included self-addressed envelope.

The rules of the House of Commons require that a petition must bear the signatories' address to be receivable. Please make sure that this requirement is fulfilled.

I sincerely thank you for your most appreciated cooperation.

Yours truly,  
Therese Killens, MP  
Saint-Michel-Ahuntsic

Petition  
To the Honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament Assembled

The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your Petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy,

HUMBLY SHEWETH  
—Whereas the Canadian Council on Social Development estimates that more than 100,000 people were homeless at one time or the other during 1986 in Canada;

—Whereas an increasing number of young people, women and entire families are joining the ranks of the homeless despite a healthy Canadian economy;

—Whereas the number of affordable dwellings for low income people is dwindling constantly;

—Whereas soup kitchens and emergency shelters are only temporary measures and not permanent solutions;

—Whereas the government has not introduced any measures to help prevent homelessness;

—Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon parliament to act immediately and establish the necessary measures to insure that homeless and poorly lodged Canadians: 1) Live in adequate and healthy housing, 2) Have access to a variety of rehabilitation programs in order to re-integrate Canadian society.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

## MP hustling to promote free trade

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

While the three political parties have been debating the merits of a free trade deal between the United States and Canada, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDerimid has been accentuating the positive.

As Parliamentary Assistant to International Trade Minister Pat Carney, Mr. McDerimid helped organize the input from the private sector while the talks were in progress.

Now he's touring the nation to convince people that the free trade deal is the way of the future.

Signed Oct. 3, the deal would take effect Jan. 1, 1989.

It covers a wide range of issues between the two countries including issues sensitive to Canadians, such as the auto pact, culture and a binding mechanism for trade disputes.

Mr. McDerimid's travels have taken him from Vancouver to Hamilton in the past week alone.

"I've been explaining the deal to them. How it affects their specific province," Mr. McDerimid said.

He has been trying to dispel what he calls "myths" surrounding the deal.

"The ones that are screaming the loudest haven't even read it yet and I believe have been a little misleading in their presentation to the public," he said.

Mr. McDerimid objected to a recent Globe and Mail poll which indicates support for the deal is slipping.

The poll was partially taken before the deal was signed and the details were released, he said. Support has reached the 60 per cent mark in favor of the deal outside Ontario, Mr. McDerimid said.

Metro Toronto is evenly split on the deal and the rest of Ontario is split 60 per cent to 40 per cent against the deal, Mr. McDerimid said.

He feels that will change once the public has a chance to digest the details of the deal.

A lot of people now are doing the "if David Peterson doesn't like it then it must be wrong," Mr. McDerimid said.

"I have no problem with objecting to it for philosophical reasons," Mr. McDerimid said of the deal.

The premier objects to the deal for philosophical reasons, he said.

Premier Peterson "can't kill" the deal because it would offend too many industries and farmers, Mr. McDerimid said.

Claims by opposition parties that they would "tear up" the deal are only done for "crass political purposes," Mr. McDerimid said.

"It may sound politically sexy today but it could be the most politically damaging, damning thing for Canada," he said of the proposal to tear up the deal.

"If we just tear up an agreement negotiated in good faith then Canada will become known as a country that you can't trust," he said.

"Do you think that Canada and the U.S. would ever enter into negotiations again and trust them?"

The same people who objected to the auto pact 22 years ago are backing it now, Mr. McDerimid said.

He predicted a similar situation in the future.



Horrors!

Children dressed up to listen to spooky stories at the library Thursday night. Liz Raynes, 10, Shannon Layton, 11, Nicholas Deelay, 10 and Greg Taylor, 11 were on hand to enjoy the fun. (Herald photo)

## Real estate manager lists questions about lot sales

Real estate manager Finn Poulstrup left a bad taste in the mouths of councillors Monday when he accused them of improper conduct by not offering other firms a chance to quote prices on marketing 15 homes on Princess Anne Drive.

But he also left councillors with two pages of questions he wants answered. General Committee Chairman Pam Sheldon promised answers to these questions at a Municipal Owned Property Committee (MOPS) meeting which should take place in the next two weeks.

This is the list of questions Mr. Poulstrup wants answered: —why was a contract of this magnitude passed "in camera" when public awareness would not harm your ability to negotiate a fair selling price?

—why were the services required not tendered as required under your purchasing bylaw?

—why have you specifically chosen to ignore the over 120 salespeople and over ten local companies whose specific function is to market real estate?

—if you are going to hire an outside agency why would you deny yourself the opportunity to have access to this vast pool of obvious expertise and prospective purchasers?

—why would you award a contract of this size without first checking out what the market price for the services are?

—why would you not give (the local real estate market) at least an opportunity to quote on the contract for services?

—because the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act limits the type of services that Mr. Saxe can provide why did you hire someone with limitations you have found to be unsatisfactory for yourself?

—why has (an) established and successful process been discarded by council?

Mayor Russ Miller said Monday that council was just trying to save money.

Mr. Poulstrup said after the meeting that council had no way of knowing if they saved money by using the services of Mr. Saxe because they received no other quotes for the services.

It is possible, Mr. Poulstrup said Tuesday, that a real estate firm may have been able to reduce its fee based on the limited service they would have to provide.

All the services which Mr. Saxe is not allowed to provide are provided

by a real estate company, Mr. Poulstrup said.


"If we're going to get those kinds of guarantees (to provide a lesser scale of services) maybe we could afford to charge less," said Mr. Poulstrup.

Only four or five properties have been sold through the Brampton Real Estate Board by the Town in the past so they have no way of knowing how much the marketing costs for 15 properties would be, said Mr. Poulstrup.

"This is a big deal," he said in reference to the size of the contract.

"How could they know what they saved?" he asked.

"What I care about is that they do it above the board and give everybody an equal opportunity," Mr. Poulstrup said.



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