Impact of GTA is "scary," Caledon councillor says

Dear Sir,

This is an open letter to Halton, Caledon, York and Durham residents:

Wake up to the impact and scary potential of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) initiatives. It seems that Metro Toronto's residential, urban sprawl has finally begun to create crisis garbage, transportation and housing concerns and hence the arrival of the GTA in its various forms.

To example, there's a provincial internal draft document entitled, "Reforming our Land Use and Development System" that represents a devastating series of recommendations and lots of ideas for the GTA

One of the five defined objectives does, however, have merit, it being a need to have "A clearly articulated and integrated framework of provincial interests and policies bearing on land use development, with which municipalities must comply and which incorporates the principle of sustainable development."

To allow continued residential sprawl into the north, east and west perimeter municipalities of the GTA is not sustainable development... it's possibly economic disaster for these municipalities. You can't have municipal economic success in these areas when you have 85 per cent plus residential assessment which has been the result of Metro Toronto's growth to date.

What happened to the provincial land use concept that professed a passive land use/development buffer corridor between the major Lake Ontario shoreline urban communities and the developing communities within the Bradford to Georgian Bay to communities within the Bradford to Georgian Bay to Rice Lake arc. The buffer

was designed to increase density in the Lake Ontario shoreline communities, therefore avoiding the known problems of a costly sprawling Los Angeles type community.

The buffer zone communities would retain their present rural, agricultural and recreational character along with their known sensitive environmental lands, particularly the Oak Ridges moraine, Parkway Belt West Plan and Niagara Escarpment. The Oak Ridges moraine alone contains the headwaters of most streams in the GTA leading to Lake Ontario.

The major benefactor was the forced independent, noncommuter, work in the community development potential for places like Barrie, Midland, Orangeville, Lindsay, Peterborough and Brant-

The concept seems to represent sustainable and more importantly, sound economic development for the many municipalities surrounding Metro toronto's growing development influences.

The GTA interests must concentrate on instituting "a clear framework of provincial interests and policies bearing on land use development" instead of surcharging driver licensing, parking lots, trashing land use and environmental legislation, abandoning provincial services to municipalities and other undisciplined ideas.

Please get involved. Find out about the GTA from your local councillor or MPP. Consider the above land use/development concept. Our rural economy and lifestyle is being threatened as Metro Toronto is virtually sucking us up to sustain its ongoing economic appetite.

> Your truly, John Alexander, Councillor. Town of Caledon

LETTERS Thanks for finding a wallet

Dear Sir.

I do not have any profound opinions to give but I wish to use your column to express my thanks to three young ladies basking in the sun outside Beckers (Mountainview and Delrex) approximately 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

I had run over to the store spoken with the "redhead" who was part of the group of three girls and made my purchase and left the store.

Imagine my surprise to hear a knock at my front door and saw the same three very pretty young ladies standing there saying, "We think you left your wallet on the counter at the store." For once, I was completely mute and praying there was no one else near the door to hear my latest "lapse."

I only wish they could follow me more often as this was not the first lapse. They could tell me where

I've parked, why I've come to the store, etc.

that they have three super girls

and I do apologize for not thanking

I want their mothers to know

them properly or at least, a drive

With kindest regards, Judi Wroblewski, Greystone Crescent, Georgetown

Why compromise on abortion

Dear Sir,

Re: Five questions about the compromise law on abortion.

Do most Canadians accept compromise laws which accept a "little bit of" rape, discrimination, incest, mugging, murder or child abuse?

Should we accept a law which permits over 70,000 unborn children to be killed by abortion every year in Canada?

Why do some argue that an abortion law would be unenforceable yet support other laws which are not obeyed - laws against murder, violence, impaired driving, etc."

Was our prime minister wrong when he voted according to his conviction rather than compromise on the capital punishment vote? See his speech in House of Commons June 23, 1987 "I shall be voting against it because I believe it is wrong."

After a compromise law is passed, will our jails overflow with citizens who disagree with the law and have acted according to their belief that "abortion is murder"?

> Yours truly, North Halton Pro Life Association Grace Steenhof. President

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