

LETTERS

# Acton minor hockey volunteers are congratulated

Dear Sir:

On July 18, 1990 the Herald published a letter under the heading "Acton Minor Hockey called into question". The writer, Mrs. Spingola of Erin, expressed her opinion that the reason that enrolment in minor hockey was declining was the youngsters were losing their enthusiasm for the game due to the carelessness of the adults who are supposed to be their role models.

I certainly agree that adults are

a major reason for kids staying from hockey, but I would not join Mrs. Spingola in pointing the finger at the volunteers who put countless hours into the organization of the sport and who deserve as much recognition and thanks as we can give them. Unfortunately, I feel that it is too often parents like Mrs. Spingola, who establish an atmosphere for their children which almost guarantees that they will lose their love for hockey and maybe for sport in general. Participation in sports gives

young people a tremendous opportunity to learn about the co-operation of team play, about the benefits of practice and effort, about winning with grace and losing with honour, and about enjoying the game for the sake of playing the game.

Our contribution as parents

should be to reinforce these things, to help make the game fun, and to help them keep sport in perspective. We do not do this by stressing individual achievements instead of those of the team, by placing pressure on kids to be "stars" by keeping track of every point and paying for these by putting money into a trust fund, and by complaining when awards are not given to the 'right' people.

I congratulate the volunteers in Acton for their work with minor hockey and all minor sports. I think that it would be great if they all got trophies. I think that every kid in the league should get a trophy as well and that they should all be the same, whether the player scored 63 goals or no goals at all.

Sincerely  
Don Payne  
R.R. 4, Acton.

## Explanation requested on residential tax bill

Dear Sir:

A short time ago I called into "our" new Town Hall to pay my residential tax bill, and to ask for a short explanation why this bill. (in these times when we are all being asked to show restraint, give more, ask for less and settle for 4 per cent wage increases, etc.) has increased 27.62 per cent.

The lady behind the desk was very pleasant while she was advising me that I was wrong and proceeded to explain it was ONLY at 13.7 per cent increase. She along with many others have of course been brilliantly brainwashed into believing this to be the truth, just the same way others were brainwashed into believing this monstrosity we now call our Town Hall complete with its all glass mile high cafeteria area, "No" town sewage system and "No" town water system was essential to the development of the Town of Halton Hills.

This kind lady behind the desk proceeded to show me the booklet provided to all taxpayers, which I had already read and cast aside as a load of bunkum. This booklet

shows we pay 13.7 per cent increase in taxes 1990 vs. 1989. However, it fails to show July 1990 to July 1991 vs. July 1989 to July 1990, the increase remains a whopping 27.62 per cent.

If a person is paid \$100.00 per week and on July 1st is given a \$10.00 raise, this is a 10 per cent increase. It is not spread over the previous week to make it \$5.00 or 5 per cent as an average.

I request a full explanation in layman terms (not political or local council whitewash) as to why my taxes have in fact increased 27.62 per cent from \$481.00 per quarter to \$613.86 per quarter.

The schools don't appear to be turning out better students.

The roads are still not all repaired (a few have been patched, as have the sidewalks).

The only major expenditure I can see that has driven all our taxes up by 27.62 per cent is the "Ego Trip" on the Hill off Maple Ave. "Council Folly."

P.S. But I do like the introduction to New Math!!!

Alan Dean,  
Georgetown, Ont.

## Editorial protested

Dear Sir:

As chairperson of RAIDD (Residents Against Indiscriminate Destruction and Development), I really must protest your editorial of July 11th.

In this editorial, you painted members of our group as irrational radicals who would tar, "yellow-ribbon" and run people out of town on log cabins. You then admit that this image is "too far-fetched." It is more than far-fetched - it is untrue.

We are a group of concerned citizens who oppose developments like the proposed Maple Avenue condos for this reason: We love our town and care about the impact some developments will have on our community. RAIDD is not anti-development. We stand for careful and well-planned development that will enhance Georgetown - not change it for the worse.

Your editorial also states that town councillors are "being pummeled by both sides and this is unfair." The premise seems to be that, in a democracy, we elect representatives to be our voice and should quietly let them do their job. However, to do their job they must know how their public feels. We are not trying to "pummeled" our councillors, only to let them know how strongly we feel.

This, after all, is also part of democracy.

Sincerely,  
Clovis Roy,  
Chairperson, RAIDD.

## Mill rate escalation a cause of concern

Dear Sir:

Along with other citizens of our town, I wish to add my name to those who are very concerned with the ever-escalating increase in our mill rate.

Supposedly worthwhile and seeming irreversible reasons are plentiful for the increase. Nevertheless, a chief executive officer or

group of trustees that would approve an increase in controllable expenditures of approximately two-and-one-half times the current rate of inflation would surely be brought to task.

Has not the time come to say "No". Enough is enough!

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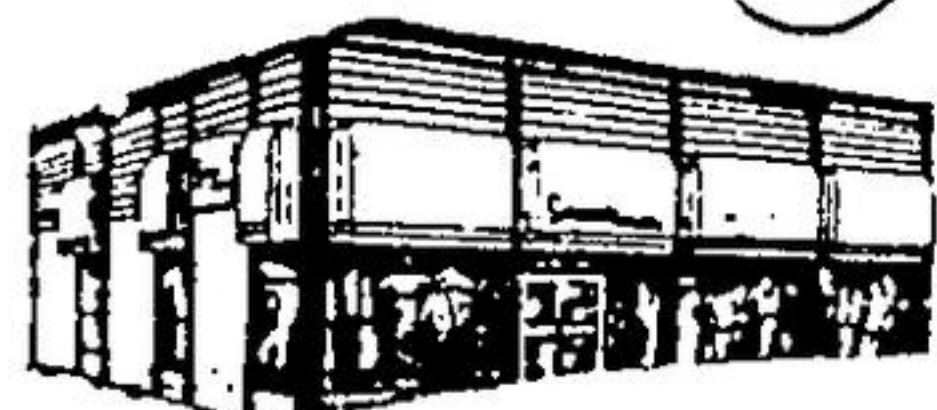
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