

# People's Forum

## Residents demanding answers

Editor's Note: The following letter was released to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Mr. R. Shettel  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Georgetown, L7G 4T1

Dear Mr. Shettel,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a petition sent to Canada Homes situated on 116 Viceroy Dr. Concord.

The people of this subdivision are fed up with the delays and excuses. We question why we are paying such high taxes? We are paying taxes for a subdivision that would be complete yet it is incomplete. Taxes are not in your jurisdiction I know, but building inspection is.

Could you answer on behalf of the people in this subdivision known as "The Villages of Georgetown"?

1. Why would a house pass inspection when there is no ground wires?
2. Why would a house pass inspection when there is no cold air returns?
3. Why would a house pass in-

spection when the heat vents are nothing but decorations and have no function?

4. Why would a house pass inspection when the fireplace serves better as an open window?

5. Why is it allowed that a builder gives you a different set of blue prints and leads the buyer down the garden path, i.e. our contract states casement windows are to be installed throughout except for the basement window which are to be sliders? Cheap sliding windows are installed on all levels in the back of the houses.

We were not told of this, we found out upon moving day. Would you not consider this misleading?

6. Last but certainly not least, why would a house pass inspection when there are live wires exposed on the property? Some children were playing with these wires and started a fire. They are very lucky they were not electrocuted to death.

Is it any wonder that we would question you on the above? We hope that these mistakes are not

made again especially the latter!

We would like your cooperation, as mentioned in our letter we are fed up living in this dangerous dump site. The past year for some of us, certainly has not been a pleasant experience and we will not tolerate this any longer. We have not been treated fairly, it's time everyone involuntarily pulls up their boot straps!

We would appreciate your cooperation in seeing that this subdivision is cleaned up, safe for the children, and that the area is finally completed. Grass was to be laid when weather permits according to their contract. WSeather permitted only on the model homes last year. I would say they are in violation of their contract wouldn't you? We hope to get these wheels moving this season and we hope that you can be of some help to us.

With thanks I speak on behalf of the homeowners of Canada Homes, Villages of Georgetown.

Sincerely,  
Carol Ann Perrott  
Georgetown.

## Hats off to Rob

Mr. Robert Risk,  
Sports Editor,  
The Halton Hills Herald,

Dear Robert:

Late in the month of October of last year, I came to you on behalf of the volunteer steering committee of the Industrial Curling League and outlined how and why we needed the cooperation of the Halton Hills Herald. Throughout the 1990/91 curling season, you never let us down, and for that we thank you immensely.

It is difficult to change public opinion when opinion is set (even when it is inaccurate), but with your continuing support, we hope to do that insofar as curling is concerned in this community. Your coverage of our activities has helped in revitalizing interest and enthusiasm in what we hope

hundreds of citizens of our community will come to realize over time is a truly marvellous Canadian recreational activity. You have shared in communicating that curling is a dynamic combination of gamesmanship, strategy, technique, teamwork, respect and, most importantly, comradery. And you have shared in communicating that there is nothing better than curling as a recreational activity at which to have fun and to develop meaningful and lasting social relationships.

Next season, it is our hope and expectation that there will be 32 teams in the Industrial Curling League. We hope that you will be supportive of us again.

Sincerely,  
James A Henderson,  
Georgetown.

## No problems with phones

Dear Editor:

We too were pleased by the "Talk to Turner" program we produced last week on Halton Community Television.

I hasten to add however, that contrary to appearances, there were no "technical difficulties" with the telephones. There is a two step process (two buttons) involved in getting the caller's voice on the air. Once the program was interrupted and the process explained for a second time, everything went smoothly.

The process has worked well over the years for all our call-in programmes. Much credit is due to Lynn Sarachman, our Program Co-ordinator, for getting things back on track again.

Mind you, the essence of Com-

munity Television is that it is not as slick as broadcast television. Nor should it be, considering that the studio is manned largely by volunteer hobbyists, and allows enthusiastic amateurs access to the airwaves.

In our 23 years, Cable 4 has always supported political programming as essential information for our viewers, and we look forward to working again with Garth Turner when he uses local television to reach his constituency.

We thank you too, for your support.

Yours truly,  
John E. Ollivier,  
Marketing Manager,  
Halton Cable Systems.

## Reformed federalism needed

Dear Sir:

According to an article in the Kitchener Waterloo Record, the prime minister turns down a broad assembly on the Constitution and plans on setting up another parliamentary committee by summer to hammer out a constitutional reform proposal and is not inclined to expand it beyond MPs and senators. It would therefore exclude representatives of the provinces, special interest groups and aborigines. He states:

"I'm of the view that if you are elected, you've acquired the responsibility to fulfill your

obligations until the next election. I fail to see where people who are not elected somehow, in the minds of some, acquire greater legitimacy than others."

Mulroney should remember he only became prime minister with 43 per cent of the vote, due to our imperfect electoral system, with his popularity rating now plummeting to 14 per cent.

We need reformed federalism in Canada, but this must be decided by intelligent and honest people with the interests of our country at heart - representatives of each political party from each provincial government and

aboriginal people. We cannot trust the future of our country to this prime minister and his Tory representatives.

Another prime ministerial shenanigan - Sending his overnight guest, Margaret Thatcher, who was on a private speaking tour in the United States, with her party back to London on a free flight by Challenger jet at a cost of \$38,900 to Canadian taxpayers. Has the Iron Lady become so rusty she could not afford to pay her own way home?

Yours truly,  
Carl and Anne Ott  
Ariss, Ontario

## Rotary Club thanks supporters

Dear Sir:

Through the months of March and April members of the Rotary Club of Georgetown have been working to encourage support for the 1991 Easter Seal Campaign. We are pleased to announce that our target of \$10,000 has been achieved, and as normal some donations are still to come in. Total to date is \$10,172.00.

This is outstanding and made possible by the support of concerned individuals and business in Georgetown, Norval, Limehouse, Ballinafad with the backing of our two local

newspapers and TV station to spread the message of Easter Seals.

Helping physically disabled children to progress in life is a goal to which the Easter Seal Society has been committed since its inception in 1922.

Our club is proud to be associated with this work which helps over 7,400 youngsters around Ontario.

We extend our thanks to all those who showed they cared about the futures of these children by backing them

through Easter Seals - their concern will really make a difference. The Society's nurse, has on her list, and calls on, 12 children in our district.

At the time of writing, donations are still being received.

Yours sincerely,  
Bud Bishop,  
1991 Easter Seal  
Campaign Chairman  
Rotary Club of Georgetown.

## Agrees with Gori

Dear Editor:

Re: letters in 'People's Forum' on May 10, would like to say that for once I can endorse Giuseppe's remarks. At last he has found another subject which has to be of interest to any thinking person. Pity the Ont. gov't. does not have its fair share of thinkers.

Then I read Garth's plea for support from the taxpayers coalition. Can this be the same Garth who for months now had been telling us that the GST would be revenue neutral, and was the best thing for us since sliced bread? Doesn't seem possible.

Can this be the same Garth, who's gov't. has just put themselves above the law - that is Bill C79, passed last week.

Bill C79 takes away the right of the police to investigate an MP. Not content with taking away property rights, on which all law is based, they now put themselves in the position of being untouchable. Great for our MP's, bad for us.

It's about time the rascals were thrown out.

John Shadbolt,  
Libertarian Party,  
Acton, Ontario.

## Use common sense NDP is urged

Dear Sir:

I was present at Queen's Park during a demonstration by P.O.W.E.R., a group fighting a private proposal for a garbage dump in a quarry in the middle of Niagara Escarpment lands in Halton Hills.

The quarry owners have apparently violated several Acts in the past, did not follow the approved rehabilitation plans and possibly do not hold valid licences. The Town, the Region and the Ministry of the Environment are all against the proposal, as Halton already has an approv-

ed site. However, no one seems to be able to stop the bureaucracy which will bring the matter in front of an Environmental Assessment board, costing taxpayers millions of dollars.

What an opportunity for the NDP government to show that they can save taxpayer's money and at the same time save Halton Hills' environment and water supply by using some common sense!

Sincerely,  
Giuseppe Gori,  
Deputy Leader,  
Family Coalition Party  
of Ontario.

## Road signs wanted

To The Editor:

Some arguments for more road signs in Georgetown. If you have ever travelled in the U.S.A. you may have marvelled as I have at the abundance of signs. It is the variety of size, color and content that makes them amusing. They also serve to keep the mind of the drivers more alert and in this way I'm sure they help minimize traffic accidents.

One of my favorite Canadian cities is London, Ontario. I love to drive down Wellington St. through all those lovely signs,

every one is distinctly calling my attention to its resting place with every type of color; light and message that is imaginable. You don't have to wonder if there are any businesses with anything to offer, it's kind of like mall shopping from your car.

I am opposed to any by-law that would encourage uniformity in size, color, content or placement of our signs. I would encourage others to keep signs in good shape so as not become an eyesore like an abandoned car.

Mark Poulls  
Georgetown, Ontario.

## Write us a letter!

The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 3Z6.

All letters must be signed. Please include your address and telephone number for verification.

## Berry's World



"Do you believe there will be a recession?"