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Development issue must be addressed in municipal elections

To borrow quite literally from the 'Bard', "To develop or not to develop, that is the question."

It is a question that is uppermost not only in the minds of Halton Hills taxpayers, but also in the minds of those vying for office in the upcoming Nov. 12 municipal elections.

It is a prickly-pear of a question that at this point in time, will no doubt be left dangling on the tree because of the hovering local elections.

Such should not be the case, for either of the aforementioned obviously concerned parties.

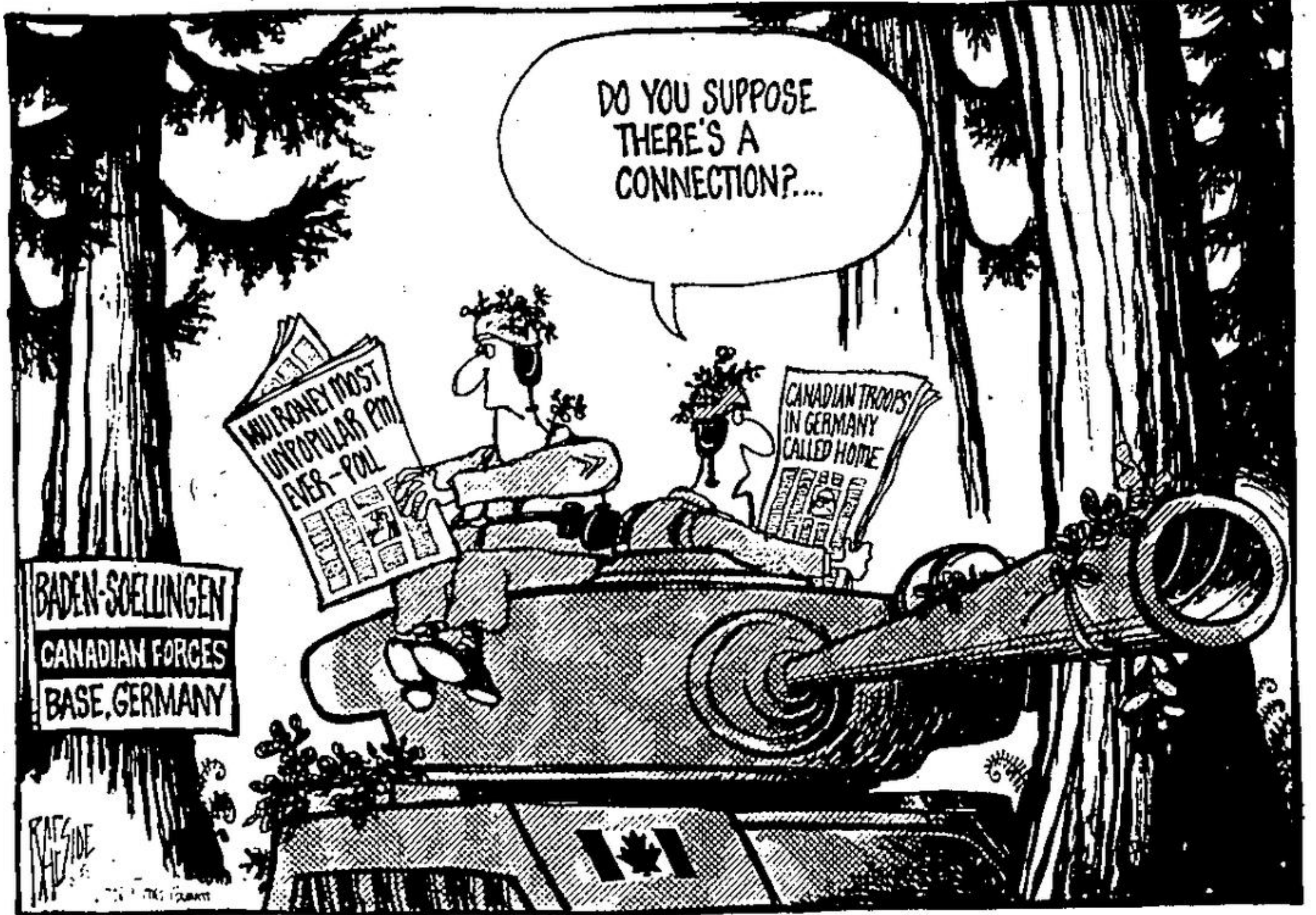
A proposed new community, slightly larger than Niagara Falls, will soon take root just to the north of Brampton and its proximity to Halton Hills begs concern.

According to reports, this embryonic community, to be called Springdale, will boast a population of 70,000 with affordable housing and all the amenities a true community offers including a hospital, policing and a fire department.

Information received also indicates that developers will be paying the bills so no financial burden will be shouldered by area taxpayers.

Such a community will indeed threaten Halton Hills in terms of lost business revenue; not to mention the loss of base taxpayer revenue when potential new residents reject Halton Hills in favor of a community closer to Metropolitan Toronto with facilities and developments more geared to the 1990's than the past.

The development question should be an issue in our municipal elections. Hopefully, it will be an issue addressed realistically, rather than in wistful, anachronistic terms.



People's Forum

Columnist's character comments queried

Dear Editor:
In response to Ben Dummett's comments, that the Town possesses "character" cannot be disputed. How best to define it so that we may protect it is the challenge, admittedly a difficult one.

The underlying character of a town is a complex mix of many physical features and underlying moral qualities. Over one-and-a-half centuries, our Town's character has evolved into a certain "distinctiveness" or "individuality."

Our "character" has, in fact, been continually molded by those who have chosen to live here. Until now, though, the change has occurred slowly, possibly because of our modest population

growth. Those who do not live here will undoubtedly point to the mix of architectural styles, the visual landscape including our hills, valleys, streams and tree-lined streets, and of course, Main Street itself which still bears a striking resemblance to the way it looked quite a long time ago. We are, after all, still a largely rural community.

That so much of this remains today is quite remarkable, considering what has happened to our neighbours close by.

For those who do live here, not to be overlooked are the intangible qualities that make our community such a great place to raise families. The friendliness and caring of the people, how we respond to the needs of our fellow citizens and the respect we show

for others are all reflected in our Town's "character."

Would it be quite the same Town without the principles, contributions and actions of the particular people who have chosen to live here and how important is "character" in attracting new residents in the future?

To those of us who are community representatives on the Urban Area Study Advisory Committee, working to protect all of the things cumulatively referred to as "character" is apparently of considerable importance.

After all, with the addition of 20,000 or so more people over the next 20 years, this might be our only opportunity to ensure that our Town's "character" is not modified beyond recognition.

Ashley Ranson,
Georgetown, Ontario.

Community Forum

Will new proposals help unite Canada?



MAIER WALFRIED, Georgetown: "The proposals will unite Canada if the government just listens to the people. Canada is for francophones and anglophones. There shouldn't be a distinct society."



JOANNE CLOSE, Georgetown: "The proposals will keep Canada united. Quebec seems to have softened since the Meech Lake ordeal. It's well worth trying to solve."



WAYNE BARRETT, Georgetown: "Unfortunately no. I don't believe the western provinces will accept the special status that is being asked for Quebec."



JOHANNE WELLMAN, Georgetown: "I have no idea whether the new proposals will unite Canada but I hope they do."

Candidates call

Dear Editor:
To add my support for letter of Roger Stopford recently published.

We are at a point of opportunity which comes only once in three years.

We have responsibility to elect the best we can get - to take charge, to protect our interests, our money and our community.

Looking back over the last few years, gives an insight to the methods and capabilities of those we have elected in the past.

I believe we can improve in our selection!

There is clearly a need for candidates (retired or otherwise) with a strong sense of business logic, insight and experience.

Some of this type are now committed. Hopefully more with these credentials will join us.

We need you.

I for one am fed up with spiralling costs, non-appearance of such things as public transportation - which many of us in our later years badly need and a continual stream of studies, referrals and delayed decisions.

Thank you,
Lew Ward,
Georgetown.

People do care

To the Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who unselfishly donated approximately 500 pounds of food to the Foodshare during the Acton Fall Fair parade and at our booth. This certainly did assist us in stocking our shelves.

We are also indebted to those of you who gave of your hard-worked gardens. We were able to supply recipients of the Foodshare with wonderful garden vegetables and fruits this summer.

To those of you who continue to support the Acton Foodshare; my sincere thanks.

I would also like to thank the Scouts that assisted us during the Fall Fair. For those of you who

were unable to attend the first early-bird draw supporting the Acton Foodshare, the winner of the Radio AM-FM Cassette donated by Halton Hills Furniture was Lauri Black of Acton. All tickets sold have gone back into the drum and the second early-bird draw will be on Sept. 30, 1991.

Tickets for the draw are still available at a cost of \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00 through the Foodshare.

In closing, donations are always needed, especially for the "school lunch" section with the children being back at school. We thank you for your continuing support and good luck on the draw.

Sincerely,
Joan Waldie,
Co-ordinator, Acton Foodshare.

Write us a letter!

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