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Courting disaster

We have heard the old saying "it's an accident waiting to happen" well no truer words can be offered regarding the roadway traversing Hungry Hollow.

To the uninformed, this is the road which runs through the ravine between Georgetown South and mainland Georgetown on Mountainview Road South.

It is a regional road and the Region of Halton posted a sign, well over two years ago, informing us the road was to be reconstructed.

Since that time we have had a school bus stalled in the valley of Hungry Hollow, numerous near accidents and over 300 homes built in South Georgetown.

Travelling the road, which is posted at 50 kmh, we have every type of vehicle from school buses to Neilsons transport trucks, to cars conveying the weary commuter home after a long and tiring day at work.

All these vehicles, by the time they hit the bottom of the Hollow, are exceeding the limit by at least 30 kmh.

Now we throw in the mix of young children from Georgetown South who walk down the road to get to mainland Georgetown and you have the "accident waiting to happen".

Why has this situation existed for close to two years?

Well the answer is simple. The Region and the environmentalists can't decide how to fill in the ravine and not destroy the environment.

Given enough time, we will be able to fill the ravine with the bodies of the children who will be killed unless action is taken to solve this problem.

Why hasn't the Region restricted truck traffic on this road?

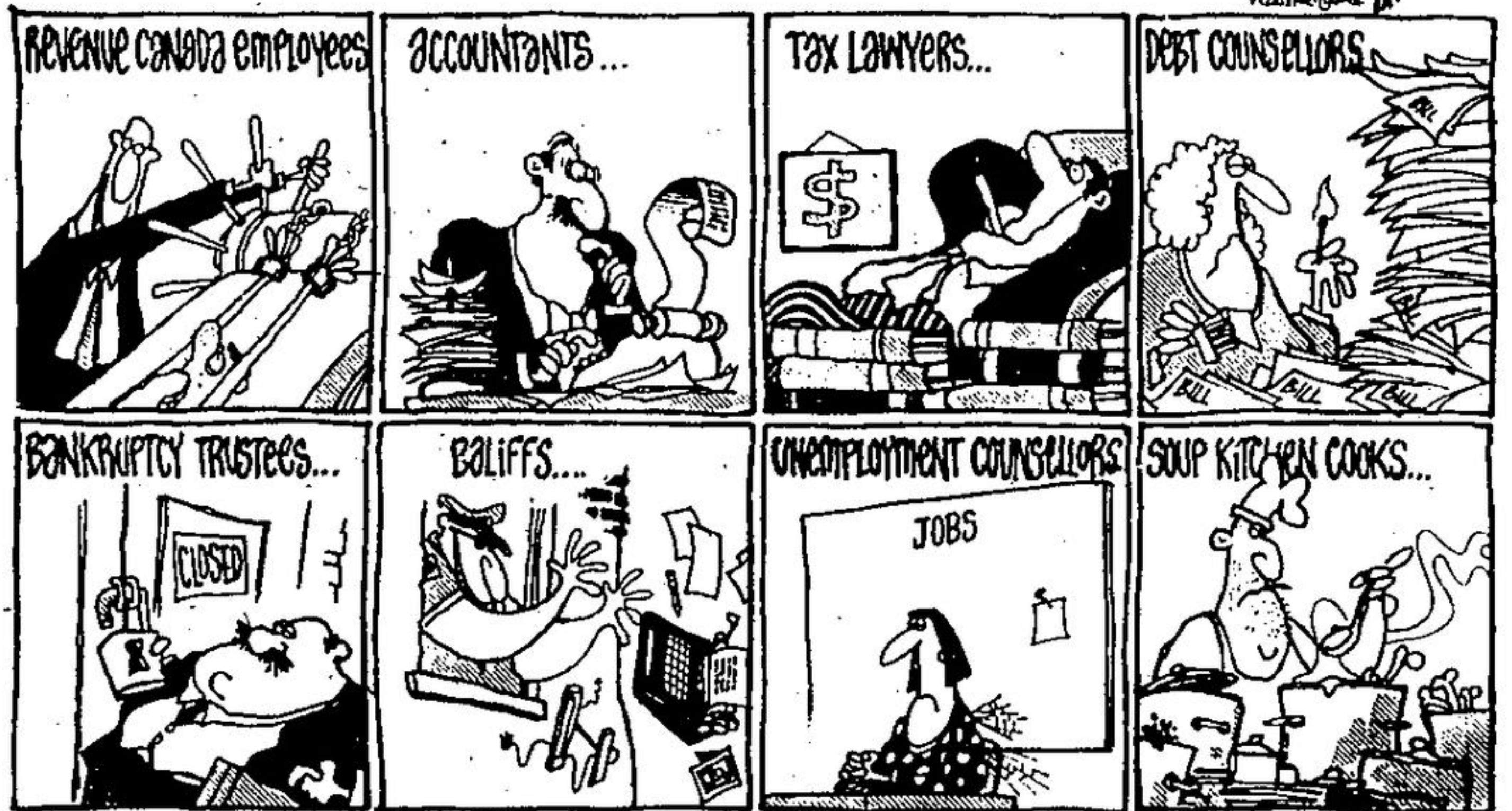
Why hasn't our School Board taken action and had the buses re-routed?

Why haven't the police set up regular radar checks?

Until Hungry Hollow reconstruction is completed, all heavy trucks must be taken off this road, all school buses must be re-routed and the speed limit must be strictly enforced.

This is the only acceptable way to cut down the risk of a serious accident.

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People's Forum

One word a library can make

Dear Editor:

Mayor Miller's comments on the front page of the November 13, 1991 Herald regarding FOAD are somewhat misleading without some amplification. This apparent hostility on the surface revolves around one word, "replacement."

Some weeks ago, FOAD requested that the Town pursue its option to have the Third Line replaced at the end of excavation of the UAL quarry. This according to legal opinion received by FOAD would make it nearly impossible to convert the area into a private dump. Council presented the motion. Councillor Serjeantson commented that the word "replacement" was not used and that it should be included in the motion. Councillors Hewitt and Spence who had presented and seconded the motion initiated the amendment. After the motion was passed by Council, Mayor Miller signed the document. At this point, Council and FOAD appeared to be in total agreement.

Part of the motion required that letters be sent to the Ministers of the Environment and Natural Resources stating that the Town wishes to pursue the "replacement" of the Third Line. When the letters were produced, "replacement" had disappeared and the stress was on "rehabilitation."

Councillor Currie noted the change and asked for a clarification. Mr. Costa, Administrator, who wrote the letter indicated that he had followed the motion he had been given. Mayor Miller, Councillors Serjeantson, Hewitt, and Spence said nothing. FOAD and other members in chamber noted the change and expressed their disapproval.

At a following meeting, Mr. Costa stated that he had worked from the unamended motion. Follow-up letters had been written to the Ministers and he expressed his regrets that he had caused any inconvenience. Once again FOAD and Council appeared to be in agreement.

Councillor Rennie spoke next attacking FOAD and myself in particular for wasting Council's time with misinformation and

that the Town pays experts to handle these matters without citizen help. He accused me of misleading Council by insisting that the word "replacement" be used. He pointed out that it does not appear in the Aggregate Resources Act and is not used by the Ministry of Natural Resources. None of the other Councillors commented.

Councillor Serjeantson had received a letter from Mr. Wildman, Minister of Natural Resources, directed to her personally using the word "replacement". She had it included in the package given to regional councillors and the Mayor earlier. The entire council also had received a letter from MNR Cambridge in their working papers. Even when the Minister's letter was produced, no comments came from council. Later Mr. Rennie was provided with a second letter from the Minister of Natural Resources and an additional one from MNR Cambridge.

All this may seem a bit much for one word. Two things must be pointed out.

1. "Replacement" has a very specific meaning to MNR. This point is exceedingly important in the dump issue. Space does not permit analysis here, but, I'm willing to speak with anyone who wishes more details.

2. After the motion was passed and again after the follow-up letter, FOAD and council were in agreement. FOAD members became frustrated only when council presented a wall of silence followed by accusations when FOAD tried to get the Town to do what they were legally obligated to do in the motion.

FOAD does not see the Third Line issue as the only way to fight the dump. We believe no effort should be spared. As we have legal opinion supporting our stand and that it could save the taxpayers millions of dollars, that it should be tried in the most effective manner.

K. Woode, Acton.

Arts community self-supporting

Dear Sir:

During a recent all-candidates meeting in Glen Williams, the question "What is being done to support the arts community?" was raised, and (ex) Councillor Joe Hewitt's reply was "...the Arts community is already supported in this town through the John Elliott Theatre."

I would like to point out that neither Georgetown Little Theatre or Georgetown Globe Productions receive any support from the John Elliott Theatre. We are completely self-supporting and, in fact, Georgetown Little Theatre raised over \$30,000 when the theatre was built to put seats into the facility. Since that time the groups have also donated a number of items, including lighting, to the theatre, and have raised funds for an orchestra pit cover.

Georgetown Little Theatre

presents three major play productions each year and Globe presents two musicals, thus making a contribution to the community by providing good quality live entertainment, and making use of the theatre. If it were not for these productions, the theatre would remain dark (unused) a great deal more. In addition to this, both groups perform a benefit night prior to their regular production dates, thereby benefitting local organizations such as The Literacy Guild and St. John Ambulance.

I hope that this information will clarify the situation, and clear up any misconceptions that the public may have regarding Georgetown Little Theatre and Georgetown Globe Productions use of the John Elliott Theatre.

Yours truly,
Margaret Eggleton-Kaye
President, GLT.

Community Forum

Reaction to municipal elections



MARGARET JAMIESON, BALLINAFAD: "I'm happy that all the candidates I voted for got in. I think the campaign was more nasty than usual. I'm also surprised how few people came out to vote. It's their right, they should get out and vote."



BEV CURRIE, GEORGETOWN: I thought it went well and I'm pleased with the results. I've always lived in Georgetown so I like the fact that many candidates who've always lived in Georgetown got in. I think that's good for the community.



BOB TEATH, GEORGETOWN: "Good in my area (Ward Three) a lot of people were acclaimed. Everybody got in who I voted for. I think the election was quite low-key. I didn't think it was very big."



CHARLES McNAUGHT, GEORGETOWN: "It was pretty dirty in places and there were a lot of character assassinations. The turnout was very poor."