

Stupidity has consequences

A disturbing trend has been creeping its way into headlines across the country. It involves the sexual harassment of female journalists and it absolutely needs to be taken seriously by the authorities, the public and employers.

In Squamish, B.C., a CBC reporter was doing a broadcast when a man came up behind her, kissed her on the cheek and snapped a selfie. It was broadcast on live TV.

There's nothing funny about it. The reporter was left rattled, obviously not expecting to be touched inappropriately by a person while she was doing her job.

It's disgusting that some people find humour in this or that it's become somewhat of a cool thing to do— to sexually harass women on camera.

What's even more troubling is that the people taking part in the stupidity don't think there will be any consequences for their ridiculous actions.

Not only are they verbally and physically assaulting women, they're doing it on camera.

There's a record of it and it's only a matter of time before their faces are plastered across the realm of social media and their identities are revealed.

Earlier this year when the FHRITP taunts were being hurled at reporters covering soccer around the globe, including here for Toronto's TFC matches, CityNews' Shauna Hunt had the last word when she confronted one of her harassers on camera for the world to see.

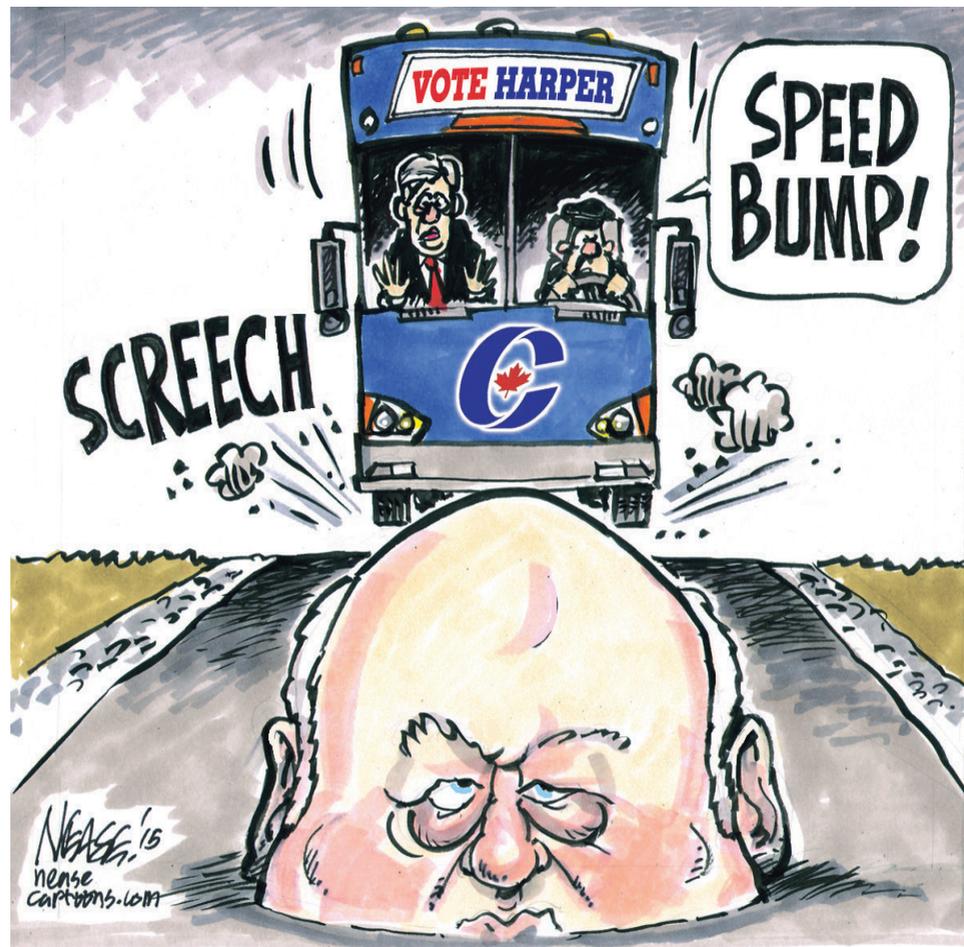
The fool lost his job because of his stupidity. A likely very well paying job at Hydro One because when his bosses found out one of their employees was acting inappropriately in public and in turn tarnished their image, they gave him the boot.

Public shaming has its effectiveness at times. It's a hard lesson for those caught, and an even more important lesson for the followers who think they're invisible and their behaviour will be tolerated.

To the idiots who think it's funny: grow up and get a life. Or keep it up and face the consequences. It won't end well in your favour.

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Letters to the editor

LED savings don't add up

Re: New LED streetlight conversion will brighten Halton Hills.

The story is great until we get to the savings claimed. It doesn't seem to compute.

As I understand it, Halton Hills Hydro is owned by the Town of Halton Hills so profits derived from the Town's usage are a wash, or are they?

So-called sentinel lights are typically charged a flat fee per month, at least that's what I pay for mine. If the Town pays a flat fee for the sentinel lights, how is this going to save 60 per cent on usage? If the Town pays for every Kw it uses for the sentinel lights then yes it will eventually be a cost savings.

Why are we making this investment now? Don't we have arena debts to pay for? Why don't we replace them as they stop working?

The nuclear plants cycle overnight whether or not they generate power, they don't just "slow down".

So replacing those lights to reduce

consumption of power that would otherwise be wasted does not make sense.

There has to be more to this story. Did the province find customers for that power? Did we finally find a way to store this hydro for time-of-day use?

I'd like to see the numbers. The claims made in the story are a pipe dream.

Syl Carle,
Georgetown

Kindness and generosity outweigh lowlife behaviour

For the second time in four years, my son's bike has been stolen.

The first time we were lucky as the thief that took it happened to ride it right past our house as we were pulling out of the driveway to go and look for it.

After searching all over Georgetown—even visiting some of the known bike thieves—we have had no luck in recovering the bike this time. Stealing, vandalizing and destroying other peoples prop-

erty seems to be a way of life for some.

The bike was stolen from behind Ares Restaurant on the morning of Aug. 1 while he was working. It is a black Haro BMX and we are offering a reward for information leading to its return.

Please email us at stolenbmxbike@yahoo.com if you know of somebody who has suddenly acquired or is currently "borrowing" a bike fitting this description.

In spite of the lowlifes living in Georgetown, there are still good and kind people living here and I know they outnumber the scum. When the staff of Ares Restaurant heard that my son's bike had gone missing, one of his bosses immediately jumped into his vehicle to see if he could track it down before it got too far.

Later that day, the owners and staff at Ares took up a collection to help my son buy a new bike. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for doing this. Your kindness, concern and generosity has restored my faith and my son's faith that there are indeed many good people in this town.

Gwen Miron
Georgetown