



The Town of Milton Council Recap

by
Councillor Cindy Pearson Lunau

TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN CAMPBELLVILLE

TRAFFIC LIGHTS: The lights are still planned for installation this fall. The lights will have a traffic actuation sensor on Campbellville Avenue, and will also be synchronized with train traffic.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Milton Council defended its reputation, defeating the Region by a most significant margin. No injuries (other than some bruised egos) were suffered and a good time was had by all. All challenges met!

TWISS ROAD: Major reconstruction has commenced to remove a large knoll and modify a smaller knoll. The improvements should be completed this fall, with hard-topping scheduled for next year. The intersection at Steeles & Twiss Road remains a major concern. Hopefully this work will be included in next year's capital budget. Sideroad 25 reconstruction is now complete. Highest compliments to the staff and our road crew for the exceptional work on this project!

BIG PIPE: The Pipe is signed (in a groundbreaking ceremony October 6th), sealed, and will be delivered before next summer. What a project! The dual pipes (one water/one waste) will generally run along Regional Road 25 (formerly Hwy. 25) from Upper Middle Road in Oakville to the Southern Urban boundaries of Milton. (If you want the exact route, it is available.) It opens development of 6,700 residential units on the East Side of Urban Milton, and another 500-700 acres of employment lands. Halton 25 will remain open to traffic throughout the project.

CEDAR LAKES: In what may well be an historic event, the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) approved a 'one lot subdivision' site plan for Cedar Lakes, adjacent to the Railway Museum on Guelph Line. It is an agreement forged by the developer and the Town following literally years of concern. Local residents and Town planners deserve a great deal of credit for their interest, efforts, and tenacity in what was originally proposed to be 17 lots.

BELL CALLING AREA: The extended calling area is finally here! It means that Milton (905) exchanges can now call 2.1 million phones (up from 200,000) in the (416) Toronto area. Unfortunately, you still will not be able to call a good portion of your Nassagaweya neighbours in the (519) exchange, with the exception of the '853' Acton numbers. It is a problem caused by the fact that Bell boundaries do not coincide with municipal boundaries. We are working with Bell to find a solution, however, any change would mean appearing at a CRTC Hearing (not an insignificant hurdle.) Your input may be helpful as we move along this bumpy road.

MILTON LIBRARY: Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the Library at its Bruce Street Location!

GRAND CELEBRATION: A celebration of the Grand River's special heritage status will be held Friday, October 29th, from 2 - 3:15 p.m. at the River Run Centre in Guelph. Festivities begin at 12:30, with an exhibition of achievements, artwork and music, and will be followed with refreshments. All are welcome.

NCCC: The Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee invites all interested residents to participate in their meetings as they address issues of safety, policing, and community concerns. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 18th, 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Nassagaweya Community Centre. Call Mike West (853-2755) for more information.

DEER HUNT: The season for the Shotgun Hunt is November 1st-5th, with the Archery Season from October 15th to December 31st (excluding November 1-5). All hunters must be licensed, and hunt only in designated areas. Written permission from the owner must be obtained in order to hunt on private property. If you have any concerns or complaints, or suspect a violation, you can either phone Halton police at (905) 878-5511 or a Conservation Officer at (905) 717-7505 or (416) 930-9380.

Your representatives:

Your questions, comments, concerns are important. Please call us. **Lieven Gevaert (519) 856-4529; Barry Lee (519) 824-0679 or (519) 853-5790; Cindy Lunau (519) 853-3772.** The '853' exchange is not long distance. **WEB SITE:** www.town.milton.on.ca.



Queen's Park Report

with

Ted Chudleigh, M.P.P. - Halton

With the fall session of the Ontario Legislature now sitting, I think it is important to clear up misconceptions which have cropped up regarding changes in work for welfare programs.

This issue was covered in our election platform and is key to our plans to make Ontario the best place in North America in which to live, work and raise a family.

Implementing work for welfare has been a challenge. However, with more than 400,000 people off welfare roles since we were first elected in 1995, and expressions of thanks from many Ontarians who have used the program, we are determined to improve and expand it.

It is important to remember that the concept of work for welfare is only a part of a larger program which is designed to improve skills, remove barriers to employment and get people back into living productive lives. Retraining and volunteering both qualify as work under the program.

We want to double the current participation in work programs by opening them up to private sector placements and by opening our parks and roads maintenance programs to workfare participation. In addition we will increase funding for implementing work for welfare programs to help make this a reality.

This expansion does not mean paid workers will lose their jobs to workfare participants.

We have also proposed remedial training for welfare recipients who lack basic math and language skills and mandatory treatment for welfare recipients who use drugs. These conditions make getting and holding a job difficult and are barriers to full employment.

In addition to these improvements we will undertake a zero tolerance policy for welfare fraud. Currently, those convicted of fraud can start collecting again after only a three month penalty. This almost encourages fraud and isn't fair to those who play by the rules.

We have proposed that those convicted of fraud be permanently banned from collecting welfare in Ontario.

Perhaps most importantly we want to help the front line case workers. These people are the eyes and ears of the government and by extension the eyes and ears of the people of Ontario.

Thanks to the dramatic drop in cases, welfare case workers now have a little more time to help weed out fraud and help legitimate recipients get new jobs. Advanced training will help the case workers become more than cheque dispensers. It will help them concentrate on getting people back to work.

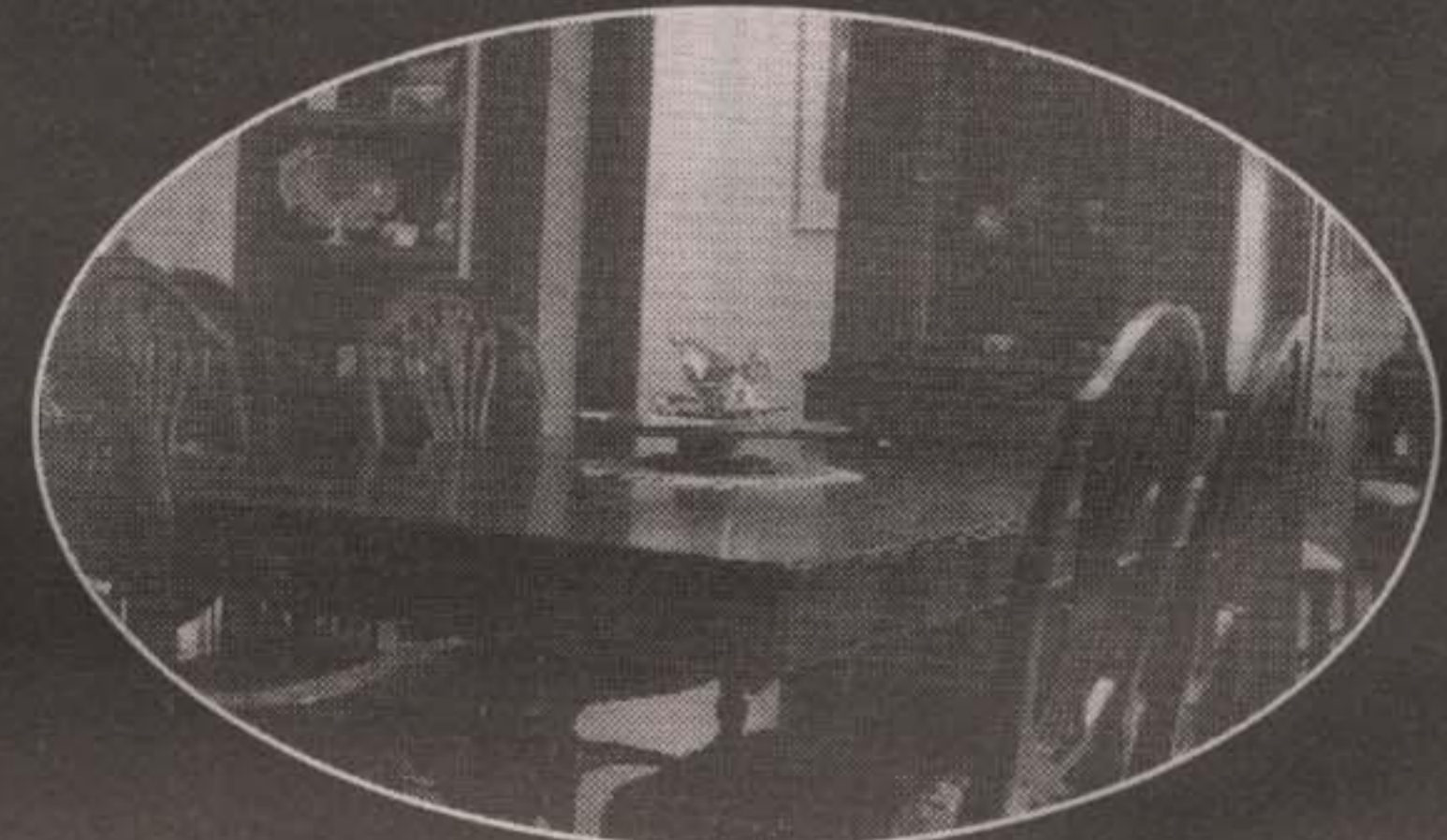
Work for welfare programs have helped put many people in Ontario back to work. We intend to see the program continue and be enhanced.

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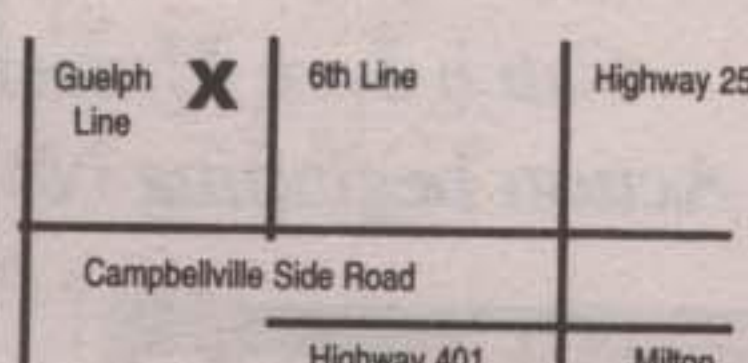
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