

BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX Letters to the Editor (cont'd)

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*From the
Office of the Mayor*
Kathy Gastle

Spring has arrived in our beautiful community, bringing with it dreams of glorious gardens and Communities in Bloom, whose annual competition Halton Hills has entered this year, competing with municipalities of our size from all across Ontario. We will be judged on August 13th and 14th and our Manager of Parks Warren Harris and Members of Council will be taking leading roles. Warren will soon finalize a tour map for the judges which will identify key areas that can be adopted and sponsored by local residents. Naturally, we'll be showcasing our best areas as well as our most improved features, so there's lots of work and fun ahead! Notification of a Public Meeting will be made shortly and those who have already volunteered will be contacted by telephone. Join in this grand undertaking by calling my office at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342.

Halton Hills' well known environmental group P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) is continuing a second year of Celebration Day for Trees 2000. Last year more than 2,100 students from 14 schools learned about environmental science in the field by planting trees and shrubs as part of P.O.W.E.R.'s Millennium Habitat Restoration Project. I recently had the pleasure of meeting students, teachers, parents and organizers as they planted a large section of land just west of Falling Brook Trail on the 8th Line and 27 Sideroad. I shall look forward to watching the progress of this newly planted forest. For more information, please call Barbara Halsall at 905-873-0344.

The May 15th official groundbreaking ceremony in Willow Park highlighted the newly developed wetland feature

of Halton Hills' popular nature park. As one of the founding members of TEAC (Halton Hills Environmental Advisory Committee to Council) I have been directly involved with Willow Park since its inception. Through the years I've worked with many talented individuals on this worthwhile project - which is another example of dedicated community members improving the environment. We can all be proud of their achievements.

Thanks to local parent Richard Van Dyk, Glen Williams Public School is the first in Halton Region to introduce high-speed-based computing with ten computers connecting to a single high speed server that runs many of the learning programmes for students. FutureLink Canada, a Toronto based company, donated the high speed server and professional consulting time. This pilot project will allow the school to save on the purchase of costly computers and use the 486 models which have been donated. I'm sure this new system will be an inspiration for other schools in Halton.

And just a reminder about the Volunteer Recognition reception at the Civic Centre, June 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. We are fortunate to have as our keynote speaker David Warner, the outgoing President of the United Nations (Toronto Chapter) and a former speaker of the Provincial Legislature. (Special thanks to Tony Meers, General Director of Soka Gakkai International Association of Canada and a graduate of Georgetown District High School, who kindly arranged Mr. Warner's attendance).

We hope that as many volunteers as possible will attend the reception. It will be a pleasure to thank them for their significant contributions to our community.

I am writing to you regarding the proposed separation of Tuscany Estate Developments' Lot 17 (File #BO1/008/M).

The west section of Lot 17 contains a pioneer burial ground known at the Kean Family Cemetery. Originally when Mr. Yaremko was arranging to have his farm turned into a development, it was agreed that one of the terms of the development was that the developer would fence the burial ground for its protection. This has not yet happened and it appears that already one of the headstones may be missing.

On May 11, 2001, I expressed my concerns about the cemetery to Betty Cunningham and Barbara Koopmans, and on May 18, 2001, Betty informed me that Barbara had drafted a letter to Tuscany Estate Developments advising them to fence the cemetery. This demonstrates to me that the Planning and Development Department of the Town of Milton shares my concern about the preservation of the Kean family cemetery. Thank you.

If Tuscany Estates does agree to fence the cemetery prior to the division of Lot 17, I have no issue with this separation. However, if the fencing of this pioneer burial ground is to be forestalled once again, I do have a problem with the division of Lot 17. According to the Notice of Application of Consent, mailed on May 1, 2001, this constitutes reasons to hold a Hearing.

I would appreciate hearing whether Tuscany Estates will soon be fencing the cemetery or if there is to be a Hearing.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Davey

Chudleigh applauds well rounded budget

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty recently announced Ontario's third consecutive balanced budget, which also outlined continued tax cuts, a significant repayment of debt, record investments in health and education and increased accountability in the public sector.

"Given all the fiscal pressures, [the] budget was wonderful. It is based on fiscal responsibility, it fulfills our promises and provides emphasis on tax cuts that will help create jobs and fuel our robust economy," said Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton.

In addition, Mr. Chudleigh pointed to a proposed tax credit for parents of students enrolled in independent schools. The credit would apply to the first \$7,000 of tuition for students in elementary and secondary schools and be phased in over five years.

"I have been pushing for this tax credit for several years," Mr. Chudleigh said. "I'm pleased we have finally begun to address this issue of fairness; it's important to many of my constituents."

It is important to note that investments in public education have grown from \$12.9 billion to almost \$14 billion since the Mike Harris government was first elected in 1995.

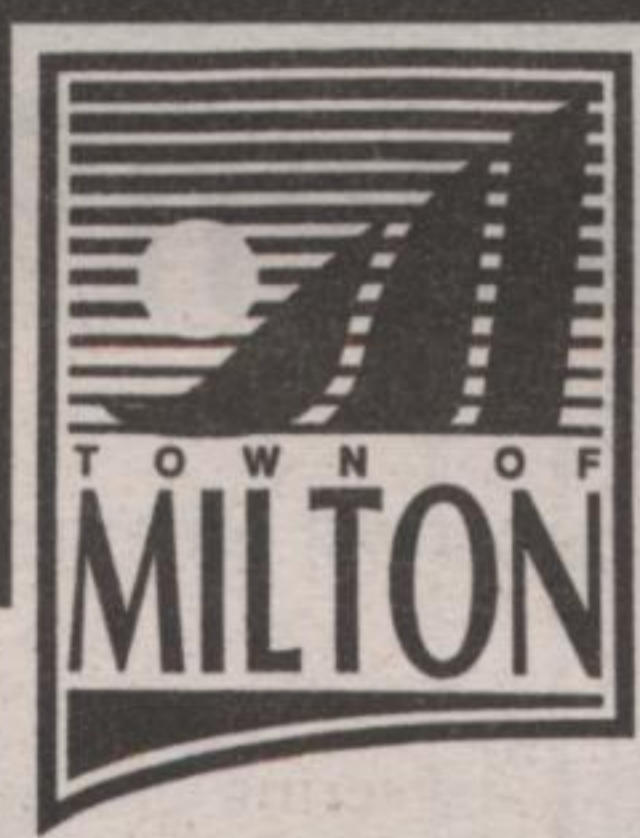
The budget also includes \$3 billion in debt reduction, \$23.5 billion in health care spending - an increase of \$1.2 billion over last year, \$906 million to highways and an estimated \$293 million increase in operating grants to colleges and universities. This money will help meet the government's commitment to provide enough post-secondary spaces available for the double graduating class of 2003-04.

"Governing is about identifying priorities, making tough choices and acting responsibly. In the 1980s and early 1990s the Liberal and NDP governments had the wrong priorities and they made the wrong choices. They hiked taxes, allowed government spending to spiral out of control and failed to create a climate that would lead to jobs and economic growth."

The debt reduction announced in the budget will free up about \$90 million that used to be applied as interest charges. In addition \$250 million will be invested in infrastructure to reduce gridlock in Ontario's major urban areas. The government will begin the process necessary to extend Highway 407 east to Highway 35/115.

Mr. Chudleigh noted that through tax cuts, including those in the budget, about 735,000 lower income Ontarians pay no Ontario tax. However, they continue to pay federal taxes, he pointed out.

Minister Flaherty called for the federal government to fulfill its commitments to health care by restoring the 50-50 agreed-to funding levels. He also introduced a process to ensure the province is getting full value for money it transfers to the broader public sector, such as hospitals.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with The Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 14, 16 and 23 that, unless weed seeds and noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Town of Milton are destroyed by the date of June 15, 2001 and throughout the season, the Town of Milton may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in The Weed Control Act.

The co-operation of all property owners is earnestly solicited. Complaints and inquiries may be made by telephone to the number listed below. Please note that dandelions, burdock and goldenrod are not considered noxious weeds within the Town of Milton under the Weed Control Act; therefore, complaints concerning these weeds or any anonymous complaints cannot be accepted.

For the information of all property owners, the following are designated as noxious weeds in the Town of Milton:

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| Bull Thistle | Nodding Thistle | Canada Thistle |
| Poison Hemlock | Colt's Foot | Poison Ivy |
| Common Barberry | Ragweed | Dodder |
| Cypress Spurge | European Buckthorn | Scotch Thistle |
| Russian Thistle | Sow Thistle | Johnson Grass |
| Goat's Beard | Knapweed | Velvetleaf |
| Tuberous Vetching | Wild Carrot | Milkweed |
| Leafy Spurge | Proso Millet, Black-seeded | Yellow Rocket |

Complaints and inquiries should be directed to:
Mr. Doug McPhail
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905-877-1819

Dated at the Town of Milton
this 24th day of April, 2001

Helen Lisi, Town Clerk



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