

# Taking issue: Campbellville starts ratepayers group

by Donna Danielli

The inaugural meeting of the Campbellville Ratepayers Citizens' Group took place June 5

at the Campbellville Lions' Hall. The meeting was called for by Campbellville resident Carol Chaddock and a handful of other volunteers, and was attended by about 50 local neighbours.

Chaddock opened the meeting saying, "This meeting has been four years in the making. We need community involvement, now that we have been amalgamated with Milton, I think there are some issues we need to take a stand on." Chaddock arranged the meeting with three main issues in mind, the first of which is the development and projected growth in Milton. The population of Milton is expected to almost triple its size by the year 2016 and there is concern as to how that will impact upon Campbellville. The second issue revolves around the Mohawk Slots. The Town of Milton received \$2 million from slot revenue in 1999, \$6.3 million in 2000 and has

already received \$1.2 million for the first quarter of 2001. The issue was raised that since Campbellville has been affected by Slots in its own neighbourhood, some of that revenue should be delegated back to the community of Campbellville. The third issue was Maplehurst Jail, which has recently grown in size.

When the floor was opened for questions and comments, many residents echoed Chaddock's concerns. Slots dollars are a particularly heated issue as Campbellville is directly affected by increased traffic. Comments were made about increased crime in town as well, an issue Police Officer Don Williams was quick to address. As one of the three uniformed officers of Project Visibility, Officer Williamson helps provide round-the-clock coverage that is funded by the Town of Milton in part from slots dollars.

"Mohawk Slots have not increased the crime rates in Campbellville, although service calls have gone up. The crime rate is not going up." Williamson also stated that there are general patrol officers in unmarked cars patrolling the sideroads of Campbellville.

There was a great deal of concern over the ability of the current fire hall to answer Campbellville's safety needs. The town has relatively few fire hydrants and house fires south of the railway tracks may get delayed service because of a firetruck or water truck stopped at the tracks.

"I believe fire safety and ambulance availability go hand in hand," stated Dave Morrow. "It's up to us make sure the new fire station gets built as soon as possible. We need a larger response out of our own hall with adequate equipment and adequate manpower."

Councillor Cindy Lunau reported in the June issue of the North Halton Compass that Council had received the feasibility Study for the Milton Fire Dept, which recommends integrating Regional Ambulance Service into a new facility on Reid Sideroad. Station 2 will be moved forward for 2002 Capital Budget considerations.

Other issues discussed included water safety (Mohawk has had to use bottled water at its facility twice in the past months), the condition of sideroads, constant dumping of

garbage and general mess at the recycling bins behind the fire station, lack of transit options for Campbellville citizens, and inappropriate truck traffic on roads such as Crawford Crescent and Mae Court. Dave Omerod summed up the frustrations of many participants when he remarked, "Are tax dollars really being given to us to use? We have no snow removal, no sidewalk clean up and no garbage removal. We need to make sure that we're not being overlooked."

Residents were encouraged to sign up for a variety of subcommittees which included Communications, Fund Raising, Membership, Police Safety, Clean Water, Campbellville Beautification, Fire Safety and Growth & Development. These sub-committees will meet over the summer for fact finding, and will present recommendations to the ratepayers association at a meeting to be held at the Campbellville Lions Hall on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 7:30 pm.

For more information on the association or any of the sub-committees, please call Carol Chaddock at 905-854-2573.

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 Ken & Vee Keates, Barry Lee

The CABA meeting this month was held at the Halton County Streetcar & Electric Railway Museum on Guelph Line. Upon arriving, we found Steve putting on the coffee in the snack area of the gift shop. He had already started the barbecue to preheat it for the hamburgers. Marilyn provided white and red wine from her private stock for all to enjoy. Our compliments Marilyn, it was delicious. The Bruce Trail Eatery con-

tributed the salad and salad dressings. We express our thanks for the tasty addition to the meal. Steve grilled the hamburgers to perfection. Pleasant conversation and a delicious meal were enjoyed by all who attended. If you were not able to attend, you missed out on a great time.

After dinner it was "all aboard." We were treated to two very interesting streetcar rides. Steve was at the controls, while Jim explained the history of the museum and the streetcars in which we were riding. If you have not visited the railway museum, I strongly recommend that you make an effort

and take in this fascinating attraction in your own backyard. I was very impressed.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Steve and Jim for a most pleasant and informative evening.

A brief discussion followed regarding the preparations for the Campbellville Birthday Celebration to be held on June 23 and 24.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at the Bruce Trail Eatery at 7 pm. Anyone wishing to join us for dinner prior to the meeting please come at 6 pm. Hope to see you there.

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