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BRASS TACKS - Editorial

It's great to stand up and make your voice heard, like the Percy Merry school kids recently did at their annual speech competition. But what happens when no one is listening? Especially when that no one is your township's council and governing body.

That's exactly the situation that's happening in the Guelph/Eramosa Township.

The taxpayers of Guelph/Eramosa Township have been in a constant battle with rising taxes and want to see council do something about it.

According to area residents, it seems false promises to get taxes under control and ways to get value for tax money were all just a ploy. These appear to be just part of

Mayor Adsett's scheme to win over support from the public. As with many elected officials, he gave the people what they wanted to hear and they ate it up.

Only now that it's too late, they're finding out it was just campaign fluff. There was no sincerity, nor intent to follow through with his words.

So, the citizens are left with increasing taxes and decreasing services. What's a taxpayers to do? The only thing they can - keep fighting for their rights, which in this case is lowered or at least sustained tax rates.

As Guelph/Eramosa Taxpayers Association (GETA) chairperson Wally Mayes said, as an organization they want to work

cooperatively with council but they're getting nowhere, all they're getting is frustrated.

He is encouraging the 450 members of GETA to get more involved and to make council listen.

"There is only one way to make something happen - to phone or fax or email them and let them know how you feel," Mayes said to fellow GETA members.

And it doesn't stop at association members. Anyone in the area equally deserves a right to be heard.

The taxpayers don't want trouble - they just want what was promised to them and what they deserve. And you can't really blame them.

BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX - Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, April 27, a large group of volunteers turned out to clear the roads around Campbellville, Moffatt and Brookville from the winter collection of litter.

We had the perfect day and a great group of volunteers who cheerfully cleared tires, pop cans, many, many coffee cups and a huge variety of assorted garbage. Thank you to all for working so hard and making such a difference from 30 Side Road to south of Steeles and from Town Line to Town Line. We had doubled the space in the dumpsters this year and we filled 90 per cent of it. We were particularly glad to see new residents out and to have so many high school students out. Their parents and schools should

be very proud of them. I was really pleased with their enthusiasm and hard work.

Thank you to Mohawk Raceway for their help. They had both pickers on the road and their truck was taking garbage into their containers. Our containers would have been overflowing without their help. They also kindly supplied water for us.

Thank you to our other drivers of pickup trucks who drove miles on the roads and were still picking up, hours after the rest of us were resting our weary backs. Thanks to the Town and the Region for their help with bags, vests and dumpsters.

I estimate we had 60 to 70 people out on Saturday. To do every road we would need at least twice that. Our oldest volunteer was 80 and

the youngest that I know of was five.

The new thing that I noticed was the tremendous number of plastic water bottles in the ditch. I find it ironical that people who are concerned about the purity of their water would throw out plastic where it could lie for years before it breaks down.

Another concern is the tremendous number of liquor and beer bottles we found. There is obviously a huge drinking and driving problem in the area.

Thank you all for your help and we hope to see you all next year. A special thank you to The North Halton Compass for their promotion of this event.

Jean Woods

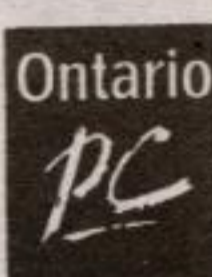


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