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## BRASS TACKS – Editorial

The proposed development at Mohawk Raceway is the largest ever for Nassagaweya and will no doubt have a significant impact on this rural community and its residents. However Cindy Lunau, councillor for Milton's Ward 3, is currently shackled by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and cannot participate in issues regarding this proposed development. She can do nothing because her daughter's T4 slips are issued by the very organization that wishes to add the hotel and golf course to the Mohawk Raceway site. Hence her conflict of interest.

In Halton Hills, where the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) suddenly left in July, the citizens are unable to learn either the reason for his departure or the costs associated with it. Because the Municipal Act requires that legal,

personnel and property matters be dealt with in camera, Halton Hills council members are not permitted to publicly discuss this issue. They are not allowed to so much as whisper a word about Mr. Andrews' sudden departure. Consequently, the taxpayers of Halton Hills have no idea why their highest paid bureaucrat left, what it cost them or how their elected representatives dealt with it.

By definition, a democracy is a form of government where the power resides in the people. In Canada, we entrust this power to our elected representatives. Therefore, openness and transparency of government is critical so that we can see what sort of job our politicians are doing and we can evaluate how well they are representing us. This accountability is necessary so that the electorate can

judge their politicians and then decide whether or not they are worthy of re-election.

However in the case of councillor Lunau and the Mohawk development, and in the case of Halton Hills council and the departure of the Town's CAO, regulatory laws prevent the electorate from knowing what stand their politicians have taken. Consequently, the question has been asked that if we don't know what position or role a politician has, then how can we vote for him? The answer is simple. Voters must make their judgment of a politician based on what sort of a person he is. It is impossible to know how any individual stands on every topic. But if you look at the mettle of a person and see experience and integrity, and you vote for that person, then you can expect to receive good representation.

## BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX – Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from my morning walk around the neighbourhood with Hamish, the dog. I was saddened to see the amount of garbage that was dropped by pedestrians or thrown from cars. Perhaps a small amount of the pride we feel when complimented on our beautiful town surrounded by parks and wide boulevards could be extended to keeping trash with you until you find a garbage can. Those of us

walking dogs always have at least two plastic bags - use the extra one to gather up the Tim Horton's cups, the plastic pop bottles, the cigarette packages and other litter along the sides of our streets. You will be rewarded with a sense of virtue and a feeling of pride in your small contribution to keeping the town the beauty spot that it is.

Jennifer Mirosolin,  
Milton

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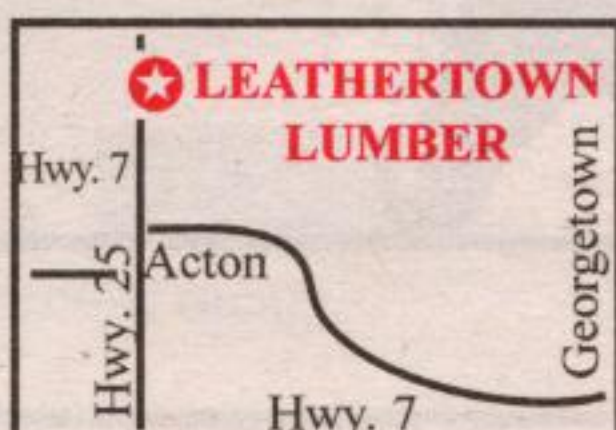
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