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EDITORIAL

In a world filled with inequities we have the great fortune to live in a country that cherishes democracy. Canada is not the super-power that the USA has become even though we arguably enjoy greater mineral and natural wealth than they do. The differences run deeper than wealth. We do not have the crime rate or social inequalities of the USA. Nor do we have a political system that is corrupted by the lobbying of special interest groups.

Much as we complain about our politicians, they remain by and large honest and trustworthy. When our guys make a mistake they usually own up to it.

Councillor Jan Mowbray has launched a campaign to reverse a decision to which she was a party that would have given \$100,000 to Conservation Halton for the benefit of the Mountsberg Conservation Area. The money was to have come from the Milton Community Fund (which represents Milton's share of Mohawk's slot income). This fund is intended to benefit Miltonians. Incidentally, I may be wrong, but the last time I looked Mountsberg Conservation Area was across the borders in the Municipality of Hamilton.

Hats off to Councillor Mowbray.

LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In response to your September 17, 2004 editorial in The Halton Compass, concerning John Kerry's comments on the issue of Toronto's waste, I should point out to you that as far back as 1986 a workable plan was presented to Metropolitan Toronto Council to build a technology in Toronto itself.

This technology was not dissimilar to the energy-from-waste plant that is generating electric power in Peel. The fearmongers won that battle by claiming that the technology would emit poisons into the atmosphere. Since then everybody has gone back into their respective groundhog holes. The plan would have converted the old Hearne Generating Plant on the Lakeshore by simply changing the front end to a garbage burner and utilizing the attached acreage that was then used for storing coal. At that time there was a gas main running to the plant to level the burn and the technology did not emit the dreaded dioxins (a generic term for fifty different chemicals, two of which are

known to be carcinogenic if burned at low temperature).

Over the years the politicians in Toronto have earned the mess they're in. Halton does not deserve to have Toronto's garbage come near it. It's time the citizens of Toronto smartened up and took responsibility for themselves.

As well, there are other technologies available today, one within fifteen kilometers of your offices which could provide a solution to the problem.

This out-of-sight, out-of-mind stuff has got to come to an end. We do it with our energy, we do it with our garbage or anything else we don't want to face, and I would say to those who generate fear concerning these technologies, "then you provide the solution". Reduce, reuse and recycle is fine unto itself but it does not answer the whole problem.

This is coming back to bite Toronto in a big way and if it does they have only themselves to look at.

Sincerely,
 Julian Reed