

Letters

New tax on add-a-rooms in trailer parks unfair

**Mr. Jim Bradley,
Minister of Tourism
and Recreation,**

This letter is referring to the new tax on add-a-rooms at trailer parks. For me this is not a problem but it may be for the senior citizens that enjoy their trailers in the summer with the added convenience of an extra room to keep away from the mosquitoes (West Nile) and bad weather. They have worked most of their lives to be able to enjoy the freedom of this. Why would the government now try and take this away? A lot of people have a struggle to

meet their seasonal rates never mind an added tax.

We all have to pay taxes no one is denying that but to hit the people that have put the country on the map with all their years of experience in different fields, I feel, is very unfair. This could also cause a lot of trailer parks to close if everyone starts pulling out their trailers because of this tax combined with their seasonal fee.

Is there no way we can look in a different direction?

Lannie Sousa,
79 Danville Ave.,
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Maybe Coles crazy but passports mail bonded

To Hartley Coles:

Re: Is the Government of Canada still this crazy, are you this crazy?

I read your editorial about the passport offices with interest. I am floored to find out that the Government of Canada is still mailing our Canadian passports to people! And even more taken aback that you feel comfortable telling everyone in and around Acton that your mail will include your passports in the next two weeks!

We keep hearing about mail theft. We keep hearing about the theft of Canadian passports and their value on the black

market. It was my understanding that the Government had put a stop to using the mail for the passports. Please tell me that the delivery will be with a bonded carrier that expects you home at the time to sign for them and check your ID.

Brenda.

Editor's note:

Of course, they come by bonded carrier. Thought it would be self-evident. If the recipient isn't home then they are taken to the local post office where proof of identity is required to pick the passports up. Hope this clears the misconception up.

TOWN DIGEST

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"We've hired two fire safety technicians, there's been assumption of roads previously owned by the Region...we've increased the pesticide reduction program," Bonnette said, adding they faced increased costs for materials and utilities.

Bonnette said it's a democracy at the council table and he appreciates Councillor

Chatten's comments.

He thanked staff for their long hours of hard work, and said he appreciated the debate during the budget process, even though it was a "little bit ornery" at times.

"But when people care, and they become passionate about their community and passionate about the budget, I think that usually leads to good debate, as long as we don't take it home with us..." Bonnette said.

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- The judge will look at your finances, personal character and background.
- You may have to give evidence in court and be cross-examined about your qualifications.

Responsibilities of a Surety

- Making sure the accused person comes to court on time and the right dates.
- Making sure that the accused person obeys each condition of the bail order, also known as recognizance.
- Conditions may require the accused person to report to the police and obey a curfew. They may also order the accused to not possess weapons, drink alcohol and/or communicate directly or indirectly with the victim or victim's family. This means that you as the surety are also not to communicate on behalf of the accused person to the victim or the victim's family.
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