

Our Readers Write

Why spend money on a sidewalk with limited use?

Dear editor:

At a time that all levels of government seem to be short of funds for essential services, and citizens are fed up paying taxes. I have observed with great interest the construction of a new sidewalk extending along the north side of Maple westward to Trafalgar Road.

Although I claim no

expertise on the costs of such construction, I can assume by the number of personnel present, that this sidewalk is a very expensive venture.

My question to council, the planning department, and my fellow citizens is for whom is this path for?

With the exception of the famous Sunday joggers, I

would suspect the pedestrian traffic to be quite light at this time.

Is this an example of "Build it and they will come?"

I realize it would be nice to give access to the Town offices to pedestrian traffic, but realistically do not the vast majority of visitors use automobiles. Even if one

would be able to argue the sidewalk extending westward to the Town offices, do we need to continue construction for the 3-4 families that lie between there and Trafalgar?

Perhaps we could extend it to the Escarpment for the benefit of all.

I trust the planning department must have some

logical reason for this venture and I encourage them to present it to the public along with the costs of construction and maintenance of this sidewalk. Until I am informed more fully my daily trips to Georgetown will be mired by what I have observed to be a waste of our funds.

Ross Pezzack

Tis the season for Christmas Seals

Dear editor:

One in five Canadians has some sort of breathing problem. Every 20 minutes each day another Canadian dies from some form of respiratory disease. It's shocking to know that ever single month in Ontario, 1,100 people die from smoking-related causes. Lung disease is Canada's third largest killer.

During this season of good will, Canadians have traditionally given of themselves with donations to Christmas Seals and the work of The Lung Association.

Today we must work together to fight new strains of tuberculosis as well as find cures for all lung diseases. Donations to this important campaign are used to support educational programs for adults and children right here in our community who are suffering from lung disease. The proceeds are also used to fund much needed research in Ontario's medical centres.

This year, Canada's Christmas Seals are celebrating 88 years of tradition and community service. The goal in the Halton is to raise \$139,000 through the campaign. Packages of Seals will be delivered to 110,000 households in Halton.

For many years this community has supported this fundraising campaign. Please continue the tradition of caring by supporting the Christmas Seals Campaign because when you can't breathe, nothing else matters.

John Kirby, volunteer president
Halton Lung Association

A TIME TO ACT

We are living in a time of social and economic change, with government cutbacks having a severe impact on those most in need in our communities.

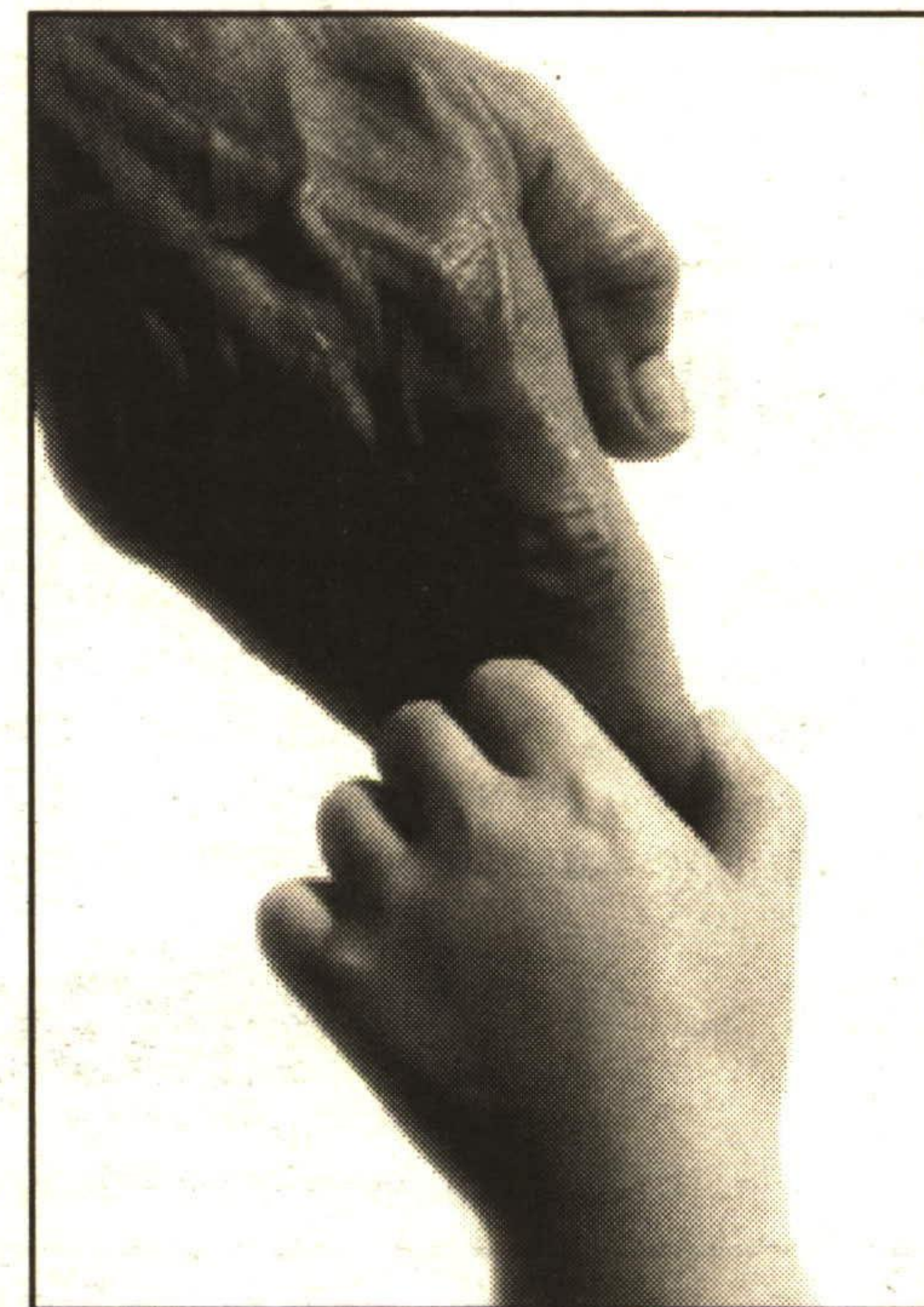
SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Wait for the benefit of tomorrow's lower taxes to turn into food, clothing and shelter? Or, can we lend a hand, each in our own way?

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