

Editorial

Twin terrors

News that the Alcott Arena twinning project has come in roughly \$2 million over budget couldn't have come at a worse time for local politicians.

With an election less than three weeks away this boondoggle is sure to be a hot topic of discussion. And let's not forget tenders for the new recreation centre haven't even been opened yet but all signs are pointing to that project also exceeding estimated costs.

So, how can so many people— town staff, council members, architects— not foresee the fact what was to be a \$4 million project, is now carrying a \$6 million pricetag?

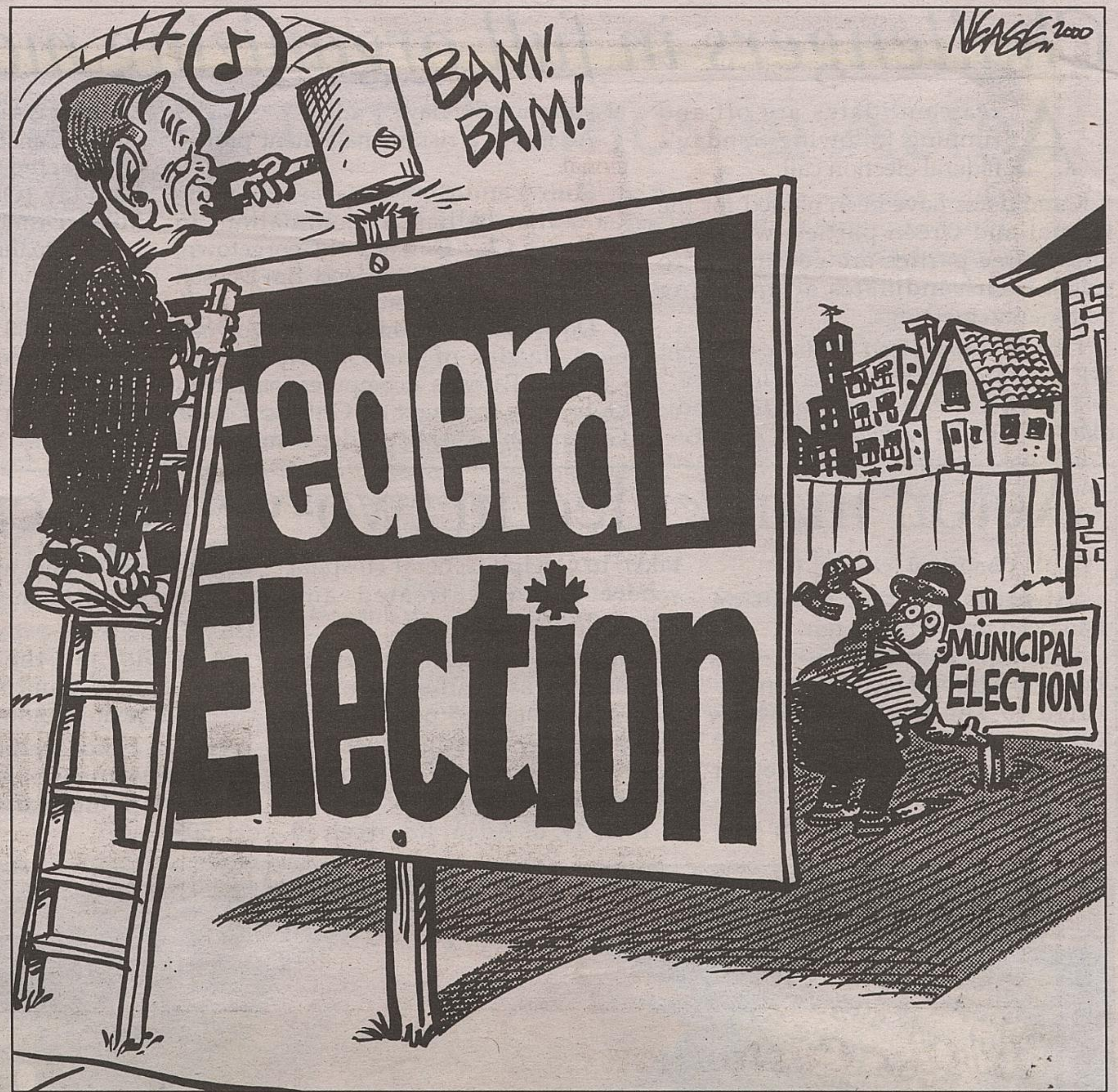
Perhaps Councillor Jane Fogal summed it up best. "If we had just acted three years ago and had approved this building it would have saved millions. Millions!"

Yes, Jane, and if ifs and buts were candies and nuts we'd all have a happy Christmas.

Clearly, everyone involved in this project was blindsided by the fact Ontario's booming economy has allowed construction companies to virtually name their own price. On top of that, both local recreation projects are not "major" projects— they will help meet local needs, but neither will come with the bells and whistles many people would like to see or that would have builders fighting for these jobs.

Council, with these projects going over-budget, is now paying the price for years of zero per cent tax increases— something most residents wanted.

While both projects are likely to be completed they will either bring a tax increase or be scaled back— something that will not bring smiles to the faces of taxpayers or facility users.



Letters to the editor...

Residents should support local cinemas

Dear editor,

My wife and I recently went to Georgetown Cinemas 3 and were astonished to find we were the only two people in the whole theatre.

I think that it is sad this town does not support their local cinema. I realize that with the big screen, big sound addition in Brampton it is enticing to endure the 20-minute drive for those special effects flicks

that we have all come to love. But, if we were all to abandon our hometown cinema they would have no choice other than to close their doors and leave us with no opportunity other than having to drive out to Brampton where we would fight the lines, pay the inflated prices and watch that Ricky Martin video on the big screen while waiting forever for popcorn that will never compare to the popcorn you get at the Georgetown theatres.

We're not saying you shouldn't go to Silver City; some movies you really have to experience there. But, if you stayed in town for even a percentage of the times you went to the movies, especially the movies that aren't marketed off their special effects, you may be helping keep a theatre open that gives you a choice whether or not to drive to Brampton.

I would also like to thank the man who runs Georgetown Cinemas 3 as he is a seemingly selfless man who let the show go on for my wife and I even though it more than likely cost him more than

it would had he turned us away. I will make a point to frequent your theatre more often as I hope you— the people of Georgetown— will, as not only a service to yourselves but for your town.

Ryan and Anna Snyder,
Georgetown

Honesty wins

Dear editor,

At lunchtime on October 7, I was at the pizza counter of the food court in the Georgetown Marketplace. A lady standing next to me handed me my lottery ticket that, unknown to me, had fallen out of my wallet when going to pay for my meal.

I'd like to say that I won the "big one" and I was giving her part of the winnings. Unfortunately, I didn't even get one number. However, I'd like her to know how much I appreciate her honesty and to thank her very much.

Gerry Tanner, Ballinafad

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Ball league thanks supporters

Dear editor,

The executive of the Kinsmen Girls Softball League would like to thank all the people who helped make our 43rd annual Day of Champs another resounding success.

- Thanks to the girls for some close and exciting games and the parents and fans for your support
- Thank you to the sponsors of our teams. We appreciate your help all year
- Thanks to Brian's Food Basics, The Permond Group and Fraser Orthodontic for sponsoring our skills competition
- A special thanks to the Optimist Club for serving hot dogs and pop to the girls
- Thanks to Peter Bartolac for supplying the pop for the girls after the skills competition

And finally, a special thanks to the fair board who did a great job in helping make our day, and we hope the whole fair weekend, a success. Special mention should go to fair board president Tim Foster who raked diamonds at 3 a.m. to get them ready for us and to Barb Wanless who helped keep the flow of people, into the fair, a smooth and trouble-free process.

It was good to see both our groups working together so that both were excellent events.

Jim Ford, commissioner, Georgetown Kinsmen Girls Softball League and Ron Lefebvre, Kinsmen Club of Georgetown

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