

SNAPSHOT



Janice Brawley photo

Champion reader Janice Brawley snapped this photo of a young skater, who appears to have inadvertently carved himself a 'perfect 10' score at Mill Pond. Do you have a unique, interesting, fun or cute photo taken in Milton that you would like to submit to be considered for Snapshot? Send submissions to editor@miltoncanadianchampion.com. Please include the name of the photographer for publication and a description of the photo, including the location where it was taken.

LETTERS & COMMENTARY

Aggressive action needed to curb tobacco use, which is Canada's leading preventable cause of death: CCS

Dear Editor,

What is Canada's leading preventable cause of disease and death? It's tobacco.

National Non-Smoking Week, Jan. 21-27, served as a prime opportunity to remind Canadians that tobacco is still a top public health issue.

Smoking kills 45,000 Canadians every year and is responsible for about 30 per cent of all cancer deaths.

Based on the number of Canadians it kills, tobacco should be treated as an epidemic.

It is well established that comprehensive, well-financed and sustained government strategies are highly effective at reducing smoking.

With the current Federal Tobacco Control Strategy expiring in March 2018, we urge federal Minister of Health Ginette Petitpas Taylor to bring forward an aggressive new strategy with far better funding to achieve the goal of less than 5 per cent tobacco use by 2035.

Canada has made significant progress, but an enormous amount of work remains.

The lives of a vast number of Canadians hang in the balance.

Rob Cunningham
senior policy analyst
Canadian Cancer Society

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