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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Watch out for bad egg, warns Milton Ratepayers' Association

Dear Editor:

This letter is regarding HUSP financial details. To date we do not believe the stated promise from our local politicians that "growth will pay for itself" has been kept. Witness even the changing of the language now being used to describe the financial impact of HUSP from the above to "minimizing the cost to existing taxpayers." Is this now a recognition of reality or has the obvious now dawned on our town council? While the growth projections for Milton put forth by the Region continue to be met with mixed emotions from the average Miltonian, we do at least expect the concurrent development of schools, hospitals, parks, roads and policing. These services rep-

resent a real and ongoing cost.

We don't want a repeat of the last planning effort, which saw new schools instantly requiring portables nor do we want a repeat of it taking some 10 to 15 years for acceptable sports and recreation facilities to be in place.

Unlike our town councillors, we agree with regional councils' fiscally responsible vote to ensure that the financial plans and impact for these services are completed before HUSP approval, rather than find ourselves with an open-ended version of a tax supported money pit.

As Oakville's Mayor Ann Mulvale said, while this may delay HUSP, they are only trying to "honour the commitment to existing taxpayers that growth will pay for itself."

Our town council made the same commitment, yet has already voted to proceed with HUSP without knowing these costs.

Our mayor said, "It is time for the plan to be hatched and I can assure you I don't want a turkey or a dodo bird to come out of this." We'd say that depends on who lays the egg.

Patrick Kelly
Milton Ratepayers Association

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Miltonians will come around eventually

Dear Editor:

I feel that the issue regarding Milton's expansion is important to Miltonians and there are a lot of interested citizens.

I, too, even at the age of 19, find the issue very controversial considering I plan to pursue a career in urban and regional planning (depending on being accepted or not).

The issue regarding the core study will most likely be something I would have to deal with as an urban planner in the future.

I have to say I agree with Councillor Wally Hunter. It is a proven fact that "consumer habits have changed in the last 25 years." We need to see what comes from the study.

I think that this is a valid point and that all Miltonians should really try to understand what is going to be happening to Milton over the next 10 years.

I also agree with Mr. Challinor regarding his quote, "if (popular) facilities don't exist, people won't use what does."

Already, Miltonians travel out of town to bigger and better stores. If they were already in Milton then all the business could stay in Milton, rather than people going elsewhere.

People don't want to be going around to place to place trying to get everything. They want to go to one place to get everything they need. This could be accomplished by bringing bigger stores into Milton and this would then help Milton's economy.

In conclusion I would just like to say that I understand people's concerns for not wanting Milton to grow.

But on the other hand, if Milton wants to survive then we need to bring business to Milton. I am glad that the council approved the core study. I think that once the results are given, many people will understand the situation at hand.

Amanda Mulkins
Milton

Thanks to everyone who contributed

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Joyce Scott Non-Profit Homes Inc., Deborah's Home and Attendant Outreach, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the individuals, business owners and local organizations who made our Sixth Annual Dinner Auction a success.

The appreciated efforts of our hard working volunteers and generous response of our caring community have helped contribute to the promotion of independent living for adults with physical disabilities in Halton.

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Deborah's Home

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