



# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## What's the scoop on expansion, reader asks

Dear Editor:

On 12 May you published a letter by Bob Burchett asking a simple question: "How will (Milton's) expansion make my family's life... better than it is now?" Now this really got me excited. You are a local newspaper and someone has asked you a question. A question, what is more, doubtless on everyone's lips over the past few weeks. I have been on the edge of my seat, expecting a pull-out supplement full of charts and statistics, using all your journalistic and research talent to answer Mr Burchett's question and inform the people of Milton.

### Some dogs just menaces

Dear Editor:

I've lost count of the number of vicious attacks by pitbulls, bull mastiffs and rottweillers. I would say 'enough is enough' ... wouldn't you?

If the owners of these animals did these attacks, they would no doubt do time for attempted murder, or even murder.

But these people can laugh and sleep well at night, because they are off the hook! I say this has got to come to an end real fast!

Oh, they say, "My dog is so friendly, so nice, so lovable ... he'd never hurt anyone."

But I think Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka's mothers would have said the same thing about them. The point is, I believe, these dogs are psychopathic, and cannot be trusted.

I'm beginning to think the same about anyone who would own one. I've had dogs most of my life, and I love animals as much as anyone, and am a member of several animal welfare organizations. I have also played with lions and tigers as kittens but I respect them, and I would not want one in my neighbour's back yard.

I believe dogs that repeatedly make these attacks should be outlawed from town and city limits.

But I wouldn't want them in the country either, and neither would any normal farmer, so I think they should not be allowed outside steel barred cages. Better yet, put a bounty on them and declare open season.

Ross Hingston  
Hornby

Well, I must have been out of town at the time, because I missed it. Imagine, then my disappointment in reading the front page of your Friday 26 June issue: Shovels could be in the ground as early as next spring.

I cannot possibly imagine that something of such great moment could have passed me by. Obviously, in the face of the weightiest arguments by the great municipal minds of the area, Mr. Burchett's question has been answered, and we are all sat-

isfied that the right thing is being done.

I'm really upset at having missed the pull-out supplement though. Any chance of a copy? Or failing that -- after all, I imagine they sold like hot cakes and it's quite likely you have none left -- just for my benefit, not to mention that of Mr Burchett: just how will it benefit me and my family?

Bert Jenkins, P Eng  
Milton

Editor's note: Sorry to disappoint you concerning the pull-out supplement but we've been writing about this time and time again for 15 years so we didn't feel the need to reiterate the facts and evolution of debate for the umpteenth time.

As for how growth will benefit anyone's family -- the question arises from a subjective point of view beyond the parameters of newspaper reporting. You'll have to decide that one yourself.

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