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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Get with the program, says reader

Dear Editor

It was disappointing, perhaps even distressing, to read Richard Bramwell's letter in your May 7 issue (Changing the rules is not fair play)... and your headline writer sounds like he agrees with him -- equally distressing.

Surveys indicate Halton has an extremely high number of vehicle collisions, and Milton's record, per capita, is the worst in the region. Virtually all of these "accidents" were caused by excessive speed and other forms of over-aggressive driving -- in other words, they were avoidable if the rules of the road had been adhered to.

In response to this situation, Mayor Gord Krantz held a public meeting last fall, attended by a large number of concerned citizens, and conducted by a representative of the Trauma Prevention Council. This meeting resulted in the formation of the Milton Road Safety Committee, whose objectives are:

1. To increase the awareness of the need for road safety in reducing injuries and deaths in Milton through education.
2. To determine the impact of engineering and road design on the number of fatalities and injuries in Milton.
3. To promote increased enforcement and to support enforcement strategies to reduce the incidence of injuries and fatalities due to collisions in Milton.

One of the actions take by the committee was to make available a radar message board for use, free of charge, by "self-righteous locals" (Mr. Bramwell's description) who are rightly concerned about excessive speed on roads in their area. (In fact, Mr. Bramwell was in Halton Hills, which also has a radar message board). The purpose of the radar message board is to make drivers aware of the speed at which

they are travelling, as a reminder to proceed at a reasonable rate. Further action by the police will occur only when the speed is considerably over the posted limit.

As the population increases there will be more vehicles on our roads, and new or reconstructed highways will not always be available to handle the volume.

Mr. Bramwell, our advice to you is leave home earlier and avoid the "daily frustration" of being a "speeding commuter". The rules have not changed, you have simply chosen to ignore them

Michael M. West
Milton Road Safety Committee

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or leave them at our office, 191 Main Street.

My kid votes now, too

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winner. I've even heard them report the close returns in a riding, but then add that they've already declared a winner, as if that took precedence over the actual vote count. Makes me nuts.

Once, and I swear this is true, one network declared a winner before any votes were even tabulated.

Don't watch it

I've pretty much stopped watching election coverage now because of that. Plus, it's amateur night with their reporters.

When they go to remotes at different headquarters, you can be guaranteed of dumb questions, fumbling around with microphones and cameras, and eloquence that can only be matched by Elmer Fudd.

My oldest daughter is voting for the first time this year. I consider it my responsibility to tell her about the evils of socialism. In other words, don't vote NDP. Although I did vote for them once when living in Toronto.

That guy was good

My provincially elected representative then had an office and staffed it himself. There was a lineup outside his office door and his number one concern, oddly enough, was the people who elected him in the first place.

I know who I'm going to vote for, but I'm not saying, at least until school finishes, so the teachers don't take it out on my kids. I could change my mind though. Promise to take those 20 cents a litre off the gas price and I'm all yours.

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