



COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

We have to take brown water with grain of salt

It looks like residents will have to put up with brown water for awhile longer.

As reported elsewhere in this newspaper, the Region has now revealed that a back-up well drilled in 1996 is likely the real culprit behind Milton's continuing brown water woes.

The well struck a vein of naturally-occurring manganese that has been stirring up trouble in Milton's water ever since. Main breaks and pipe-cleaning processes can oxidize the manganese resulting in a flow of muddy-looking water from our taps.

While the intermittent brown water is definitely an inconvenience and something we don't expect to see is this rich and industrialized country of ours, at least we're now getting the straight facts concerning the cause behind it.

Other than assuring us that the brown water was safe, the Region really hadn't offered much of an explanation concerning the issue.

Now we understand the magnitude of the problem is serious and one that will likely cost a substantial amount of money to fix.

As of right now, there's not much else citizens can do but be patient and make sure they have a good supply of bottled water ready.



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OUR READERS WRITE

Congratulations from Town of Milton

(The following letter was addressed to Paul Scherer, chair of the Milton 2000 Events Sub-Committee, and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Town of Milton, congratulations and thank you for the tireless efforts contributed by you and your committee in the planning, preparation and coordination of the successful and spectacular New Year's Eve celebration.

Despite continued challenges in planning for the event -- the potential uncertainty of Mother Nature, the Y2K threat and the usual issues surrounding major

event planning -- your committee of volunteers provided a memorable and festive evening for the whole family.

Thanks for your efforts, Paul, and please pass along thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

Special mention to Events Committee members Jamie Krane, Ron Smith, Laura McKee, Darlene Wasilkowsky, Barb McDonald, Walter Muller, Valerie Derrien and our staff -- Joy Anderson and Cathy Miller.

Jennifer Reynolds,
Director of community services
Town of Milton

New Year's was a grand community effort

Dear Editor:

The committee that made Milton's New Year's celebration such a huge success and an unforgettable experience for all who attended was formed just over 14 months ago and planning began shortly after in January of 1999.

Entertainment was booked, stages were reserved, sound systems were lined up, volunteers were recruited, site plans were filed, permits and licenses were obtained, and the first hours of what turned into thousands of volunteer hours were spent on the way to ensuring the Milton 2000 event would be something to be proud of.

And judging from the comments and reactions it was a night to remember. A great night. Milton style. Everything went as planned and there were absolutely no hitches. It has been my honour and privilege to be associated with and work alongside the people who were responsible for bringing us this event, and while none want

accolades it's time to say thanks for all the work and a job well done.

Thanks to Jamie Krane (Jaycees) and Darlene Wasilkowsky (Milton DBIA) for delivering a fabulous night of entertainment for kids of all ages (wasn't the wallaby cute).

Thanks to Walter Muller (Rotary), who in what can only be described as above and beyond the call of duty set aside his own construction business (R.M. Contracting) to do the same for us for free.

Thanks to Kathy Miller and Joy Anderson who were great to work with and, along with the other town employees, delivered the goods when needed without exception.

Thanks to Ron Smith (Rotary) and the rest of the Rotarians for co-chairing, chairing and generally picking up the pieces where they fell. Thanks to Laura McKee (Jaycees) for coming on board and taking on the kids' events and running the meetings when I needed

help the most.

Thanks to Val Derrien for helping when needed. Thanks to Barb McDonald for doing the impossible and keeping us organized. Thanks to Max Birch who blew things up really well. (Best fireworks ever.)

Thanks to Charlie Speck who got the bell to the party on time and stole it away again early on the 1st.

Thanks to Roger Mason and all the staff at the Dickens for giving up their New Year's to make ours better. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and my family who came to the rescue at the eleventh hour. Thanks to Rob Kelly for coming up with our theme, 'The future is close to home'.

Thanks to Kirsten Pederson and Scott Schlotzhauer (Optimists) for their valuable contributions. Thanks to the thousands of Miltonians who came out to celebrate together as a community.

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