



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

There are other options in Drury land proposal

Dear Editor:

As a resident backing onto the proposed development at E.C. Drury I have been against the idea of any form of housing while supporting the need for a nursing home. Now that a nursing home isn't in the cards I am against development totally. The seniors' housing has no suggested selling price and an incredible vagueness about house sizes. I don't know many seniors who would support a "pig in a poke".

As for council's 5-4 decision not to support the development the only man who stood up and provided facts versus emotion to any degree was Councillor Richard Malboef. Every developer and agent I have spoken with says the next step for HD Investments is the Ontario Municipal Board. History says that we as citizens opposing the development will lose. Halton Hills just lost a similar battle with far more pertinent objections to land use and spent \$500,000 doing so. One of the first witnesses HD could call would be our Town staff whose ever changing Official Plan now supports the development. Mind you few of them live in our town anyway.

I see two options. One is petitioning the provincial government through Ted Chudleigh. I believe Mr. Chudleigh must present the petition whether he supports it or not.

The second possibility is to use Milton's new-found wealth from slot machine gambling, now flowing at an estimated \$500,000 per month according to recent reports, to purchase the property and further upgrade it

as a park and sports facility. Thanks to council's foresight and in-camera secrecy this would probably also result in having to pay off the developers costs.

Perhaps you don't like these suggestions. They are options that at least seem to satisfy the majority and that's more than you have received from town council. No development at all is hopes not expectations.

Patrick Kelly
Gowland Crescent

I'm not a fan of piping

Dear Editor:

Hi folks! My husband and I look forward to your Champion every week.

We don't agree with piping water from our area. Come on up and see how low the water has gone in the Georgian Bay.

Rocks and rocks we have never seen before dot the whole shoreline.

People with cottages all along the shore have to walk through up to 20 feet of sludge to get water deep enough to float their canoes and small boats -- it's unbelievable.

We hope for rain next year. A lot of rivers are now streams and streams are dried up -- bad for our fishing. All the best to you all in the year 2000. I was born on Eglinton Avenue West on the border of 10th Line.

Mary Emptage
Meaford

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