



COMMENT

Roxul plant deserves big round of applause

Hats off to Roxul Inc. for its \$3 million plan to eliminate odours at its Harrow Drive site.

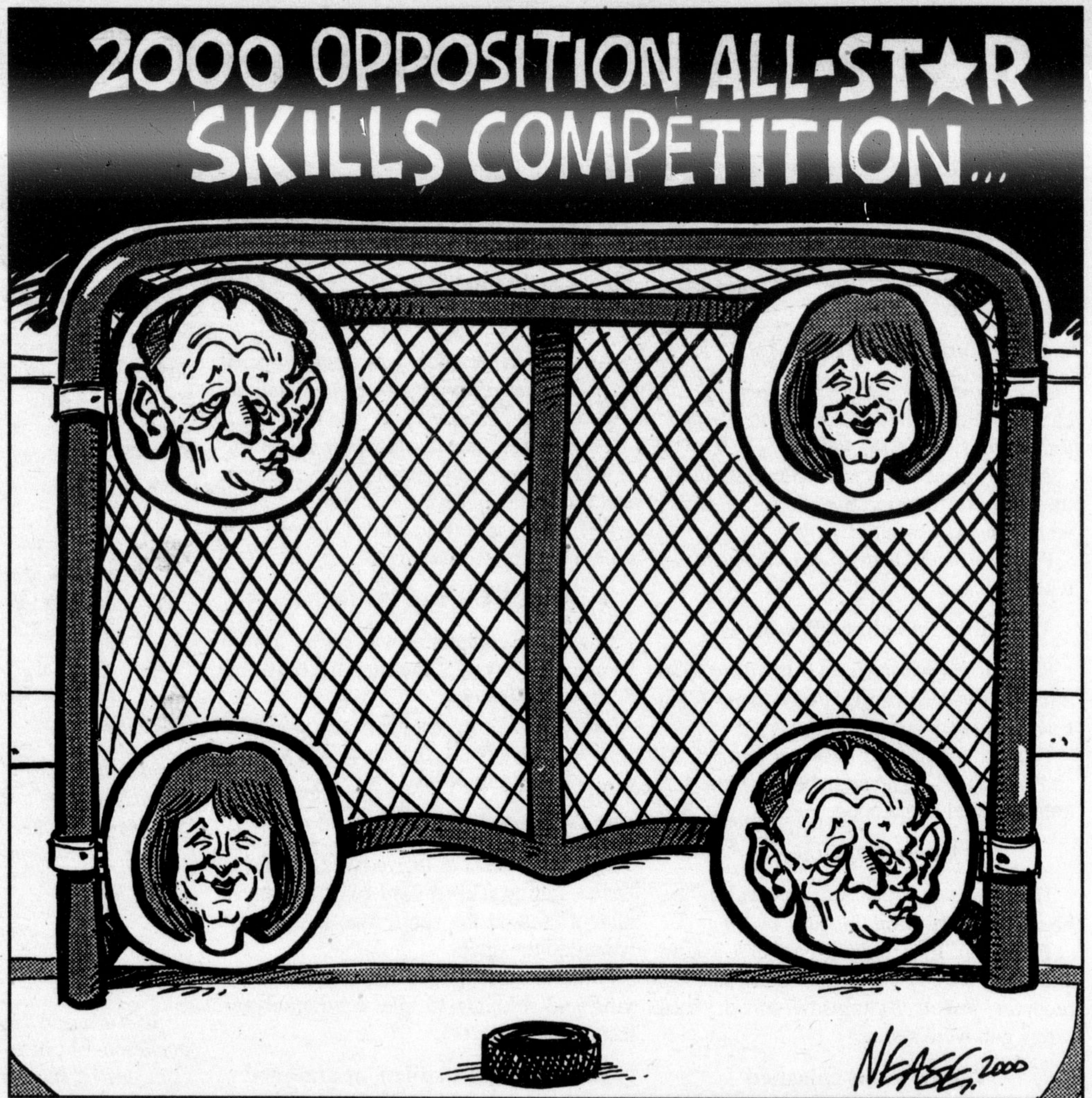
Rotten smells have been haunting area residents for years and we have no doubt that the wool insulation manufacturing plant is responsible.

The company appears to be making an elaborate and sincere attempt to improve the situation and for that it deserves credit.

If approved by the Ministry of Environment, the company's efforts to clear the air will include a new combustion plant for its curing oven, a major overhaul of its air control system, the installation of an air cooler and a new, higher capacity fume incinerator. The cash will also buy a common 43 m-stack to vent the cleaned air.

Time will tell if these measures will alleviate the problem. A hint of doubt has been expressed by a Ministry of Environment spokesman, who says he's not sure if the plan will be enough.

But we're hopeful the changes will be approved and will be successful so residents of the area can enjoy the summer without having to hold their noses.



OUR READERS WRITE

Reed responds to letter from Chudleigh

Federal tax cuts to come in good time

The following letter was sent to Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and a copy was filed with *The Champion*.

Dear Editor:

I have received your open letter dated January 25 concerning taxes and would briefly respond by saying that the federal government is looking at a broad-based tax reduction program that will not materialize until the delivery of the budget next month.

I realize that the Harris government cut personal income taxes by 30 per cent

and you recently committed to providing an additional 20 per cent cut.

I want to make it quite clear that when we cut our taxes we will not be going into deficit to do it.

Deficit budgeting is an insidious evil that must be steered away from.

When out tax cuts come, they will be done in a responsible manner and not run the risk of putting us back into the days of increasing debt.

Julian Reed
Halton MP

Seniors' needs ignored by five councillors

Dear Editor:

How ironic it is that at the same time Milton town council was rejecting a rezoning application that would have resulted, if approved, in the construction of an adult community geared to seniors, the Elderly Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) was presenting to regional council a report highlighting the serious shortage of seniors' accommodations in Halton.

The developer requesting the rezoning was proposing the construction of 195 single-story bungalows in a condominium style community geared to seniors 55 years of age and over on the vacant lands behind E.C. Drury High School.

The report from ESAC mentions the need for this type of housing for seniors capable of taking care of themselves but unable or unwilling to maintain a large multi-storied home.

On January 31 at a special meet-

ing of council we were asked to support the staff recommendation for the zoning amendment that would have allowed the construction of exactly this type of housing.

Unfortunately Milton council chose to deny the application. Given the opportunity to take the lead toward resolving this serious shortage in seniors' housing, five of nine Milton councillors able to vote on this issue chose to ignore the needs of our seniors and caved in to the demands of a small, but vocal group.

Mayor Gord Krantz along with councillors John Challinor, Wally Hunter, Brian Penman and Cindy Lunau allowed the "not in my backyard mentality" to win out over the needs of our seniors.

When faced with doing what was right or what was politically safe they chose to put politics ahead of our seniors. When asked to choose between saving a few trees or providing housing for our seniors they chose the trees.

Fortunately, there is still hope for our seniors as the developer has appealed council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

There is a good chance that this board of bureaucrats will give more considerations to the needs of our seniors than did these five Milton politicians.

Richard Malboeuf
Halton regional and Milton councillor

Millennium park?

Dear Editor:

What a wonderful gift it would be if town council took the Mohawk gaming money, bought the land from the E.C. Drury developer, built on the vision of the deaf students and turned the land into a millennium park.

I for one would be the first to volunteer to participate on a citizens' committee to plan and fund-raise for the park's completion.

Jim Murphy
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