

Milton — Site of new toxic waste dump?

When I moved to Milton about 16 years ago, there were signs up in the fields around town suggesting that new homes were going to be built at those locations.

Now, of course, they're actually going to build those homes.

Small orange stakes are in the ground across from Bishop Reding Secondary School. But the stakes are considerably higher for those of us who already live here.

I think I'm with the majority of Miltonians when I suggest that I like Milton just the way it is. I suppose we should feel fortunate that we were able to hold off for so long, and I understand why we have to expand, but that doesn't mean we have to like it.

Milton is a great place to live, or at least has been. It's not too big, not too small, not too close and not too far. There's no reason why people won't want to move to Milton, and that's the problem.

I read somewhere that the population will explode to 90,000 in the near future.

Milton will cease to exist as we've known it, unless we do something about it. Never again will we be blessed with the sight of a deer at first light stopping on our front lawns to nibble at some leaves on low branches.

Okay, that may be a slight exaggeration, but you get the idea.

Some more examples?

Our kids are going to have trouble making rep sports teams because there will be too many players trying out.

The line-ups at McDonalds are going to be unbearable.

Hockey practices will start at 4 a.m. on weekdays.

The waiting list at Zellers to get names on chocolate eggs at Easter will be two weeks long.

All the apples will be picked at Chudleigh's on the first day they're available.

We need to nip this in the bud. Stop the onslaught before it gets started.

We should begin our campaigns as soon as they get up the model homes and open the sales offices.

We have to create a very bad impression of Milton so that nobody in their right mind will want to move here.

Most people will be visiting the model homes on the weekends, so we have to organize different groups at the locations and around town.

As soon as they get out of their cars, we're going to need bald men and women



On the loose

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in long flowing robes to offer them flowers and to warn them that the end of the world is scheduled right around the time the homes will be completed.

The funds we collect can be used for other projects.

As soon as they go to get back into their cars we'll need men in pinstriped three-piece suits and slick-backed hair to offer early-bird deals on residential protection money.

Teenagers can get in on the fun, too. We'll equip hundreds of them with beer bottles filled with apple juice to sit around the model homes just staring at the people who are thinking of moving here.

Don't worry about the police. They'll be in on it with us. They don't want Milton to get bigger either, because it means more work and more trouble.

Of course, we're not always going to be able to make an impression personally on prospective home buyers, so we're also going to have to mount an aggressive sign and billboard campaign. Anybody driving into Milton won't be able to miss them.

In fact, we can get started right away.

Here are a few suggestions, and remember this whole project is just between us.

- 'Site of new toxic waste dump'
- 'Stop nuclear testing in Milton'
- 'Do not leave children or pets unattended at any time — Coydog time is any time'
- 'Blasting area — Please bolt down all household items'
- 'Milton's sister city — Roswell, New Mexico'
- 'Home of the Satan's Choice Festival — May 1 to September 1'
- 'Earthquake fault line — Maximize life insurance'
- 'Squeegie Kids welcome here'
- 'Pet boa constrictors must be leashed'
- 'Rat traps compulsory in all homes'
- 'Pilot project in effect — No speed limits on residential streets'
- '9 p.m. curfew — Violators will be shot'
- 'Keep away from bubbling tar pits'.

Skateboarders love their park

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"The way it has worked out, it's great," said Mr. Burger. "A majority of the skaters do use it and they have been getting along well. It's a place for everyone."

With a series of wooden ramps and jumps designed by the skaters and Mr. Burger's son Mark, the park has seen a favourable reaction from local youths on wheels.

"I love this park. It has wicked jumps and stuff," said Kevin Werner, a local teen skateboarder.

"I mean, it's not the same challenge as like the professional stuff, but it's better than skating anywhere else. Plus me and my friends just hang out here all the time."

On average, many of the skaters questioned said the park was an excellent idea and that they used it on a daily basis. Many saw the sport as a lifestyle rather than an activity.

"My life is my board," said Tyler Bray.

"If I could somehow find a way to live on it and travel around, I would. Who needs cars and homes and stuff. Just a board and some money for food, that's it."

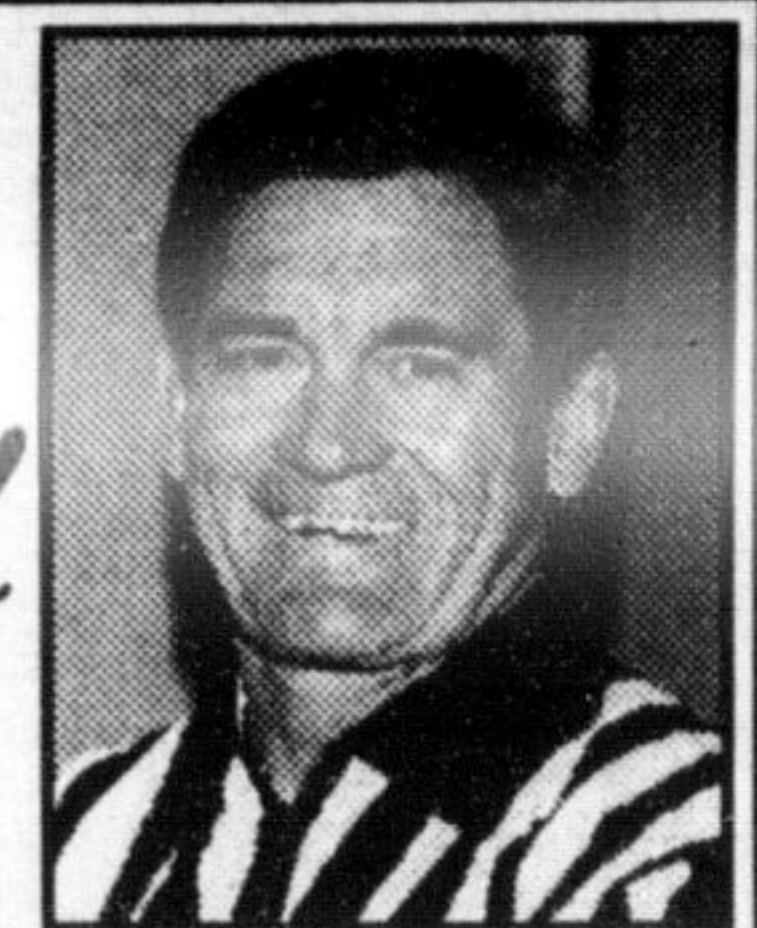
During the summer, the little park hosts local competitions. Organizers saw much success last year with skaters coming from all over southern Ontario to compete.

The pastime has also become profitable in private enterprise. With boards selling from \$85 on, equipment is being wiped off the shelves. But it doesn't end there. There is a whole style to skateboarding now. You can't just wear whatever you want.

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Obviously, your personal involvement was the reason for the outstanding success. Your food and wine recommendations were right on — especially the excellent Royal York seafood salad!

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