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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

CH has suffered serious setback, says Snow

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the honorary directors who had served with distinction for so many years and who had a continuing interest in the foundation's objectives?

The foundation had already suffered severe losses in the resignations of long-time members including chairman Janet Mitchell, vice-chair Ken Moore, past chair Roy Wilson as well as members Barry Slater, Tony Beale, Bill Robinson, Ken Brandson, George Grummett and Alan Bennett among others.

I agree that over the past year the foundation has had some problems. The manner in which a number of long-time directors resigned or were asked to retire was disturbing.

The method of appointing the

executive committee disturbed me. The decision -- made by whom I don't know -- not to distribute complete minutes of executive committee and board minutes to the board, left the members in limbo. Since Mr. Hutton ceased to be the foundation's secretary it has been all downhill and not on the ski hills at Glen Eden.

It's in the opinion of many that conservation in the Halton watershed has suffered a setback that will take many years to heal.

The other board members, including myself, have not only contributed thousands of volunteer hours selling dinner tickets, books etc., but have donated thousands of our own dollars to the foundation's projects.

I'm afraid CH has cooked the geese that laid the 'golden eggs' over the past 20 some years. How can the foundation expect the so-called "big contributors" to have the confidence to make contributions now? 'Planned giving' initiatives are going to be very hard to see now.

Barbara and I have reviewed our plans to include the foundation when our assets are divvied up when we pass on.

In the opinion of many, the recent actions call for a complete review of the actions and operations of the administration.

I urge CH to do just that.

**Jim Snow, former director
Conservation Halton
Foundation**

Instead of intervening, we just brace ourselves

Dear Editor:

Imagine a world in which you can't walk two steps without running into another person, a solitary trip to the country is unheard of and people have to constantly worry about their lack of food, water and fuel.

Well not only are we imagining it, we're preparing for it as a reality.

After being repeatedly told that with the limited resources here on

earth our rate of population growth can't possibly be sustained, we continue to promote this trend through urbanization, expansion and planning.

My small town of Milton is a perfect example of this detrimental "progress."

Even we have succumbed to the financial lure of expansion.

I can only imagine the behavioral differences that will occur as a result of the human race becoming

a virtual ant farm.

If we truly are a superior species, shouldn't we have the foresight to prevent our own extinction?

Based on the actions and attitudes of today, we are weaker than the smallest mouse killed by an unexpected predator.

We know that it's coming, but instead of intervening, we sit back and brace ourselves.

**Erin Kelly
Milton**

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