



COMMENT

It may sound like it's over but it likely isn't

In some cases, even when it's over, it isn't over.

A recent announcement from the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Tony Clement stated that the issue of Flamborough hooking up with Halton and other surrounding municipalities is dead in the water.

It was sunk by the likelihood of soaring tax and water costs for Flamborough residents if they snuggled up with anyone but their current partner, Hamilton.

But like the ghost ships of legends past, this issue is almost certain to rise again.

Government is on a roll these days, and the trend is to bulk up in order to slim down. In other words, amalgamate areas into large mega-cities to reduce politicians and overall costs.

When the issue first warmed up, it was widely believed that Halton would soon creep onto the Province's radar screen.

With the question of Hamilton now settled, that's even more likely.

Maybe next time it will make more of an impression on residents, who largely greeted the first go-round with a yawn.



OUR READERS WRITE

I shouldn't be charged for brown water

(The following letter was sent to Greg Ellis, Water and Wastewater Systems Operations, Halton Region, and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

I'm a senior citizen, widowed and I live alone in a bungalow.

My monthly hydro bill includes charges for water and wastewater. My understanding has always been that I'm charged for clear water. I shouldn't be charged for brown water, or at least get a discount for all the discoloured water I had to run in large quantities down the drain before it turned clear again.

I have been following the odd/even lawn watering advise faithfully during all the summers it has been in effect, which also included washing my car on even days only.

With all the brown water, which had to run down my drain uselessly, I could have watered my lawn and washed my car many times over -- not to speak of the extra expense of buying bottled water to have on hand for the next time town water turns brown.

Is anyone listening?

Lucie Bullock
Mountain View Drive

Nobody listened when we suggested ozone

Dear Editor:

Why is the Region's proposal to ozonate Halton's lake-based water such a good idea today yet when the Milton Ratepayers Association suggested the same proposal, the idea was deemed to have no merit and no basis in fact by both Milton politicians and Regional staff?

Look at their argument as stated in the July 11 edition of The Champion. I quote, "Ozone is considered to be 80 times more effective as a disinfectant than chlorine, and contains a filter aid and smell, taste and colour-reducing agents. You'd be getting the equivalent of the best of bottled water available from the tap, said Halton's Planning Director Pat Murphy."

It seems to me I'm regularly reading problems of discolouration, odour and taste coming out of the taps of Miltonians since the Region 'fixed' the water problems, which we never had in the first place.

Our members easily found the information the Region seems to

have discovered on ozonation when the chlorination argument first arose years ago. Some of our local politicians and most of Regional staff patronizingly ignored us claiming we weren't "experts" on the matter. Recent history would suggest that there have been no experts on Milton council or on Regional staff.

Okay, that was yesterday but what about today? Now that Regional staff has blundered across information readily available to almost anyone they could perhaps clue our local politicians

into investigating once again the ozonation of Milton's well water in order to eliminate the problems they collectively created in the first place.

Town council is absorbed as to what type of writing or logos should be put on the water tower being constructed on Steeles Avenue. I'd suggest the council motto of 'Ignorance is Bliss' be included as a lasting reminder to citizens that if you want things done right you have to be a participant in the solution.

Patrick Kelly
Milton

Anyone know any RCAF Airwomen?

Dear Editor:

Re: Former RCAF Airwomen search.

A reunion for all former RCAF Airwomen is scheduled for 2001 in Halifax, NS.

We're trying to locate former classmates from Course 34 who enlisted in 1957, stationed in St.

Jean, Quebec.

If anyone can help us in our search, please contact Charlene MacArthur, 30 Meredith Dr., Sussex Corner, NB E4E 3B4. Call (506) 433-3231, or email at dcbaxter@nbnet.nb.ca

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