



# COMMENT

## Public input doesn't have to finish here

The (unofficial) numbers are in, and Milton has overwhelmingly spoken in favour of the status quo.

The old saying the more things change, the more they stay the same comes to mind. And with Milton about to embark on its largest growth spurt in memory, it's possible residents were hoping for some familiar faces to guide them through the change.

It was no contest for the majority of incumbents, with Mayor Gord Krantz taking an early, solid lead and keeping it. The closest horse race was between Ward 3 incumbent Lieven Gevaert and challenger Ken Keates. Mr. Keates pulled ahead by a nose, making Mr. Gevaert the only councillor not returning to Town Hall for another term.

Overall, yesterday's result is either a vote of confidence for the current crew, or proof of a lack of choice. Either way, public input doesn't have to stop here. The issues that were hot election topics will also be hot post-election topics. There's no reason for residents to go back to sleep simply because their vote isn't needed for a few years.

Local government is meant to be the most accessible and accountable of all. So stay in touch. You helped vote them in. You may as well keep tabs on how they're doing.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Political column uncalled for, says reader

Dear Editor:

I have always enjoyed reading my copy of The Champion. That changed recently. That was when reporter Irene Gentle began to propagate her nasty, even vulgar opinions about national political leaders. Her article was a poor reflection of what has already been overstated in the national papers.

In the past I have appreciated your coverage of local issues. You're generous to local politicians, maintaining dignity and respect for them as people. Your policy seems to have been to report the issues and events pertinent to our town and region. I figured the article

must have been an oversight, a mistake of poor taste and bad judgement. I was surprised to see a second plate of cheap character assassination in a following edition.

This style of journalism is not appreciated nor is it enjoyable reading. These articles served no purpose nor did they make any intelligent point. They were certainly not worthy of the Canadian Champion. In the future, I hope you will continue to uphold the high standards of journalistic integrity that have made The Champion a great read in the past.

Rev. James A. Demarsh  
Milton Bible Church

### Man says he's fed up with federal Liberals

(The following letter was sent to Halton MP Julien Reed and a copy was filed with the Champion.)

Dear Editor:

I have been reading 'The Reed Report' since you first started mailing them. The items contained are all of national interest, and have been previously published in one or more of our national newspapers. This information piece doesn't tell me anything about how you're spending your time and our money. As one of your north Halton constituents I would like to know what you're doing.

Your objective should be to inform the people that elected you to represent us. We would like to know about your accomplishments and personal objectives. What are you doing? Please don't spend the time, energy and money telling us what we already know.

If you're interested in securing my vote then you need to tell me what you have done in order to earn my vote?

The arrogance of Prime Minister Jean Chretien is more than I can handle. The major debacle surrounding the Human Resource's Department is something that should have been dealt with quickly and effectively. Instead the buck goes round and round. The next major item on the agenda should be the 'Auditor's Report'. The prime minister shrugged it off and was quoted as saying something like "these things happen" — the list goes on. This attitude is outrageous. We are talking about misuse of hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars.

The final straw was the announcement of this ridiculous election that we're now facing. I believe this will be the third election in seven years since the Liberals have been in office. If you want to do something meaningful, then introduce a bill calling for fixed election terms.

So Mr. Reed, if you want to continue representing us and con-

tribute to our awareness, then do it. Your smiling face and rehash of Liberal accomplishments is just not good enough.

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