



COMMENT

Sign destruction not reflection of Milton

Last week's destruction of H.D. Investment's sign was unfortunate, but it wasn't a reflection of our good community in general.

As reported on today's front page, the \$1,400 sign advertising the sale of homes in the controversial development near E.C. Drury High School was destroyed sometime overnight Thursday.

The family home of H.D. Investments owner Dave de Sylva also received a phone call from a young man stating the de Sylvas had destroyed his dream.

It's certainly true that many residents in the area see the housing development as an intrusion on the property they have come to enjoy as parkland, and are frustrated that they couldn't stop the project. But they take pride in the community and don't condone criminal acts.

Although we understand how upsetting this must be for the de Sylva family, it's important to remember that this was likely an isolated incident committed by one or a few individuals who foolishly felt they had something to gain. In actual fact, all they will gain is a criminal record.

So in response to Mr. de Sylva's wife Darcel, who's now questioning the type of community Milton is, we ask her to keep in mind that the town is mostly made up of caring, law-abiding citizens.



OUR READERS WRITE

Leaving Ninth Line in Milton most practical

Dear Editor:

Here's the whole story of the Ninth Line request for amalgamation with Mississauga. A few smaller property owners are pushing amalgamation to sell and get away from the past 25 years of the Parkway Belt Corridor, Hwy. 407, and now the new transitway corridors' possible 15-year encumbrance on all properties but two. The few larger property owners would also like to escape the encumbrances, and sell for big money if possible. The transitway paralleling Hwy. 407 with passenger terminals and huge parking areas and service roads

may never allow for development, even with amalgamation and certainly not in the government's 15-year time frame.

Residents say they have no services, but Mississauga is providing cross border services to a few residents at a fair cost. Amalgamation with Mississauga will not mean "free services," as some think. It could mean a 25 to 30 per cent tax increase to those remaining.

Leaving this corridor agricultural as a buffer with parks and play areas is the most practical, and to remain Milton.

**Walter J. Trafford
Hornby**

Will all the expense to restore Mill Pond be a waste? Will it be a garbage dump again?

Dear Editor:

For the past months we have been watching the pond coming to its completion. Suddenly we noticed a pair of Canadian geese starting to build a nest on one of the mounds.

Last week we noticed that she had had six babies all being carefully looked after by their parents.

We have not seen anything in The Champion about this episode, which I think would have been really nice and interesting for the neighbourhood.

On Monday morning, there were two parents busily searching the pond for their six goslings — for two days they searched, and in their own way cried out for their babies, which couldn't be found.

We walked around the pond and couldn't see any signs of them, only a snapping turtle, which I'm sure wasn't left in the pond when it was under construction. Was it put there by someone who just needed to get rid of it, and in return the geese lost their family?

I just hope that no other geese decide to nest in Milton's pond because the same thing could happen again.

All you can see when you walk around the pond are garbage cans full to the brim and summer hasn't yet started.

Is all this expense to try and make Milton's pond look better going to be a waste? And a garbage dump again?

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