



COMMENT

Province is wasting money on campaign

With Milton students heading back to class in a week, it's worth noting that the Province again seems intent on targeting education as its main area of concern.

The latest provocative move has come from Education Minister Janet Ecker, who will spend \$6 million of her ministry's money on a public relations campaign consisting of television ads, a magazine and survey to sell the Province's commitment to higher education standards.

The government shouldn't be wasting millions of dollars on advertising when schools are struggling to find funds for education basics such as textbooks and supplies.

Many schools will be bursting at the seams this fall and students will try and learn without the proper texts and other materials.

That's the kind of reality the Ministry of Education should be exposing.

We suggest it could take a positive step in that direction by stopping its recent public relations campaign and put the money back into the education budget where it can do the most good.



OUR READERS WRITE

Is questionnaire really helpful?, asks reader

Dear Editor:

I would just like to respond to the editorial 'So have you filled out the questionnaire yet?' which appeared in last Tuesday's Champion.

I jumped at the opportunity to give my opinion and positively critique the health care system.

It's such a hot topic and I sincerely wanted to contribute and help out, even though at the beginning of the questionnaire it's stated that Ontarians "believe we have one of the best health care systems in the world."

I still believed I could contribute some positive input.

Have you read this questionnaire? You can answer negatively, and mention that you were not well treated, etc., but honestly can you?

The people in the hospitals are sweet and helpful and humane, but that's not where the problem is. We know where it is, but the questionnaire goes right past the point and totally ignores the heart of the matter.

The way the questions are posed only leads you to answer how the Ontario government wants you to — that we have the best health care in the world.

Nicole Bernou
R.R. 2 Milton

CN officials' statements misleading: reader

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the letter written by Ian Thomson of Canadian National Railway (CN), dated August 10.

Mr. Thomson's foresight into when we move into Milton is in the high degree of being premature.

Is Mr. Thomson or CN privy to information that Milton doesn't have regarding the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) approval and/or the Environmental

Assessment approval?

Is CN so assured that it's taking over our precious agricultural land in Milton and ignoring Milton's and Halton Region's official plans, when even Milton's town council has assured the people that no official application form has been submitted to the CTA?

CN states "the terminal will be the most modern and efficient terminal in all of North America."

According to CN, the proposed

area that it's optioning currently covers about 800 to 1,000 acres of land.

CN currently states it requires a track length of 12,000 feet.

Is CN merely stating that this proposed terminal will be the largest in North America?

I feel CN's statements were misleading to the residents of Milton and Halton.

Michael Conlon
Tremaine Road

Thanks to all those who volunteered at Allendale

Dear Editor:

Summer is drawing to a close, so it's time for me to thank all the young people who've volunteered thousands of hours at Allendale over the past three months.

The criteria to be a volunteer in the Summer Program at Allendale is that the person must be 12 years of age or older, and must be prepared to come in five days a week — Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — for a minimum

of three weeks. It's a big commitment, especially during the summer vacation, with so many other interesting things going on in the community and at home.

Almost every one of the 30 plus summer program volunteers stayed the course. Some of them stayed for the entire summer and one or two hardly missed a day since the start.

Over the summer they gave more than 3,000 hours to the Allendale

residents — a gift beyond price.

Our residents have benefited from lots of outdoor walks, outings and picnics as well as happy, laughing and energetic help in a myriad of ways from these young people.

To all of volunteers, thank you a thousand times. We're so grateful to you and will miss you greatly.

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