



COMMENT

Replacement trustee should be appointed

With one of its trustees on the verge of resigning, the Halton District School Board can close the doors on an ugly chapter in its history and get back to the business of educating this region's children.

Far too much school board time and taxpayers' money has been expended in the last four months investigating Burlington Trustee Michael Ellis' accusations against his colleagues.

The audit that followed the accusations didn't find any evidence of wrongdoing. And now, Mr. Ellis has announced his intent to resign, stating he can no longer be an effective voice at the school board.

Once he does leave, the board has a big decision to make about whether it will replace Mr. Ellis by appointment or by-election.

There are two things to consider. One, a by-election is expected to cost the school board between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

And two, Mr. Ellis was acclaimed in last year's municipal election, an indication of little interest in the position.

Therefore, we think the board should take the appointment route to replace Mr. Ellis. To spend another \$50,000 to \$70,000 on a by-election for a position that was previously uncontested is ludicrous at best.



OUR READERS WRITE

Thanks to those who helped out campaign

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, we would like to thank the volunteers who canvassed homes, captained areas, sold daffodils, participated in dress-down days, organized golf tournaments, purchased draw tickets and gave so much to support our fight against cancer.

Our 2001 receipts from these events totalled \$164,641. A special thanks to the residents of Milton who through their generosity achieved this result — giving Milton one the highest contribution rates per capita in the province.

The Canadian Cancer Society is a vol-

unteer organization, which is totally supported by public donations and doesn't receive any government funding. Ninety cents of each dollar donated goes to patient services, health promotion and cancer research.

Our mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life for people living with cancer through funding research and volunteer-delivered programs.

Again, we sincerely thank everyone who made the year such a success.

John A. Perrott, president
Milton branch
Canadian Cancer Society

Reader believes our airwaves are being polluted by youth's music

Dear Editor:

Well, I have never written to The Champion before but I have a beef. It's not with just kids in this area but kids all over.

The air we breathe is supposedly free — at least it's a long-standing assumption when companies pollute the air too much, different groups take action to try to keep them in line.

But, when this generation pollutes our airwaves with its loud banging bass music who do we complain to? We can tell our own children to turn it down or to cut the bass but what about the kids in their cars who rev their engines and adjust their amplifiers? You swear they do it just to annoy you.

You can hear them coming for miles, or at my home you know they've just pulled into the driveway by the deep banging sound. My kids tell me I'm a dinosaur and I don't understand their music.

They're right. Who could when you've grown up to the Beatles and the Stones — rock 'n' roll?

Sure we grew our hair long. I can

remember being hip —flower power, but did we pollute the air the way this generation does?

I still have my old poncho and my husband's peace symbol.

You can tell them all you want about harming their hearing, but that didn't work with our generation either.

But, the stereo systems are definitely more sophisticated than in my day and if they don't care about their hearing what about our hearing, especially since the cuts Mike Harris's government is making to our health care system and hearing testing and hearing aids funding?

I don't know too many teenagers that probably read this section of the newspaper, so I charge you parents to please read it to them and hand it to them to read. Post it on the fridge.

Please make them hear this point of view while they still can.

I'm seeking help with the airwaves and in need of ear protection in Campbellville.

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