

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

No abuse of power with regard to circulated flyer, says Councillor Challinor

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its debt.

Why? The Friends of E.C. Drury is a loosely knit group of ordinary people who went to extraordinary lengths to stop a development that thousands of residents in this community opposed, including me.

I don't believe they should be in the financial position they are in.

I decided to attempt to do something about it.

I respect the fact that there are some Milton residents who didn't support the position taken by the Friends of E.C. Drury, the deaf community, the majority of members of Milton council and me regarding the E.C. Drury lands.

And, I also understand that, as a consequence, they are choosing not to make a donation to the Friends of E.C. Drury (E.C. Drury School for the Deaf School Council — Registered Charity Number 12466 8666 RR0009) to help retire the debt incurred. They are free to make that choice.

That is their democratic right. I bear no ill will toward any of them.

In closing, there was no "abuse of power." I don't have any. There was no "deceiving the public."

The public is a lot smarter than that — and so am I. To suggest otherwise on both counts is laughable.

Those who know me well know I will continue to support those charities' causes and individuals I believe in. I encourage all Miltonians to do the same.

For that is our democratic right.

And, last I heard, we still live in a democracy.

John Challinor II
Town councillor, Ward 4

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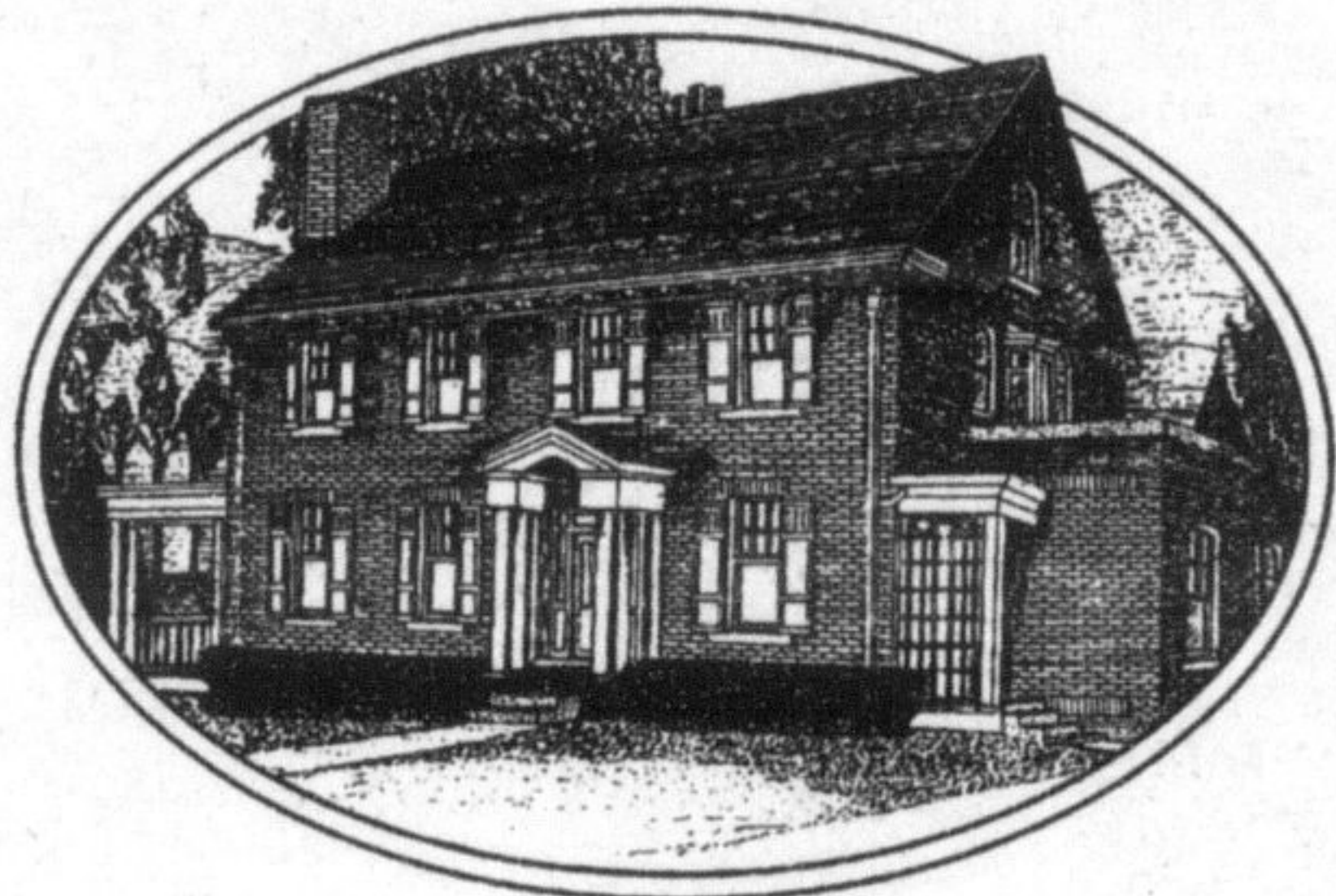
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