



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Reader says Milton town council should be replaced from top down; too much rhetoric

Dear Editor:

I read the Friday, Mar. 8 edition of The Champion with particular emphasis on the letter to the editor by Andrew Willoughby of Tremaine Road.

The subject matter couldn't have been more graphically presented than what Mr. Willoughby has stated.

It's high time for the citizenry of Milton to conclude that the whole of the town council from the top down be replaced with thinking people who will keep the interest of the town as their foremost responsibility once elected.

It can be readily deduced that town council meetings contain lots of rhetoric that doesn't always conform to the laws of logic and seem

inconsistent in point of reasoning and contain language that is, without meaning, or intention.

At times, some council meetings seem to have adopted a pre-arranged style of theatrics that are reminiscent of Hollywood's Abbot and Costello routines.

They seem to indicate an arrangement of the age-old procedure of one member of council being appointed to the "good guy-bad guy" routine for a specified period of time.

These theatrics give the impression to any thinking person of being so badly arranged that they are laughable and these "kids" would be well advised to try selling their script to some such faction as the CBC's 'Air Farce', as a possi-

ble source of income.

At this juncture of this letter to the editor it's needless to state that the citizenry of Milton isn't being well served by its elected council. However, it does appear that those who we have elected aren't equipped with the necessary acumen and perception with which to fulfill the task that we have so unwittingly charged them with.

The end result to this matter is we can't continue to elect, or have elected by acclamation, persons who are merely job seekers who now propose to have a pension plan to be paid by the Milton taxpayers — what next?

Thomas E. LaPointe
Esquising Line

Man wants to know where slot money being spent

Dear Editor:

After the Town of Milton received the first \$5-million payment from the profit of the gambling machines at Mohawk Raceway, I think that everyone was happy to hear that charities were going to benefit.

I asked around and nobody seemed to know where any of the money was being spent.

Several millions have now been

paid to Milton, and I'm sure that many Miltonians would like to know where they are or where they have been spent.

One deserving case is, of course, Milton District Hospital, which needs several hundred thousand dollars.

Maybe revenues from the slot machines could replace some of the antiquated wheelchairs that are falling to pieces and enlarge the

nurses' station.

I certainly don't believe that this money should be cached away waiting for an extremely wet and rainy day, when we have many deserving cases for which many volunteers spend valuable hours.

An itemized account of where the money is being spent would be nice.

Rodney Ramsden
Ontario Street South

Intermodal terminal opponent has question for MP

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

Dear Editor:

Re: Proposed Milton intermodal terminal.

I understand that you're in favour of the concept of intermodal

terminals on the assumption that they will reduce pollution.

The facts indicate that there would be a tremendous amount of noise, dust, fuel exhaust and light pollution brought to the area of the proposed intermodal terminal, and then ongoing taxes for the mainte-

nance of the infrastructure.

Would you please explain how Milton and Halton could possibly benefit by having an intermodal terminal in your riding?

Nan A.L. Gent
Tremaine Road

Man's comments misinformed, says Town worker

Dear Editor:

In reference to Mr. Smith's comments in a recent edition of The Champion regarding the poor condition of Main Street between Thompson Road and James Snow Parkway, I suggest that perhaps he

contact Town staff to enquire why all the road cuts are in such poor shape.

He will be told of the Town's plans to close off and completely rebuild that section of roadway in 2002.

Details are available through the Town's community services department at (905) 878-7211.

It's unfortunate that such uninformed comments are made public.

George Murdych
Town of Milton

Milton Bicycle Club formed to help increase interest in cycling in town and vicinity

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of The Champion and other publications to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

April 1895

Through the kindness of the trustees of the Old Kirk of Scotland (then at 62 Main St. later moved to Mill St. and converted to a house), the Church of England services will be held there for the present.

May 1895

The Milton Bicycle Club was organized last night and a very successful meeting was held. The following officers were elected: President E.W. Boyd, Vice-President John Dewar, Secretary-Treasurer W. H. Wilson, Capt. W.F. Dewar, 1st Lieut. E. Yates, 2nd Lieut. A. Armstrong. The club will help to increase the interest in cycling in the town and vicinity, as they will likely have a series of races during the season. The first club run will be held on Tuesday evening, 21st inst., leaving the town hall at 7 p.m.

The programme for Tuesday June 4th when Lord Aberdeen will visit Milton to lay the corner stone of Grace Church, has been arranged. His Excellency will arrive from Toronto by special C.P.R. train at 1 p.m. and will be met by the mayor and council of the town who will present him with an address of welcome at the station. The vice-regal party will then proceed to Judge McGibbon's residence (later Gordon Home now demolished corner Court and Main) for luncheon. The ceremony of the laying of the stone will take place at 2.30. At 3.15, at the town hall, addresses will be presented by the Bishop of Niagara on behalf of the clergy and laity of the rural deanery of Halton, and by the warden and council of Halton. His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen will then hold a reception at the town hall, when the citizens of Halton and neighborhood will have an opportunity to be presented. Tea will be served at the town hall, by the ladies of the church, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. An entertainment, the proceeds of which will be appropriated for the building fund, will commence at 8 o'clock. Negotiations are in progress for special excursion rates on the C.P.R. and G.T.R. from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Brampton and Galt and intermedi-

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ate points to Milton and no doubt they will be successful. The town council has appointed a decoration committee, the church grounds will be decorated by another committee appointed by the congregation and the town may be expected to present a gay appearance.

Milton is busy preparing for Lord and Lady Aberdeen's visit next Tuesday to lay the corner stone of Grace Church. The town council has appointed a decorative committee who will have a handsome arch erected in front of the town hall and will supply evergreens free of charge to those who wish to decorate their houses or grounds. Landlord Dean, of the Commercial, will erect an arch on Main St. opposite his hotel. Another decorative committee has been appointed by the congregation of Grace Church and will see that the church grounds are suitably adorned with evergreens, flags and perhaps an arch. Dinner will be served at the town hall by the ladies of Grace Church from 12 to 1 o'clock and tea from 4.30 to 6 p.m. Citizens or visitors who wish to be presented to Lord and Lady Aberdeen at the reception, which they will hold at the town hall after the presentation of addresses, will need only to be ready at the time and place and to give their names to the A.D.D. who will accompany the vice-regal party. A handsome silver trowel has been secured for the use of Lord Aberdeen in laying the corner stone and is on exhibition at Thos. Wilson's shoe store on Main street. As tickets to Milton will be issued at a single fare on the C.P.R. at Toronto, Galt and Guelph and all intermediate points and on the G.T.R. from London, Hamilton, Caledon East, Guelph, Galt and intermediate points good to return on June 5 it is expected that there will be a large number of visitors and if the weather be favorable the day will be a notable one in the history of Milton and of this county. (In later issues it was reported three to four thousand attended the laying of the corner stone.)

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They say too much TV is not good for you but I must admit I'm addicted to the Discovery Channel. It all started when my mum sold the house and we moved into this apartment. Talk about boring. No spiders on the ceiling, no bugs on the floor, no trees to scratch...Like where's the wild life? Mum bought me a cat-condo and some new toys but the novelty soon wore off. After my recent surgery I couldn't wait to get home. I had mum wrapped around my little old paw. She hugged and petted me even more. When mum went to work, she put me in the spare bedroom with all my stuff. And for my amusement, she left on the Discovery Channel. Me-ow!!! Big cats, wild dogs, fish and birds! I gave up trying to get them out of the box and instead just enjoyed watching them play and eat each other. By the way, I've since progressed to cartoons. "Hey mum, bring back some more catnip, will you?"

