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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Milton council's recent opposition to fluoridate water was appropriate, believes reader

Dear Editor:

This is in response to The Champion's December 13 article entitled 'Council refuses to support fluoridation of local water'.

The withdrawal of Councillor Rick Malboeuf's motion to support fluoridation was most appropriate.

I commend council for not paving the way for an effort by Halton's medical officer of health, Dr. Bob Nosal, to fluoridate the water.

I think Dr. Nosal needs to become better informed on the real cause for tooth decay, and learn more about fluoridation.

He needs to rely on factual evidence rather than what I think is misinformation provided by the fluoridation promoters.

Councillor Art Melanson is correct in that there's no more evidence to support fluoridation now than there was in the 1970s.

However, now there's much more evidence to support opposition to fluoridation than there was in the '70s.

For example, major cities in the U.S. that have had fluoridated water since 1978 or earlier, are currently experiencing a tooth decay crises.

Included on the list are New York City, Boston, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

You see, contrary to Dr. Nosal's suggestion, I don't think the source of tooth decay is a lack of fluoride.

I believe tooth decay is the result of poor diets, poor oral hygiene and a lack of access to professional dental care.

Here in Hawaii, because concerned citizens have done their homework, efforts by the fluoridation proponents to pass legislation to fluoridate our water were defeated in each of the last three sessions of our state legislature.

Their recent separate efforts to fluoridate the islands of Lanai, Molokai and Kauai were also defeated.

One more thing, don't believe Mr. Malboeuf's assertion that there are no adverse effects to fluoridation.

Many adverse effects are documented.

I suggest you check out some of the many Web sites loaded with information like www.fluoridealert.org, www.fluoride-alert.org, www.slweb.org, www.slweb.org, and www.npwa.freereserve.co.uk.

Robert Briggs,
Retired engineer
Hawaii

Local couple says thanks to E.C. Drury development builder

Dear Editor:

One day a man had a dream, to create a community for adults and seniors. He purchased land that was for sale in the heart of Milton, and he held a meeting asking seniors what they would like to see built.

One day another man had a cause, to stop the sale of this land, and a group was formed called

'Friends of E.C. Drury Park'. They visited our house seeking donations for their cause. My husband and I were curious, as we were directly behind this forest, so we did our own research.

Well, today we're privileged to live in one of those bungalows backing onto the forest. The trees are still abundant, the walkways are still there, and a pond has been added. We were

almost a year without a home, while bureaucracy took over. To the man who had a dream to give us older people a community in the heart of Milton so we can walk to the stores when we are unable to drive, we say thank you.

We see nothing but happy people on our street.
Gary and Marg Christie
Centennial Forest Drive



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