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Town should leave designation alone

We hope the Town of Milton isn't making a mistake if it decides to take away the community safety zone designation currently on a busy residential street.

As reported elsewhere in this newspaper, the Town is moving toward moving the designation on Martin Street, between Main Street and Woodward Avenue, to Main Street in front of Bishop Reding Secondary School.

While the Town points out that, according to its studies, excessive speeding hasn't been an issue on Martin Street, that may change as the population grows, and soon.

Martin Street is a busy access route to Main Street and the stretch of road that falls under the designation consists of a school and residences. We need to keep things as safe as possible there for them.

Anyone caught speeding over the posted 50 km/h limit and given a double fine isn't likely to do it again.

Changing the designation isn't a done deal yet. The community services committee approved the move, but town council has the final decision, and that will be made at its meeting January 27.

Hopefully, with some more thought, it will reverse the committee's decision.

If you believe that, I've got some land in Florida...

Oh my God! I'm rich!

On Tuesday, I received an e-mail notifying me that I won second prize in an international lottery — a whopping 1 million Euro!

And I didn't even buy a lottery ticket.

I became a millionaire, just like that.

For security reasons, I was supposed to keep the information confidential, like the e-mail requested, until my claim was processed.

But how could I keep such big news a secret?

According to the e-mail, I was selected through a computer ballot system drawn from more than 100,000 company e-mail addresses from all over the world.

If you believe I've become a millionaire, I've got some land in Florida...

It's sad but true that many people will pursue these types of e-mails and lose a lot of money in the process.

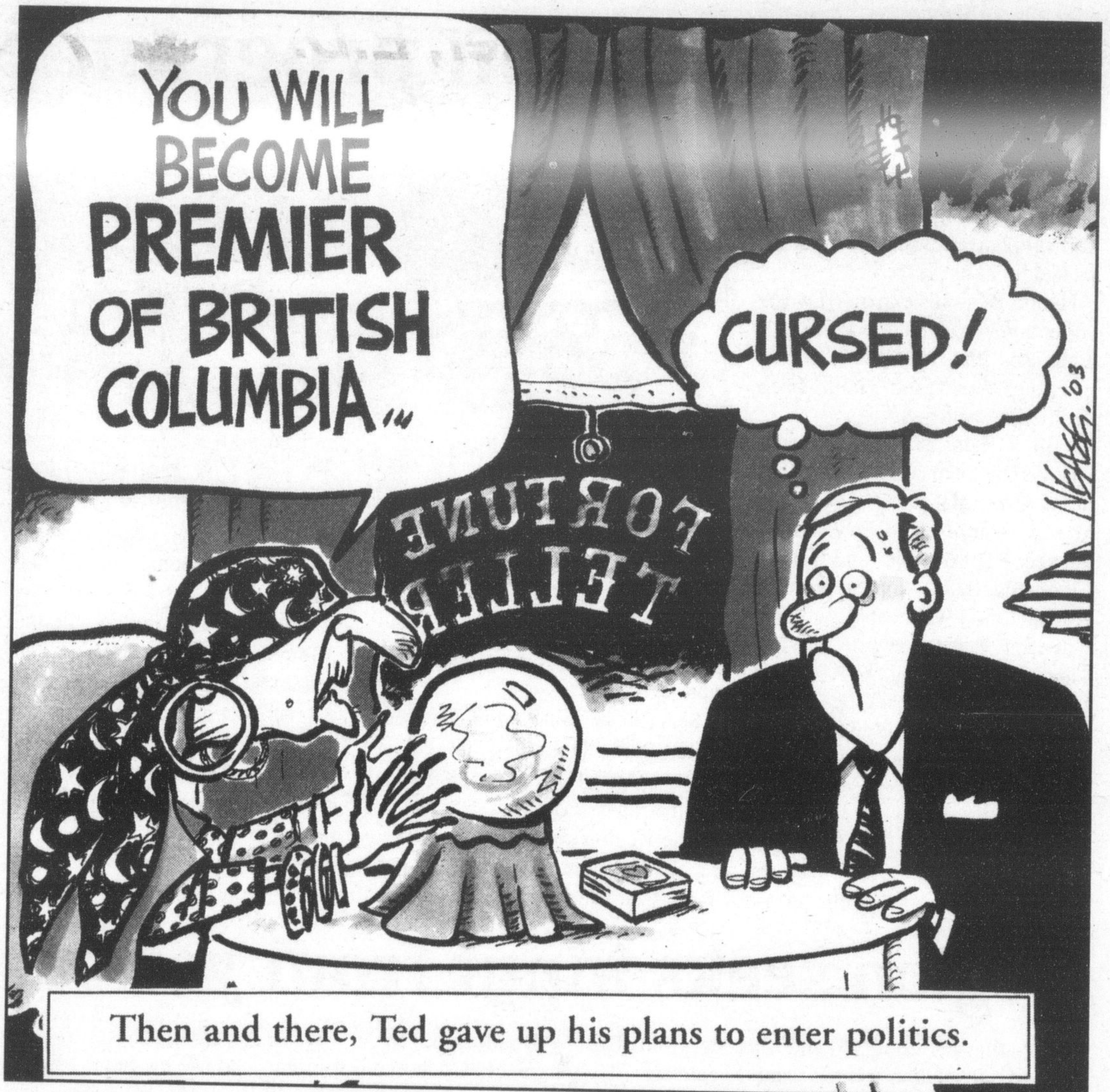
According to police, Canadians and defrauded millions of dollars a year by telephone, mail and e-mails scams.

On a recent Canadian investigative journalism program, I learned about a senior citizen in England who was notified that she had won a Canadian-based lottery.

She ended up giving away her life's savings to claim her prize, which, of course, didn't exist.

One might wonder how the woman could be so naive, however, she explained her thought process and it shed some light on the way fraud artists take advantage of people's unfortunate circumstances.

This woman was disabled, shut in and lonely and the thought of winning a large sum of money brought huge excitement to her life. She wanted to believe it was true and convinced herself that it was.



Then and there, Ted gave up his plans to enter politics.

OUR READERS WRITE

New Miltonian says he's offended by letter writer who called east housing low-income

Dear Editor:

After reading Tom Wollschlaeger's comments in January 10th Champion, I had to respond.

I found that there were a lot of valid points regarding bike trails, water quality and Main Street. I have to take offence to the "low-income family homes" reference to the east of Milton.

Many years ago I was a regular commuter into Milton while playing for the Merchants for two years. The community welcomed me and I felt I was part of the community. This impression stayed with me and when my wife and I decided to buy

our first home, we looked to Milton.

We have settled in here for two years now, and I've been surprised at the negative reactions our new community has received. Obviously, I'm not saying everyone in Milton is upset as that would be generalizing. However, my experiences, along with many of my neighbours have been very disturbing.

We've brought thousands of tax dollars and revenue into Milton and building a mall with many retail stores will surely give the bored teenagers of Milton, as I have read about so often, the opportunity to

get a part-time job.

We take our dogs for walks on the trails and admire the scenery that's very beautiful.

We shop locally, and support any local group that comes to our door.

Our "low-income family home" is far from that. I take great offence to the inappropriate and ignorant comments made by Mr. Wollschlaeger.

We take pride in our community and we thought we were also a part of a larger community called Milton.

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Hawthorne Village
Milton



From the
editor's desk

with KAREN SMITH

And the fact that the so-called lottery was Canadian-based added to her believe that it was legitimate, she said.

According to the OPP's Phone Busters — which deals with telephone fraud, but the scenario is similar — one of the most common scams is the "prize pitch."

Consumers are told they have been specially

selected to win a prize, or have been awarded one of three or two of five prizes.

These prizes usually include cash or a vehicle. The catch is, you must purchase a product and pay in advance to receive your prize.

Or, you must agree to send money in order to pay for delivery, processing, taxes, duties or some other fee in order to receive your prize. Sometimes the caller will even send a courier to pick up your money.

Then if you buy into any of the "prize pitch" schemes, according to Phone Busters, you're likely to be called again by someone claiming to be in law enforcement and promising to get your money back for you, for a fee, of course.

In a legitimate contest you don't have to purchase a product to qualify for a prize.

Just remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.