

DSRs are perfect solution in smoking controversy

It's funny how the letter-to-the-editor process works. If you get what you want, you're quiet. If you don't get what you want, you start yakking.

But, I don't know why anybody's yakking about the revision to the smoking bylaw that allows DSRs. It's the perfect solution. If you smoke, you can smoke; if you don't, you don't. And nobody bothers each other.

I don't understand the letters. There has been smoking in bars since there have been bars.

All of a sudden you're up in arms over it? For lack of anything better, your main concern is now the people who work in these places who don't smoke? If they don't smoke, they can work in the non-smoking section.

You're not going to be bothered by smoking anymore if you go to bars and don't smoke. Got that? Your fight is finished.

We all know smoking is bad, so quit with the silly lectures. Eventually it will be wiped out altogether in any public place.

I think town council did a great job in revising this bylaw. Their job isn't to legislate our morality.

What they've done is keep in mind the health risks, while also keeping in mind that Milton businesses need not be put at a disadvantage to surrounding communities. They're not trying to save the world, and it's not their job.

Eighty percent of people who go to bars smoke. Was there a public outcry from those 80 per cent?

Or the other 20 per cent? Hardly. It was a flawed decision-making process from the start.

If I'm a bar owner and I have to decide between allowing smoking or going out of business, what choice do I have? Once people aren't allowed to smoke anywhere, then I'm on the same playing field. I can deal with that.

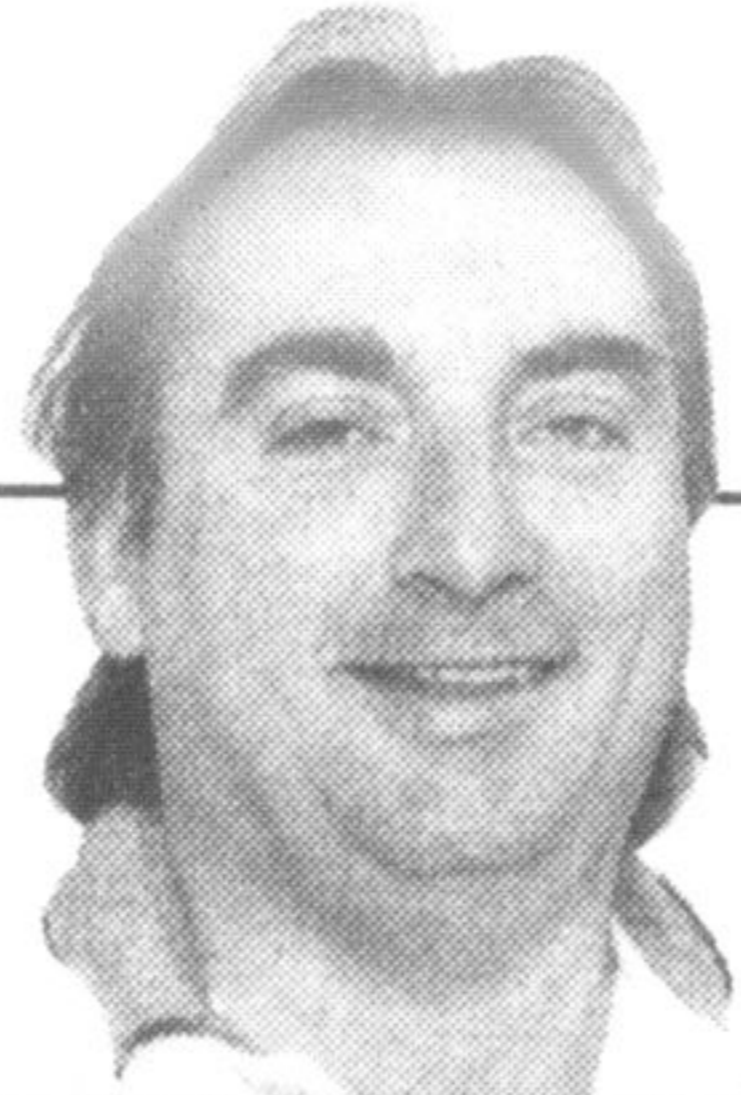
Nobody's saying health isn't a good thing to be concerned about, but the councillors weren't voting in favour of smoking, for crying out loud.

Don't be ridiculous. As far as I'm concerned, they were voting

in favour of Milton, savvy government, and common sense. You want to name the councillors?

I will, too. John Challinor, Rick Day, Ron Furik, Art Melanson, Brian Penman and Mayor Gord Krantz are being responsible to those who voted them into office, while at the same time protecting the rights of those who would be affected by our freedom of choice. That's what I want from our local government.

Okay, so we're all concerned about smoking and health concerns. Let's really do something and cut it off at the source. You



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don't go into a henhouse full of wolves and nail up a sign that says 'No Wolves Allowed'.

You don't let them get in in the first place, or you offer them a viable alternative. Our high schools have crowds of kids outside smoking away — off school property of course, so the school isn't responsible. Let's get people in those schools with programs to steer them away from smoking.

The kids already know it's bad for them, so give them an alternative or incentive. Maybe make them go to cancer clinics where people are battling lung cancer. And if you want to make a bylaw, make it illegal to smoke in Milton unless you're 19, and then enforce it.

Instead of paying money for smoke police to investigate bars, how about putting that money toward smoking cessation programs in Milton.

If you want to do some grandstanding, that's one thing, but if you really want to do something, start in the right places.

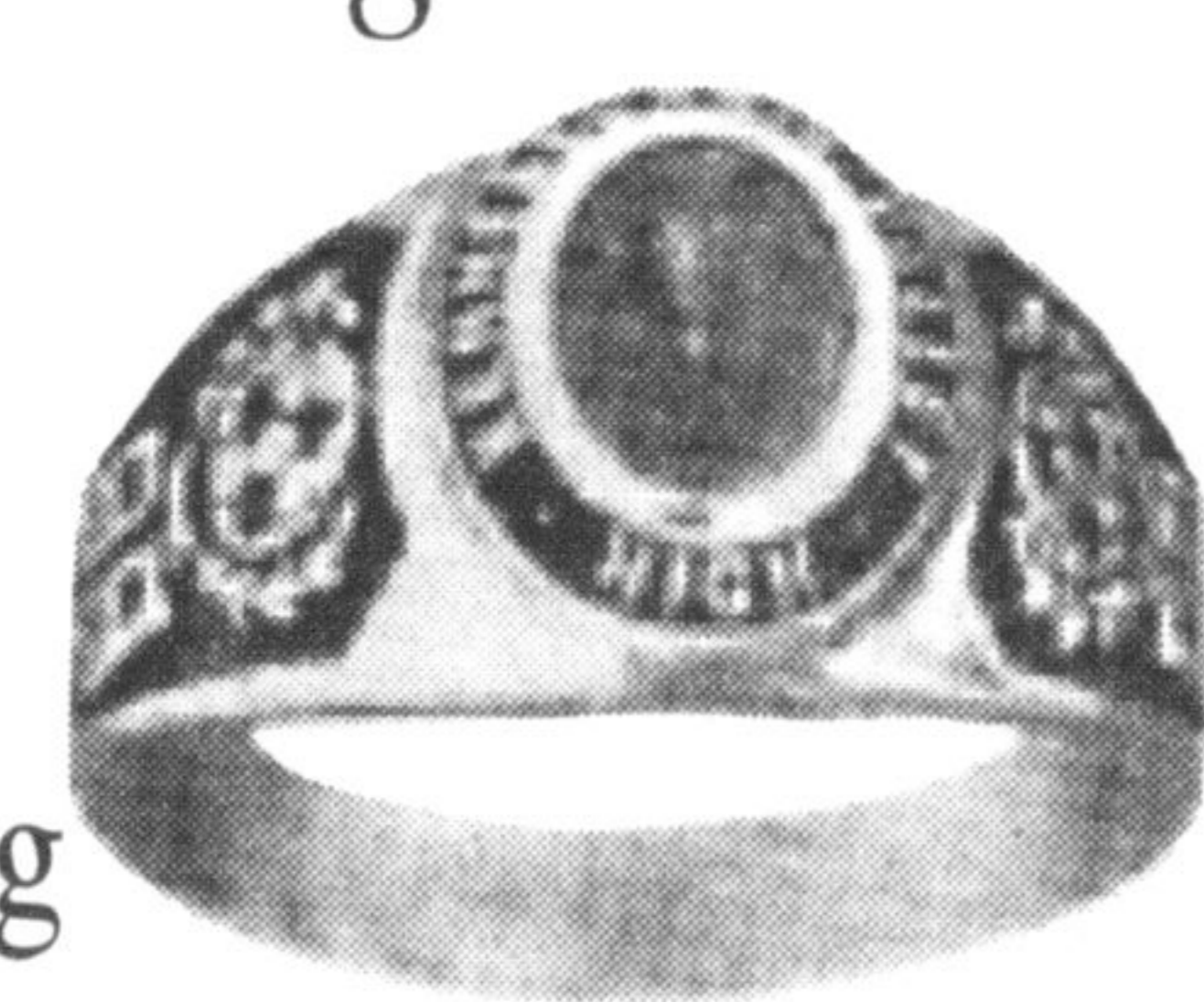
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