



# COMMENT

## Seeing justice in bike thefts next on agenda

With numerous disturbing events taking place all around us lately, it's nice to have a good-news story on the front page today.

The story followed the outpouring of kindness and generosity of numerous business owners and citizens who didn't hesitate to come to the aid of the Riders Ready program after its 19 BMX bikes were stolen.

Not only did people quickly jump on board to replace the stolen bikes, they donated enough bikes and cash to largely expand the non-profit program.

We're thrilled with the response from the community, but, quite honestly, not surprised. We've seen the kindness and generosity of the town's business people and citizens on a regular basis.

This time, though, the giving represents more than a helping hand. It tells these special needs children that the community cares.

After someone cruelly took away the kids' precious bikes, the large number of donations restores the children's faith in people — the good in people.

Now, finding those responsible for the theft and seeing justice served will make the good-news story complete.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Reader disgusted by BMX bike thefts

Dear Editor:

I live in Courtice, Ont., but my husband and I were born and raised in the greatest small town in the world — Milton.

Our families own businesses there, including Genuine Gold Connection and Durante's Auto Service and Towing.

I couldn't believe it when I read in last Friday's Champion about the 19 special needs bikes that were stolen in town last week.

I've always been proud of Milton and the people who live there.

Those who stole the bikes should be

ashamed to call themselves Miltonians, if in fact they are. If they know what's good for them they'll return those bikes as soon as possible.

As punishment they should be forced to work with social needs children. Then maybe they would realize what affect such a thing can have on someone.

In the end it would be a valuable lesson for them.

Our family business would be happy to donate a bike to replace one of those stolen.

**Michelle Durante Mangotich**  
Courtice, Ont.

### Intersection not planned well, man agrees

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly agree with J. Swainson's complaint about the design and development of the Thompson Road and Steeles Avenue intersection. It would be helpful if our councillors took more leadership on the issue.

Compare the design of the Main and Martin streets intersection to every other one in town.

At Main and Martin streets, we have a walkable streetscape with two and three-storey buildings built right up to the sidewalk and parking in the rear.

That invites you to stay and spend some time by providing an assort-

ment of commercial opportunities and interesting architecture.

Elsewhere we have pavement and non-descript one-storey commercial strips that encourage quick in and out traffic and the resultant pollution and congestion. Pedestrians don't stand a chance.

Imagine if we designed all our intersections like our downtown. We would have many places in Milton that people could actually walk to, shop, have an ice cream on a summer's day and talk with our neighbours.

These ideas aren't new. They're actually being implemented in other cities and towns across

Ontario. All it takes is zoning that allows for two, three and four-storey buildings along our main streets and design controls that require rear-placed parking.

Heck, we might even get some affordable rental housing above the stores.

Mayor Gord Krantz says that he has a vision for Milton and that's why he has decided to run again. I hope his vision and that of all the other candidates in the coming election includes reclaiming our streets and intersections from endless asphalt and miserable design.

**Jim Murphy**  
Beaver Court

### Thanks to all who supported golf tournament: organizer

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament Committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to each and every individual who took part in the tournament.

This includes the sponsors, prize donators, golfers, and staff at Hornby Glen Golf Course.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snow, the Kinsmen Club and the volunteers.

For myself personally, I'd like to thank the Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament Committee members and anyone else that I might have missed.

**Mike Boughton, organizer**  
Golfing 4 Cancer Tournament

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