

Comment

Contaminated leaders

It's disgraceful that provincial and feder- situation as "jurisdictional haggling." al officials would play political hot potato with the lives of 2,000 human beings.

Rather than taking the lead in bringing urgently needed medical care to residents of the remote Kashechewan Reserve — eral permission. Technically he's right that where the water supply has been unfit for the reserve falls under federal jurisdiction, years - Ontario Natural Resources but from a strictly humanitarian perspec-Minister David Ramsey spent the early part tive this reluctance to step on the toes of of this week discussing the critical situation bureaucrats in Ottawa shows little respect with federal Indian Affairs Minister Andy for these people's lives. The Province has Scott.

community on the shore of James Bay have the to address this post-Walkerton crisis. faced a boil-water advisory for two years Meanwhile, our federal government is and intermittent advisories since 2000 - reportedly responsible for building the the same year Walkerton's E-coli-tainted reserve's 10-year-old water treatment plant water supply killed seven people. downstream from sewage lagoons.

McGuinty finally ordered the evacuation of water to the region, before last week's 1,100 residents - many of whom are evacuation little had been done to correct infected with the scabies parasite and the these deplorable living conditions - combacterial skin infection impetigo - to parable to those found in many Third Sudbury and outlying areas.

grand chief for the Mushkegowuk people doubt it would have taken government so

According to Ramsey, it's a question of jurisdictional etiquette. The Province wanted to help out, he said, but found itself without the authority to do so without fedknown about the region's water woes for The residents of the northern Ontario the last two years and has done precious lit-

On Wednesday, Premier Dalton While Ottawa has been supplying bottled World countries.

Did it have to come this this?

The problem was allowed to become a In a Toronto Star report, Stan Loutit, crisis. It didn't have to be that way. We who live on the reserve, summarized the long to act if it had happened in Milton.





Town of Milton needs to start running like a real business and stop wasting money

Dear Editor:

being put up.

increase in taxes town council is going to wouldn't survive for too long. impose on us?

On the subject of affordable housing

that people have been writing about to While taking my morning walk around the newspaper, will these same people town recently, I noticed new street signs buying these affordable houses be able to afford the taxes?

What was wrong with the old signs? If private industry ran businesses the Are the new signs supposed to justify the way towns are run by politicians, they

> Agostino Galioto Milton

Mayor's views on traffic situation disturbing

Dear Editor:

the traffic issues in Milton was awe- tion on this street, along with the avoid left-hand turners. inspiring.

If this is truly the way he views ful that the celebration of his 25 facilities. retirement.

held on Thompson Road, he proba- intersection. People are walking on

bly hasn't seen it since it was semi-lit road shoulders when drivlack of a left hand-turn signal from The back-up is so bad that it can northbound Thompson doesn't even only be a matter of time before a car the subject, we should all be hope- allow you to get to public transit is hit by a train because of gridlock.

the street to our 'work'. Since very corner of Laurier Avenue and the facilities built. few ribbon-cutting ceremonies are Thompson every time I use that

Mayor Gord Krantz's response to bounded by cornfields. The conges- ers are going onto the shoulder to

I can only imagine what it will be years as mayor soon goes hand-in- Not only that, but the situation is like when the latest subdivision is hand with the celebration of his extremely dangerous. Because of fully occupied, to say nothing of driver frustration, people are taking whenever the construction crews at Perhaps he thinks we should all ridiculous risks just getting onto the the new Loblaws site get tired of get jobs that allow us to walk across street. I see cars run red lights at the pushing dirt around and actually get

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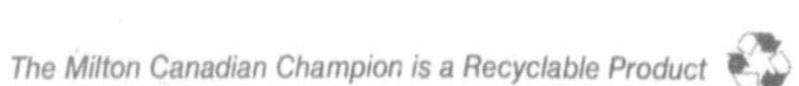












Milton council just doesn't seem to be listening

Dear Editor,

Every week The Champion publishes letters to the editor that clearly speak to all of the many problems caused by uncontrolled growth in Milton.

Yet it still appears that we're moving blindly ahead, with little or no regard for what is happening to the residents of Milton.

For instance, in the October 14 Champion there was an article about a large residential subdivision with almost 2,000 homes being proposed for land at the northeast corner of Derry and Tremaine roads and another 597 homes being targeted for the south side of

Main Street West, abutting the above-mentioned subdivision.

Is it the developers who are driving our direction, our Town staff or our town council? One thing is crystal clear; it's not the citizens of Milton, for it truly appears that no one is listening to their concerns.

If our current Town council isn't listening to the valid concerns of its electorate, then perhaps we need to change our council. Come next election, I'm sure the citizens of Milton will be heard.

Bob Beyette Milton

by Steve Nease

