

# Region needs to truly encourage residents to cut back on their waste

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 changed our cooking and eating habits — both to conserve energy and to generate less waste. We brought our lunches to work in reusable containers and if going to Tim Hortons, we used their china mugs and plates versus their throw-away paper cups and bags.

We also started to read newspapers on-line versus getting the paper copies, and we've been trying to get marketers and the post office to stop sending us junk mail as well. We even tried to get Bell Canada to stop dropping off those huge, and will never be used, bulky telephone books.

We compost nearly everything that leaves the kitchen and anything that's not composted is always recycled.

We now put out much less than a half bag of garbage per week and a half full blue box of recyclables every second week. As we compost all kitchen scraps, we have no organic materials that could go to a green cart program such as the Region is now trying.

I believe that like many others in Halton, we too are doing more than our bit to help reduce what's going to the landfill. However, our costs — via our taxes — have skyrocketed beyond belief, and from what I gather with the Region's

planned green cart program that many don't want or need, will be going up once again.

We've paid hard-earned dollars to be extremely waste management conscious and garbage-reduction proactive, yet we keep getting hit with tax increases that the Region says is to cover the garbage pick-up component and other trash disposal services.

As we live in a higher tax-assessed home, our garbage-tax component is much higher than those who live in lower tax-assessed homes and yet might produce more trash than us.

In my opinion, the Region's thinking on how to reduce what's going to landfill is somewhat archaic, and is clearly not grounded on today's available technology, nor the proper use of citizen change-thinking incentives.

It appears to be more driven by a big brother/sister way of thinking, while at the same time taking even more tax dollars while we try to generate less garbage.

If citizens use less water, electricity or fuel, they pay less. Why not the same type of incentive thinking for garbage disposal? Why are costs for garbage disposal services treated differently?

It should be the other way around; those producing much

less garbage for disposal should pay much less garbage disposal costs. Wouldn't you think this is the more fair method?

The Region needs to actively promote waste reduction by making it bottom-line attractive to the citizens' wallet. The less you generate, the less you pay. It should be that simple. But it's not.

Buying products with less packaging, installing and using kitchen-sink garbage disposal units, increasing backyard composting and getting the Region, marketers and Bell Canada to stop sending us what we don't want will all help to reduce the amount of materials going to the landfill.

With today's technology, the Region could even safely incinerate trash and produce badly needed electricity at the same time, saving even more landfill space and generating revenue that would further help to reduce taxes.

Others are doing it, why not Halton?

To reduce what's going to the landfill, what Halton citizens need are garbage reduction incentives linked to tax reductions, not more waste management strategy spin and more tax increases.

**BOB BEYETTE  
 CAMPBELLVILLE**

## Halton MP should have run as an independent

(The following letter was addressed to Halton MP Garth Turner, and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I was one of many Canadians who donated time and money to see the Conservatives win the last federal election.

I'm a constituent of Halton riding, but to be totally honest I only voted for Garth Turner because he was the Conservative candidate in my riding.

Like many Canadians, I was disappointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper allowing — or encouraging — David Emerson to cross the floor after the election, just as I was outraged by the Belinda Stronach defection.

I need Turner to explain to me how his behaviour is any different from Emerson's or Stronach's.

His constituents elected a Conservative candidate and it seems to me that he's rapidly becoming an independent.

His ideals do seem lofty, but they would be so much more credible if he had adopted them before the election by running as the independent candidate he wants to be.

Turner has stated repeatedly that he intends to represent his constituents' wishes in Ottawa. Let me be very clear, this constituent wants a strong and united Conservative government under Harper's leadership in Ottawa.

**DAVID FUERTH  
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## Man charged with possession of seeds containing weeds

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of The Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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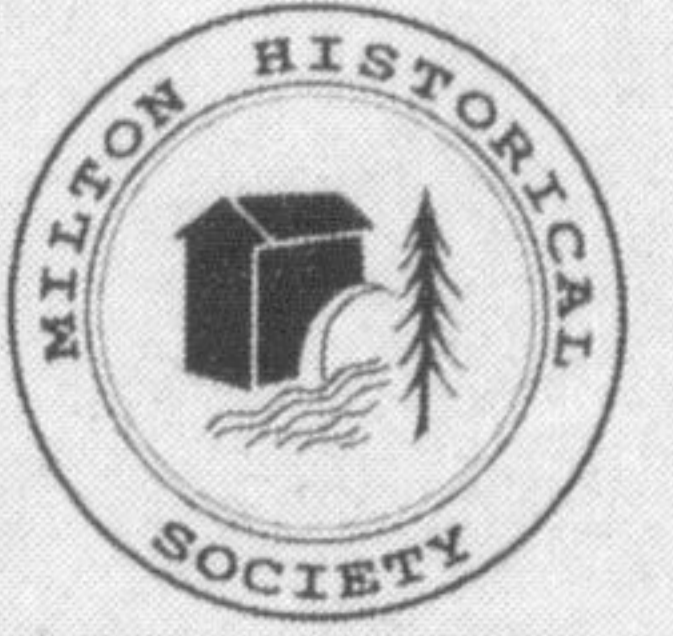
D.A. Brooks, of Georgetown, appeared before R.D. Warren J.P. charged with "having in his possession seeds containing weeds." Last March the Dominion Inspector of Seeds called at the defendant's place of business, found that he had seeds which did not look pure, took a sample and sent it to the analyst at Ottawa, who reported that he found weed seeds. The defendant was convicted and the magistrate imposed a nominal fine, 25¢ and costs, as a warning to seed dealers generally to be careful what they sell. If others offend they will not get off so easily.

Archie McGibbon, the newly appointed governor of Halton's jail, got home from Saskatchewan on Friday evening and came to Milton on Monday. On account of the establishment of a new post office in his neighborhood in Saskatchewan, the telegram and letters informing him of his appointment were three weeks in reaching him. He will begin his duties as soon as the necessary papers have been "signed, sealed and delivered."

The excursion and picnic last Thursday 18th to Toronto Island in connection with the Sunday Schools of Grace Church and All Saints, Terra Cotta, was a great success and largely attended. The proceeds from the sale of tickets went a little over \$200. Terra Cotta turned out well, contributing more than half of the amount guaranteed to the railway. The C.P.R. gave a splendid train service and the trainmen could not have been more polite than they were. At the Bay Street crossing the passengers were let off and taken on the train on the track next to the water, so as to avoid all danger of accident.

Dr. and Mrs. Stuart have removed to Guelph. The doctor left on

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Monday evening and Mrs. Stuart followed him on Tuesday morning. Both have long been among the most prominent and popular residents of the town. Dr. Stuart has practised here for about a quarter of a century and has a very high professional standing particularly as a surgeon. He is vice president of the Ontario Medical Council. He is well known at Guelph where he has performed many important operations at the hospitals and he has gone to that city on account of the larger field for practice which it affords him.

On Tuesday 15th Benjamin Howden of Esquesing went to Toronto to hire a farm hand. He engaged one Wm. Brown, aged 48, who had just arrived, having come straight through from England. Brown looked healthy and strong, Mr. Howden says. He worked with a hoe on Wednesday and on Thursday morning, but at dinner he said he did not feel well, got up from the table and went out. As he did not return a search was made and in about two hours after dinner he was found dead in a wheat field. As so little was known about him, nobody saw him die or knew the cause of the death. Dr. McColl, coroner, opened an inquest in the evening and an adjournment was made until the post mortem examination.

The members of Acton band had a narrow escape from a serious accident while en route to Eden Mills garden party on Wednesday evening 17th. The sudden appearance of an automobile was the cause of all the trouble. The result was their rig was upset and most of the members were either shaken up or had their uniforms and instruments damaged.

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