

Proposed housing development will negatively impact Main St. W.

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to inform you and your readers of the ongoing Central Milton Holdings application for now 298 homes within the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) area, north of Main Street West and west of Bronte Street.

At the Town's planning and administration committee meeting Tuesday — check out the Town Web site milton.ca for the report — the committee decided to defer making a decision on the application pending further discussions with the developer.

This was after hearing from three delegations opposing the application and a staff presentation that outlined the lack of details, poor planning and delays in submitting reports from the developer to staff and other agencies.

This application has been before council, the NEC and provincial agencies for more than seven years, and the developer has still not presented an acceptable application to all these bodies, and now with the

new Greenbelt legislation probably wouldn't be approved under current provincial policies.

But still some councillors want to find an acceptable number and believe that development on this and potentially other NEC areas is inevitable.

Throughout the meeting not one councillor asked what the impact of this development and others west of Bronte Street would have on existing residents in the Main and Bronte area, who won't only have to endure the construction in this area, but also the funneling of thousands of cars from this and the other 1,000-plus homes that have been approved west of Bronte Street onto two lane rural roads, which was not even considered in the staff report and also no schedule for upgrading to handle the impact of these developments.

This application as well as others could result in turning Main Street West between Bronte Street and Tremaine Road into the same condition

that Thompson Road is south of Derry Road now.

I would ask interested residents to call their councillors and attend the council meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and let council know their concerns before it makes a decision on council's position at the joint board hearing, which is scheduled for July.

I would also ask councillors to ask themselves that considering the track record of Central Milton Holdings in the delays, the last-minute submissions and the lack of consultations with residents and staff, do they honestly think residents on the west side of town are going to be positively impacted by this development?

I would ask the people of Milton, not just the ones affected by this development, to understand what could occur here.

**COLIN BEST
MAIN STREET WEST**

Drivers' impatience is creating some dangerous situations on area roads

DEAR EDITOR:

For months now I've been reading about and experiencing the traffic chaos that we've all been put through by the powers that be in their haste to do whatever it takes to ensure that the developers get everything they want.

I'm still not sure why James Snow Parkway was closed before Thompson Road was upgraded to handle the increase in traffic, or even why the new homes on the east side of Thompson were put so close to the road that the widening of it will surely encroach on the buffer zone — green space — that the existing residents on the west side have enjoyed for years.

As a commuter, I'd much rather drive down a roadway lined with trees than one lined with fences. Nice work, guys. Anyway, I'm getting off topic. Every morning I drive to work in Mississauga along Derry Road, where I now get to enjoy one of the many benefits of poorly-planned

expansion — sitting in traffic. One of the highlights of this trip is the continuous roadway bottle-necking at every intersection, and the inability of some people to simply wait their turn.

James Snow Parkway is my favourite. Most people stay in the left lane and go through in an orderly fashion, while some — whose time must be much more important than most — race up the right lane so they can cut in on the east side of the intersection, causing more congestion.

If we can't count on people to drive responsibly, perhaps the Region can put up barriers to block off extra lanes until such a time when the road is completely finished.

Trafalgar Road is another highlight, but I'll save that rant for another day.

**DAVE MORAN
SUNNYVALE CRESCENT**

Meeting held to discuss plans for dealing with horse thieves

'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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A meeting has been held in Milton for the purpose of forming an association for the protection of property and the arrest and prosecution of all offenders, and more particularly that slippery gent known as the horse thief. Between 40 and 50 people enrolled their names, paid their subscriptions and signified their readiness to lend a hand to lift the thief well off the ground as soon as a convenient limb could be found to throw a rope over. Arch. McGibbon was unanimously chosen as president, W.J. Clements, vice president; J.H. Peacock, secretary; M. Dice, treasurer. Two directors were selected from each township and three from the town of Milton with instructions from all present to spare no expense in their efforts to recover any property stolen and to prosecute the thief. This society will constitute itself as a strong vigilance committee and woe betide the thief that comes with its grasp.

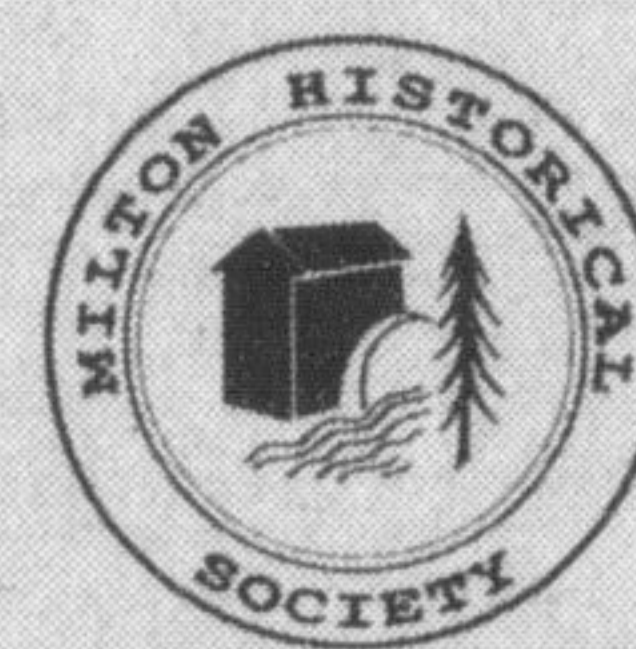
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Messrs. P.M. McKay's Sons grocery store was burglarized on Monday night. This burglary made the fourth in Milton within about two months and in every case the spoil was groceries or provisions. It is believed that the thieves are residents of the town who are feeding themselves at the expense of their neighbours.

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Milton's semi-centennial celebration will cover three days, next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but the last will be the big day. It will be a civic holiday. The town bell will ring at 5 a.m. and there will be a cannon salute at 5:30. The band will parade at 6. The trades procession, Milton past and present, will start at 9:30. At 1 p.m. there will be a procession, band, firemen, friendly societies, Milton old boys and Miltonians who have lived here fifty years or

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over, town council and county officials. At 2 p.m. there will be speeches by old boys and some others. At 3 p.m. athletic sports will begin, a baseball match Milton vs. Toronto Junction and foot races. In the evening there will be a band concert and fireworks. A number of ex-residents have signified their intention to be present.

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The Milton jubilee souvenir booklets were illustrated and printed by Grip Limited, Toronto. They are very handsome. Copies can be had at E.C. Featherstone's photograph gallery and stationery store, or will be mailed to any address on receipt of price, 25¢.

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On Monday evening a married couple, who were guests at a Milton hotel, were going upstairs when an insulting remark was addressed to them by a man in the hall who came to Canada from Scotland a few years ago and has posed as an ex prize fighter. The husband passed on, left his wife upstairs, but returned immediately and demanded an apology. This was refused, and the result was an adjournment to the back yard, where the alleged slugger got the surprise of his life. He was much the heavier man of the two, but before he had time to exhibit any of his science, if he had any, he was on his back, and he no sooner got up than he was down again. The Canuck gave him a fine thrashing and nobody gave the supposed prize fighter any sympathy.

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Recently appointed Jailer McGibbon and his family took possession of the residence portion of the county buildings a few days ago.

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