

Region's recycling rates are too high

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm a part-time employee at a small industrial company here in Milton.

My work is made up of various tasks generally comprised of maintenance-oriented and routine jobs to facilitate the general upkeep and appearance of the plant. One of my responsibilities is the collection of accumulated cardboard around the building, done on a bi-monthly basis.

This usually amounts to about a full pick-up truck's worth of material, which I then bring to the Halton waste management facility on Highway 25 for recycling.

In previous trips to the facility I've been charged a \$5 flat rate, and on some occasions paid nothing at all for the deposit of this cardboard.

So I was quite taken aback when I found myself paying \$7 on my most recent stop. Apparently a change in rates for

commercial users of the facility, effective February 6 of this year, has dictated that I now pay 98 cents per kilogram of cardboard for any load I bring that's greater than 50 kg.

Incidentally, and for reasons beyond my comprehension, this is the same rate the Region charges for general waste.

The presence of recycling bins at this facility would suggest that recycling is an important part of its mandate as a waste management — not just a waste — disposal site. Why then, would the Region not want to encourage the use of these recycling facilities rather than make businesses think twice about doing what's right?

The company I work for has a garbage bin on the property in which general waste can be disposed of and picked up once a week for a set fee. My question to the Region of Halton then, is this: If recycling is to be encour-

aged in Halton Region, what is my employer's incentive for sending me on a trip to your facility (where fuel and labor costs are added expenses) to pay additional waste disposal fees if they can throw out the cardboard on their own property at no additional cost?

As of this moment, I'm not sure if this appalling decision to charge these rates will result in our discontinued use of this site. The irony in this turn of events is that this impractical decision to charge for recyclables will only result in decreased use of these recycling facilities, which I can only imagine is the opposite of what the Region is seeking to achieve — not to mention the potential loss of the added revenue it seeks to gain.

And as is the case all too often, it's the environment that will suffer the most.

STEPHAN GUENTHER

Thanks to all who supported Run 4 Rett

DEAR EDITOR:

On May 7 we held the second annual Run 4 Rett at E.C. Drury High School.

It was tremendously successful, with approximately 400 participants raising \$40,000 for Rett Syndrome research.

This year we had several special guests. First and foremost were the girls afflicted with Rett Syndrome who traveled from across the province to participate in the day.

We also had some of the leading Rett Syndrome researchers attend as well, telling us that our funds from last year have allowed them to further their important work, and the run was officially opened by the incredibly-gracious three-time Olympic medalist Becky Kellar from the

Canadian women's hockey team.

Once again, Milton supported our cause in a big way. Local businesses such as Subway — all four locations — Water Depot, Q-Stop, Gordon Foods, C. Turner Medical, Foot Tools, GoodLife Fitness, Troy's Diner and Halton Party Rental were incredibly generous, and we wish to thank them for their donations.

We also want to extend our gratitude to everyone who volunteered, participated, and made donations — many of them family, friends and patients of Milton Physiotherapy.

Thanks Milton, we couldn't have done it without your support.

JUDY BOIVIN
CO-ORDINATOR, RUN 4 RETT

Pet owners should keep their cats indoors

DEAR EDITOR:

Since moving to the Hawthorne Village neighbourhood of Milton two years ago, my wife and I have enjoyed living in a community on the fringe of a farm area.

We did, however, notice one peculiar aspect of living in this development so close to farm land — an abundance of signs for missing cats.

I never thought twice about this odd quirk of life, assuming that many of the unfortunate animals had been killed by the large volume of traffic on Derry Road.

That was until I mentioned this to a longtime farm resident who explained to me a far more sinister possible explanation for the disappearances.

Apparently this rural area has

a healthy population of coyotes who might potentially treat a pet cat as food and hunt them as such. This threat of coyotes — combined with the dangerous traffic on Derry Road — should be ample incentive for responsible cat owners to keep their pets inside at all times.

V. ROGER
COLLIS COURT

Despite steep cost of building, construction on the rise in Milton

'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.

October 1907

Though work and materials have been expensive there has been more building in Milton this year than usual. Some fine brick dwellings have been erected and operations have just been begun on two more by T.D. Hume on (83 & 93) Victoria Street and W.J. Dewar on (86) Martin St.

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About three years ago the town council put a high-grade cement crossing, at considerable expense, on Main Street, opposite the Bank of Hamilton. It was so high that it was awkward for heavily loaded wagons, and badly jolted lighter rigs going over it at moderate speed. By order of the present council, it has been torn up this week. The work employed several men for a couple of days.

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The Milton Brick Company is now installing a new and improved Boyd Press in its works. They have been running four of these presses during the past year and find that they cannot supply the demand for their high class bricks without more plant, although each press has a capacity of turning out 20,000 bricks in a day. The orders are so many that the plant is working its full capacity. This company runs the whole year.

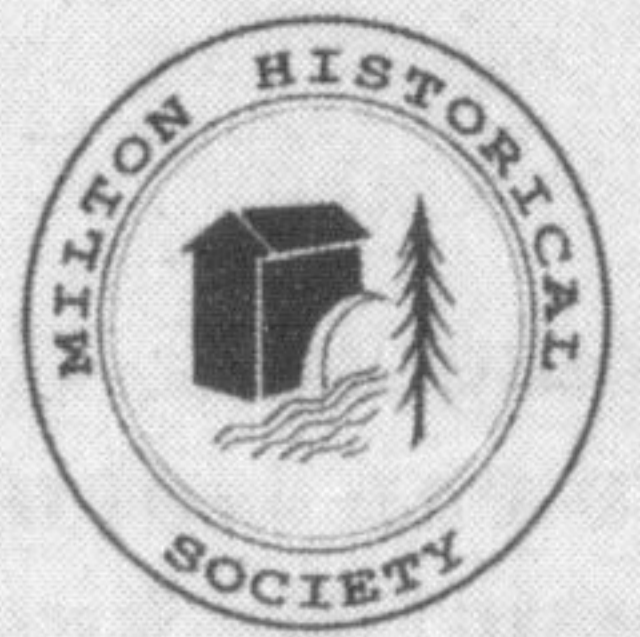
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Rev. P.T. Mignot, formerly rector of Grace Church, has resigned the rectorship of Castel Church, Guernsey, Channel Islands. His health is not vigorous and he has to administer and manage the large estate of his father-in-law, who died lately and left everything to Mrs. Mignot, his only child.

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The public school was closed on Friday on account of the (fall) fair and Principal Inman spent that day and Saturday shooting on Burlington Bay. He brought home ten large

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ducks, mostly red heads and mallards.

November 1907

Mr. McLean, of the Department of Public Work, was in town yesterday. He came to inspect the roads included in the new county system on which there will be payments due by the government for work done. At the request of Warden Ford, who was here too, he went to Burlington to inspect the toll road purchased by the county some time ago. The amount payable to the county for roads and machinery at the end of the year will be about \$3,000.

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Messrs. Jerome & Houston have bought out the hardware business of John T. Hannant. They will take possession about next Tuesday and H.H. Freeman, the veteran of the trade in Milton, will stay with them for some time, after which he may go to Vancouver to join his son Henry, who has been there about a year.

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A very successful meeting was held at the Hotel McGibbon last Friday evening, when the Milton Hockey Club was re-organized for the season. The following officers were elected: Hon. Presidents, Judge Gorham, J.S. McCannell, C.J. Lewis; Pres. A. Higginbotham; Sec-treas. R. Fleming; Captain, M. Campbell; Manager J.D. McGibbon; Managing Committee C.B. Lewis, Geo. Patterson, M. Telfer and M. Campbell. It was decided, after much discussion, not to enter the team in the O.H.A. this season, but to play local teams. The boys will have a very strong seven and with a little practice will be hard to beat. Some of the veterans have promised to turn out and help the boys.

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