

# Town council doesn't deserve all the criticism it has been receiving

DEAR EDITOR:

Lately I've noticed that our town council has been receiving some very negative comments.

It's at this time that I would like to relate a positive story about our town council and staff.

Recently I had an issue with a company that involved me making several phone calls to get the issue fixed.

The situation was, to say the least, very frustrating and time consuming.

I had been trying to get this issue corrected since last November.

The company would never return my calls.

The company gave me several dates that the problem would be fixed, but the days just kept coming and going.

The situation also made it quite dangerous for citizens because the sidewalk in front of my home had developed a sink hole under it as a result of the work the company had done.

In May, I contacted Mayor Gord Krantz. The mayor and his staff were most helpful. They contacted the company and finally my situation was corrected.

I truly believe if it wasn't for the mayor and his staff, my problem and the dangerous sidewalk wouldn't have been

corrected.

I think some people fail to realize what a difficult job the mayor and his staff have. You can't please all of the people all of the time, and it's unfortunate that only those who are displeased write in to the newspaper.

I think it's time that the public realize that many good things come out of town council. My sincerest thanks go out to the mayor and his staff for their valuable help in solving my issue.

BETTY SMIRLE  
MILTON

# Mayor's recent comments regarding town's growth are highly questionable

DEAR EDITOR:

I can't speak for all residents of Milton, but I don't have anything of significance laying around from 1965. So why should a politician be in office that long?

When Mayor Gord Krantz comments that building all these roads would have increased Milton's debt, I say what does he expect — that growth comes for free?

I think the deal with Mattamy will in no way affect their profitability, but will only build on their fine national reputation.

One should wonder whether the mayor's feet dragging on this issue caused many would-be buyers to go to another community, thus robbing us of increased revenues within the town's borders.

By all accounts, Krantz presents himself as a forward-thinking mayor, but where was this

enlightened thinking when all residents had to endure longer travel times as a result of congestion on area roads, which couldn't cope with the volumes?

In the end, I believe the only truth that shines through is the present mayor's continual support of the established Victorian communities within the town's borders, where property values have exploded. This only feeds the 'us and them' mentality, and does nothing to draw this fine town together as a whole.

I ask that all who are concerned about the future of this fine town ask themselves, "What has Mayor Krantz done for the town lately?" I know what my answer will be on election day.

GLENN CORBETT  
MILTON

# Just exactly who is driving town's future?

DEAR EDITOR:

At the last town council meeting, I asked our council to request the consultant who's completing Destiny Milton 2 on behalf of the Town to indicate where each of the vision directions originated from.

Did they come from the Province, the Region or were

they posed by our town councillors, town staff or come from Milton citizens?

The question was asked so that, as taxpaying citizens and soon-to-be electorate again, we could all clearly see who's defining our future.

I wouldn't want to hear that it was the citizens of Milton who directed where we should be

going to in our future and how fast we should be getting there, if in fact it wasn't the citizens who did so.

We need to know, don't we? Just who is painting our future?

BOB BEYETTE  
MILTON

# Milton families in dire need of provisions to get through winter

'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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Toronto is not the only place where help is needed to help mothers and babies tide over the winter. Owing to the temporary shutting down of the two brick yards for machinery repairs, and the very severe weather, there is some hardship and want amongst many who have come to Milton in the past year or two and have not yet been able to get upon their feet. Fuel, food and bed clothing are most needed. Any contributions sent to the Rev. A.J. Belt will be gladly received and distributed. Immediate help is needed.

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Up to last week the weather of this part of Canada had been exceptionally mild, though there was plenty of snow. Last Thursday morning conditions changed with a vengeance. Toronto Observatory reported a temperature of 14° below (F). At Milton it was 15° below. Tuesday morning was a record breaker, 18° below at Toronto and 20° below here. Tuesday was the coldest day since February 6, 1905.

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The Halton Press Association meeting at Georgetown decided that in view of the increased cost of all printers' materials and higher printers' wages, advertising rates and rates for job work should be increased. Up to the present time though there has been a general rise elsewhere, in Halton they have not been changed within thirty years. A rise in subscription rates is among the possibilities being considered.

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The residence of Wm. B. Gunby, Nelson, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon last. The fire originated upstairs, it is supposed from a defective chimney. It was first noticed by the eldest daughter, who immediately called her brother and they made every effort to extinguish the blaze but it soon got beyond their

Milton  
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Capsules



control. Neighbors came to their assistance and most of the contents of the house downstairs were removed but their clothes, bedding and everything upstairs were consumed. Loss estimated at \$1,000; no insurance. Mr. Gunby was away at Waterdown at the time of the fire. He is already making preparations to rebuild (Burlington Gazette).

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The Nelson Telephone Company, Ltd., has been given a charter by the Ontario Government to operate a phone system in Nelson and Trafalgar townships. Authorized capital is \$10,000, and head office is at Lowville. Farmers and others wanting phones should apply to Geo. Ramshaw, Secretary, Lowville.

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On Thursday Clare Ford, aged 10, son of Jas. Ford, 1st Concession, Trafalgar, was operating a cutting box with the assistance of a hired boy, Clare's left hand was drawn into the machine, the two first fingers were cut off at the first joint, and the other two were badly mangled. The boy was brought to town and left at the residence of the surgeon who dressed his wounds. There was great difficulty in getting here. In several places shovels had to be used to open up a road through the huge snow drifts.

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Since the last time it drifted every one seemed afraid to break the track on the road from James Peddie's gate to Peter Peddie's gate (Regional Road 25 south of the 5 Sideroad). A youth from up north tried to show people how to break it but when half way through his horse got down, the cutter upset and he had a sorry time for a while.

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