

If power plant is built here, we can say goodbye to our beautiful town

DEAR EDITOR:

We moved to Milton four years ago because it was a quiet town right next to the beautiful escarpment and far enough away from the hectic lifestyles of the bigger cities that surround it.

We knew at the time that growth would happen, and accepted that. We knew we had things like Hwy. 401 close by and trains running through the middle of town. We could never have anticipated, however, that a huge power plant would be proposed right next to us.

Milton continues to draw thousands of people from out of town every year to its apple and fruit farms, conservation areas, parks, farmers' market, fairs and other special events like 'On the Way to Bethlehem' at

Christmas.

To whom it may concern, how can you justify putting this plant so close to our homes and the sensitive environment of the escarpment? Do you not realize the impact it would have on the population as well as our vibrant tourism industry?

Who would want to come out to Milton — the town with the power plant — to pick their apples or go for a hike in the fresh air at one of our five conservation areas? The number of commuters that will pass daily by your plant, since we have limited road systems in place, as well as the 401 commuters, will be high. Does it make sense to jeopardize a community and all it has to offer?

If it goes in, I know I will move out. I have a family mem-

ber who's asthmatic and I lost another family member to cancer — and that was while we lived in a place that didn't have a power plant that had emissions close to us. Exhaust containing chemicals and dust that will contribute to smog can only be worse for our health.

We in Milton are already doing our part for the environment and the communities around us. We have an incineration plant in the works that will benefit all. Why do we have to also provide power from within our borders? It's surely overload for our new, vibrant and growing town. If this goes through, I guess we will join our neighbours in saying goodbye to beautiful Milton.

CHRIS CORMIER
MILTON

Lights in front of school not the answer

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to K. Morton's letter to Mayor Gord Krantz requesting traffic lights be installed at the entrance of Bishop Reding Secondary School.

I have been a resident in that area for the past five years, and I feel that a set of lights would only affect the flow of traffic. We already have in existence four

sets of lights installed from Thompson Road to James Snow Parkway. The last thing we need is another set of lights. Could there be another solution?

I can't help but notice the empty parcel of land, that appears to be the size of a football field, on the property of Bishop Reding. The land is situated at the corner of Main Street E. and Harris Road.

I've never seen it used for any purpose except for dog walking and the odd cricket game.

Why couldn't they extend an access road off Harris to connect to the school's existing parking lot? Would this not make a much safer exit from the school without interrupting traffic?

L. BOILEAU
MILTON

Proposed Milton power plant not too surprising

DEAR EDITOR:

It's interesting to see the attitudes about this proposed power plant. Well folks, that's the price we pay.

All of us use electricity at a frantic rate. Who uses clotheslines anymore? Just pop those wet clothes into the dryer.

And how about whole-house air conditioning?

Heck, if it gets above 22 degrees we all start up the AC, set it at 18 and leave it on all day. We keep those windows shut and forget the fans.

Now multiply this by the thousands of new homes we allowed to be built.

We all get what we deserve, and here it is.

TOM BROWN
WAKEFIELD ROAD

Complete change to council wouldn't be wise

DEAR EDITOR:

Many Milton citizens are rightfully sour about the speed and scale of development in our town, as well as with gridlock, hospital overcrowding, a lack of services and so on.

People are hungry for change. But let's be cautious about making a complete change to council.

I encourage my fellow citizens to study the performance of your local representatives over the past three years. There are some who have provided great leadership and we should be careful not to lose them just for the sake of change.

RICHARD MURZIN
COULSON AVENUE

Riot averted as reception for newly-elected Parliamentary representative turns nasty

'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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Mr. Henderson was elected by a majority of 213, an increase of 73 over that by which he defeated Mr. Deacon in 1904. The contest was one of the keenest in the records of the county. The moral of the result is that Halton has no use for an outsider as a representative in Parliament and that when a political party here has no suitable local man available as a candidate it is useless to go to Toronto or any other city for one, no matter what his qualifications may be. Mr. Henderson arrived here from the north by Grand Trunk Railway at 8:35 p.m., was met by a huge crowd of enthusiastic supporters, placed in a carriage and escorted to the band stand next the town hall.

The procession was headed by a lot of enthusiasts carrying brooms which they set on fire and converted into torches. The band followed. The town hall was occupied by the Liberals who seemed to resent the near approach of the triumphant procession and the cheering and when Mr. Henderson mounted the band stand and attempted to speak his voice was drowned by hooting from the upper windows of the hall. It is said that the offenders were boys and a few young men and that as they had their heads out of the windows the older and more sensible men did not know what was going on. At any rate it caused indignation outside. It was proposed to stone the windows and this was about to be done. In order to prevent a riot and save the property of the town, Mayor Anderson and Chief Constable Chapman went upstairs to see that the windows were closed. As they were followed by a number of men and boys carrying broomsticks their invasion was resented. There was wild talk, fists were shaken and it

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looked like a fight in the hall but happily the Mayor managed to get a hearing and he having explained what he wanted the windows were closed and the riot averted. On the stand Mr. Henderson thanked his supporters and forcibly expressed his opinion of the hooters.

The old wooden walk on the north side of Main Street between the office of J.W. Elliott K.C. (189 Main St.) and Montgomery Street, having fallen into bad repair, the town council has had men busy for over a week preparing a foundation for a concrete walk which will not be laid until next spring, as the earth must be given time to set. The work is rather expensive on account of a stone keeping wall and a lot of filling in being necessary, but it had to be done and could not be longer delayed.

Yesterday night as Mr. Welch, of the P.L. Robertson Co., was operating one of the machines in the machine shop of the screw factory, his left hand was caught and crushed at an angle from the base of the little finger to the tip of the fore finger. All the crushed parts were left merely hanging by the skin, and two surgeons who were called had to amputate them. Mr. Welch is the inventor of the Ezeon Rubber Helper, to put on and remove rubbers and overshoes.

There is to be a rural postal delivery between Milton and Lowville immediately. The farmers' boxes arrived at the post office here on Tuesday and a man drove to Lowville and back yesterday.

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