

OPINION

Go Campbellville

An initiative by a group of concerned citizens and businesses to revitalize Campbellville should be congratulated.

Led by farmer Peter Lambrick, the group has so far met once and a second meeting will be held this week to move ideas along.

"We, as a group, want to have a firm understanding of what we would like to see accomplished to help revitalize Campbellville and have some ideas on how to make them happen before we present it to anyone else," said Lambrick. "We really are only in the very early stages of deciding what we can possibly do (to remedy the situation)."

After further planning, the group will seek help and input from the Town of Milton and other governing

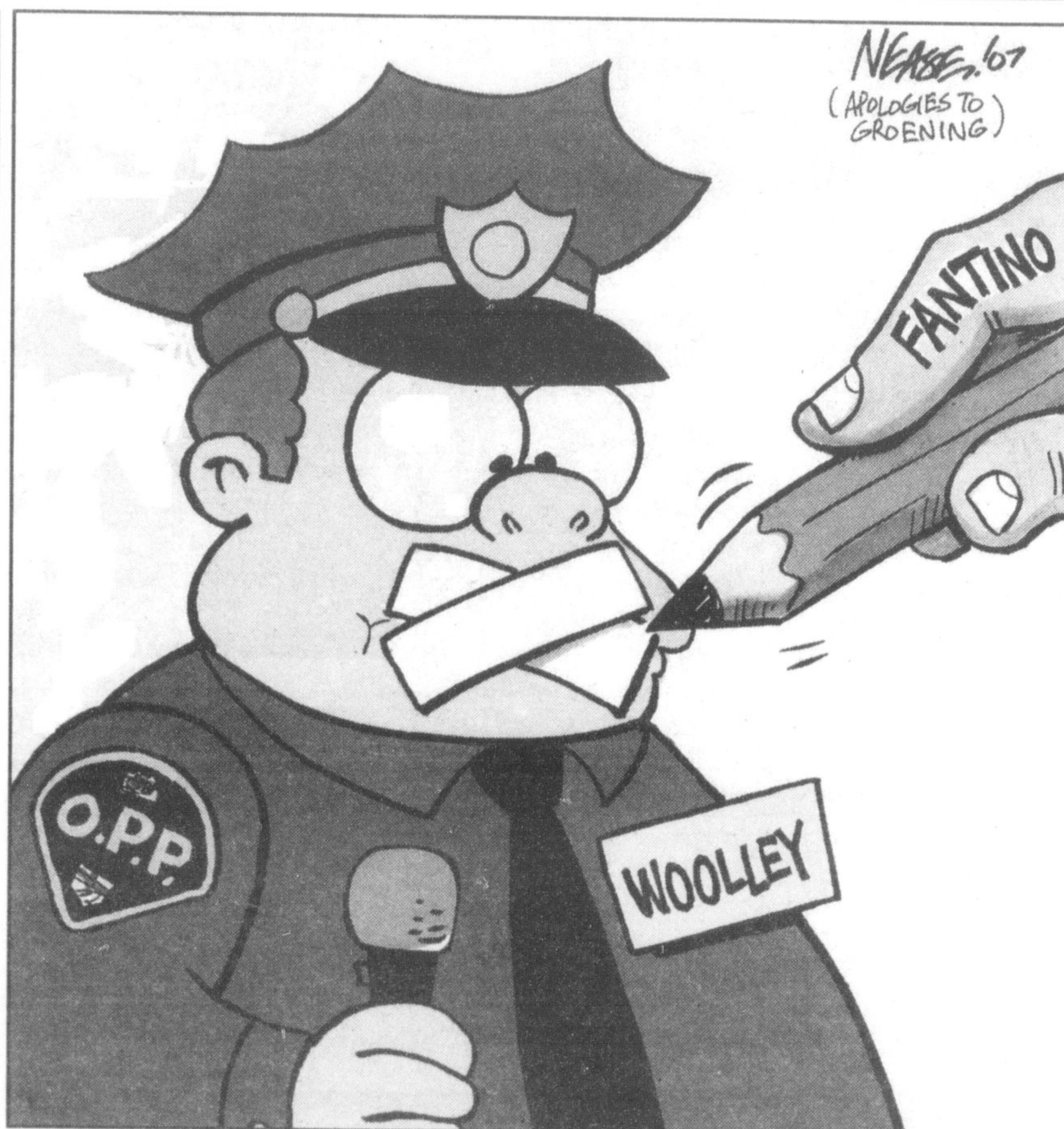
bodies, he said.

Supportive of the project, an excited Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray has posted the notes from the initial meeting on her Web site for residents to view.

"It will take the conviction of all to see if direction, focus, and commitment will follow the meetings," she said. "The whole thing is exciting and I commend Peter Lambrick for beginning the process. I hope it works and I'll do whatever is in my power to help."

And we want the group members to know they have the backing of their community newspaper as well.

For more information on the Campbellville project, visit Mowbray's Web site at www.janmowbray.ca and click on the January 2007 archives section.



ReadersWrite

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Many of this community's needs not being addressed

DEAR EDITOR:

In letters printed in the January 12 Champion, the people are speaking, but are the politicians listening?

Do they even read the local newspaper, which has information about what the people need?

Yes, we need a better bus system, as I would love to leave my car at home, but the times are wrong for my shift.

Yes, it was better when there was a grocery store downtown where the seniors of our town could take a short walk and pick up some food. Quality Greens was a good store serving many people in the area. I would gladly run a grocery business for the downtown core, where a sandwich can be purchased much cheaper than at a restaurant and the surrounding residents' food could be bought for their consumption.

Yes, we need to think how to serve all these people who are coming to Milton. Yes, people will go elsewhere if

there are no decent grocery stores within walking distance, as the big stores have the advantage over small stores due to bulk buying, but we need to be aware that not everybody can afford a car to drive to these way-out-of-town grocery stores.

Milton council needs to be aware that small business guys are important. However, they get no breaks in running a small business. Council needs to look at the small guys who are trying to exist.

There are many poor families out there. We are called the working poor, and I will say the expression "the Starving Marvin's." All you have to do is look at the food banks. They are always crying for more food.

I would say support local and small businesses in this area.

**M. TAHA
COURT STREET**

Money could be better used elsewhere

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing regarding the fundraising for baby Holly Taylor.

While I think the generosity of the community has been wonderful for the family, I can't help but feel that to be fair to all the people waiting for MRIs, the money would be better put toward an MRI machine for Milton District Hospital.

Rather than Holly's family paying

\$3,000 to fly to Calgary to get an MRI quicker than the one they were offered in Toronto, wouldn't it be better for everyone if the tests could be done here?

The machine would be available to save other families the expense of going to another province.

**G. MUNNINGS
MILLSIDE DRIVE**

CT scanner extremely important for Milton

DEAR EDITOR:

This is such a great community when it comes to supporting our hospital and other local needs.

For example, I'm constantly amazed that our small community consistently out-raises the much larger market of Oakville at Christmas for the annual Salvation Army drive.

However, we have another such need now, and it's for a new CT scanner at our hospital.

Recently I had to visit the emergency department for what turned out to be a perforated appendix. In order to diagnose this initially, it required an ambulance ride to Oakville to use their CT scanner.

For those of you who have suffered from appendicitis, you know all too well the excruciating pain one experiences in the lower abdomen. For those of you who have not experienced this, just ask someone who has.

The need to travel to Oakville for a CT scan delays your treatment for several hours, and in that time your pain doesn't go away. The ambulance ride to Oakville accentuates your pain and suffering, as you feel every bump in the road along the way.

This isn't to take away from the medical professionals in any way whatsoever, as they're fantastic.

Finally, a nurse accompanies you for all these hours, sitting and waiting. This takes them away from others who need them as well.

Many of you are aware of this fundraising campaign for the CT scanner, and I know many of you are still deciding whether to give, or deciding how much to give.

Thanks to the generosity of some high profile Miltonians over the holidays, the fundraising goal is now within sight. I urge everyone who can to give what you can to put this campaign over the top now.

Having experienced this need firsthand, I for one will be writing my cheque.

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