

# Letter about lack of activities here for teens way off base

**DEAR EDITOR:**

This is in reply to last Friday's letter by Serge Tremblay entitled 'Lack of activities for teens in town will lead to big problems in future.'

It is very difficult to take a comment "that there's nothing for teenagers to do in Milton" very seriously. If Tremblay had taken the time to look at pages 45 to 48 in the Community Services Guide, he would have found an abundance of 'non-athletic' activities geared to teens.

If none of these are appealing, there are part-time job opportunities everywhere in town. Too young to be working? Go out and volunteer; what a great way to keep busy and do something rewarding at the

same time. If you are still unhappy, create your own opportunities, just as Priscilla Tang did when she started her own company that sets up nightclub events for teens; see the August 24 *Champion*, page B1.

To say that there is nothing for teens is ignoring what Milton has to offer.

When we moved to Milton 11 years ago, the complaints were that 'Milton is small,' 'There is nothing to do,' 'We don't have a movie theatre' and 'Jobs are scarce for teens' — and all of this will lead to an increase in crime. Now in 2007, Milton's growth is going to lead to higher crime rates. Go figure.

It's strange how there is always someone or something

to blame. No one takes responsibility. It's not up to the Town of Milton to find activities for your teenagers. It is up to them to take the initiative.

Nor is it up to a bigger police force to monitor and discipline your wayward kids. That's your job as a parent.

It's mind-boggling to hear the whining and complaining that goes on in this town. Yet when it was time to effect change at the municipal level, the vast majority of citizens could not bother to go out and vote.

Milton is a beautiful town. It is up to us as citizens to make sure it stays that way. Is Milton perfect? No, but then again even Eden had its detractor.

**M.A. GRIST  
HOLLY AVENUE**

## Proposed stream diversion to make way for factory hits snag

'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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The council met on Monday evening. The only matter of importance brought up was the proposed diverting of the small stream from the road opposite the property of P.L. Robertson Co. westward, past the old cemetery and into the Sixteen Mile Creek. To do this a deep drain will be necessary. Until the water is diverted the proposed large two-storey screw factory building, 300 by 50 feet, cannot be erected, and as long as it takes its present course the south end of the town will suffer from freshets such as that of a few weeks ago, which flooded many cellars and did other damage.

Messrs P.L. Robertson and R. Bowlby, of the screw factory, appeared before the council and offered to assume a large share of the expense of the drain, the town, the G.T.R. and other parties interested to assume the remainder. Their proposals were favourably received by the Reeve and all the members of the council except Mr. Martin, through whose property the ditch would run for a short distance. He refused his consent. As long as he does so the progress of a most important industry and with it that of the town will be blocked. It is to be hoped that he may be induced to change his mind.

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The bylaw for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$30,000 for the erection of a new school building in Milton was swamped (defeated) last Thursday by a majority of 127. The general feeling was that by the expenditure of half the above amount or less the present building could be remodeled so as to afford all the accommodation necessary for many years to come, properly heated, ventilated and made sanitary, and that the proposed extra expenditure would be largely for improved architectural appearance. The prospect of the secession of the Trafalgar portion

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of the union school section in the event of the carrying of the bylaw also had its effect.

It is unfortunate that a proposal more satisfactory to the majority of the ratepayers was not presented. Great as is the need for improved school accommodation it is possible that nothing will be done this year. The submission of the bylaw has divided the school board into two factions and there is no saying when they will be reunited. There was a meeting of the board on Monday evening, but it adjourned without any proposal for future action. Though the town council has authority to pass a bylaw to appropriate money for repairing or remodeling the school building without submitting it to the ratepayers, it is not likely to take action of any kind without a recommendation from the school board.

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Though the submission of the \$30,000 school bylaw was proved, by the result, to have been a mistake, it was one for which all the members of the board were responsible. Though three of the members were opposed to the spending of so much money, they agreed with the other three to let the voters settle the question. Now, apparently, the six do not agree on anything. They should get together and submit to the town council some more economical scheme to provide the extra accommodation required with proper heating, ventilation and sanitary arrangements — something more than mere temporary repairs.

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The incorporation of the Halton Telephone Co. Ltd., Hornby, capital \$10,000, was published in the *Ontario Gazette* on Saturday.

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# Misconceptions surround gun issue

**DEAR EDITOR:**

Regarding the last two Friday letters to the editor entitled 'Thoughts on guns tough to swallow' and 'Gun registry just a big waste,' I find both these writers do not have any idea what the situation really is.

Both these writers erroneously believe the gun registry has been killed off by the federal government. This cannot be further from the truth.

The feds reneged on their election promise and did not kill the long gun registry as promised. They never did promise to scrap the hand gun registry, which we have had since 1934 and still do have.

This hand gun registry effectively bans hand guns to anyone who doesn't belong to a shooting

club, pass the safety course, get a federal permit to buy any gun (long or short) or get screened by the police. They must have no known mental problems and give three references who also have to have clean records.

These references will be contacted by those with the registry and the applicant has to have no problems with his or her spouse or ex-spouse to be able to legally acquire any type of gun or ammo in this country.

It's time these letter writers checked on the reality of the situation before mouthing off on something they obviously know nothing about.

**ROBERT SMIRLE  
MILTON**

# Story about Turner meeting was misleading

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I am writing regarding your article last Friday on Halton MP Garth Turner's town hall meeting.

I think both the headline and the article were somewhat misleading to readers. While it is true that many Brookville residents would like better cell phone service, the issue with the tower has never been 'if' but 'where'.

There are currently more than 500 names on a petition to stop the proposed location of the tower in the most populated area of Brookville, right across from Brookville School.

There is overwhelming scientific data to suggest that children living and attending school so close to this type of tower have many serious health risks.

There are alternate sites that are not close to residents or

schools that will provide the improved cell service.

By simply having Bell locate the tower up the road we can protect residents from possible risks and give them the phone service they desire.

This is one of those rare opportunities when there is an easy solution that will make everyone happy.

**SANDRA STEWART  
BROOKVILLE**



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