

# Mohawk expansion will indeed help Campbellville's economy

## DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Sophie Cheney's letter in the January 22 *Champion* entitled, 'Mohawk development won't boost Campbellville's economy.'

Cheney asks in what parallel universe I, Jan Mowbray, exist. I would like to respond.

First, I would quote Mahatma Gandhi, who said, "Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress."

Cheney questions the logic of having two new golf courses in the area — one near Mohawk Racetrack and the other in Brookville. At the January 21 administration and planning committee meeting, she mentioned eight courses within a 15-minute drive. I'm not sure about the 15-minute bit, but I can think of only two that are open to the public — Crosswinds in Burlington and Granite Ridge on the Milton/Halton Hills border. The rest are private clubs.

The Brookville golf course — expected to open in May — will be a small public course geared to families and playable for everyone from youngsters to seniors.

The Mohawk proposal is for a championship golf course as part of a multi-faceted complex.

With regard to Mohawk, Cheney questions the use of wastewater for irrigation purposes. Wastewater is recycled now, but using advanced technology, the water will be even cleaner by the time it's used to irrigate fairways.

This reduces the need to draw fresh water. Reuse and recycle — what could be better?

Water usage has been analyzed soundly and, as extra insurance, the Region will put a protocol in place to ensure water taking by the resort has no impact on local residents. Indeed, monitoring of local wells over the last year, one of the driest in the past 25, showed no detrimental effects.

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Group wouldn't invest millions of dollars in a project that could cause a harmful effect on any part of the environment. To do so would be to risk the health of local residents who sit on their board of directors, the hundreds of local residents who currently work at Mohawk, the hundreds more who will work in the new development and the livelihood of horse owners and others dependent on that industry — not to mention the health of visitors.

The present Mohawk facility attracts day visitors. Convention complexes attract visitors for several days. It's my experience that many conference registrants often arrive a day or two earlier, or stay a few days longer, to visit the neighbouring area — usually staying in alternative accommodations.

Something else to keep in mind is that during a convention there are often spousal programs that take visitors off the premises for shopping trips, tours and other activities.

Cheney may be delighted to know that there are many people involved in improving Campbellville's economic prospects. They view the future with hope and share a willingness to do something about it.

As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

The Destination Campbellville Community Association (DCCA) is made up of business owners, property owners, local residents and the rural town councillors, meeting monthly with the goal of revitalizing the village and surrounding Nassagaweya. We're ready to roll up our sleeves and get to the work at hand.

In a direct collaboration between the DCCA and Conservation Halton, work will begin this spring on leveling and re-seeding Conservation Park

on Campbellville's Main Street.

Speaking of rolling up our sleeves, Cheney and every other resident is welcome to come out and help when we start work on cleaning up the park in the spring. It's our park — right in the centre of our village — so let's show we care about it.

Also joining us at the table are senior management from the Town of Milton, the Region, Conservation Halton, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and a Ministry of Tourism representative, and we're collaborating with other agencies as well.

Locals must get involved before we can expect outsiders to visit, and to that end we've planned a number of events that began with the successful New Year's Day community hockey event.

There are other activities in the planning stages, including:

- March 18 — public information meeting. You are invited to collect your unwanted clothing for the Salvation Army, which will be on site, and gather up all those dead batteries for the Region to take off your hands;

- May 25 — fundraiser for the DCCA. A community garage sale and flea market will be held at Campbellville Lions Hall.

- August 9 — world's longest barbecue

I had many questions at the beginning of the Mohawk proposal, but now I have no problem supporting it going forward. There are many details to be settled, but the technical report passed unanimously at the January 21 meeting.

If any member of the public has any further questions about the DCCA, or would like to donate their time or participate in any activity, they can write to P.O. Box 123, Campbellville, Ont., L0P 1B0, or contact me directly at jan@janmowbray.ca.

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## Significant business proposals brought before Board of Trade

'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.

### February 1911

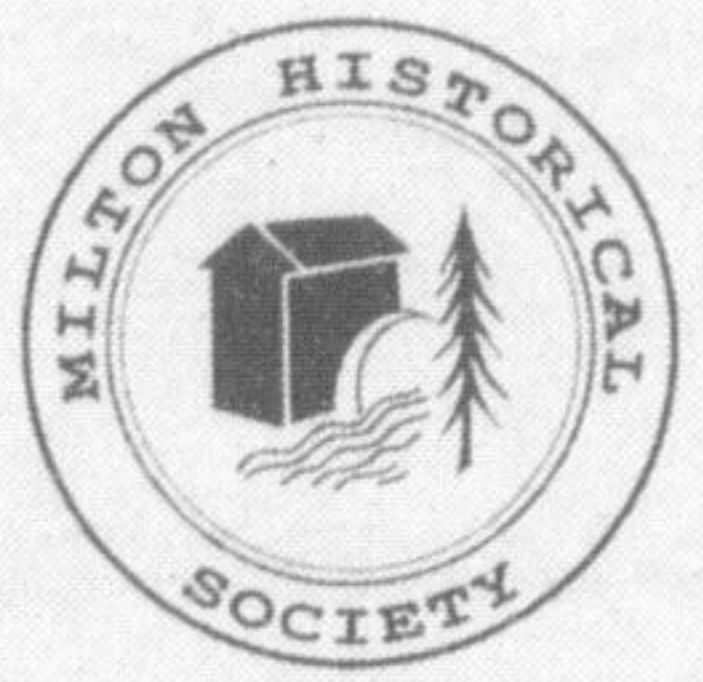
A meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the town hall on Tuesday evening to hear two industrial propositions. S. Syer of the Canadian Carpet Co., said he wished to add comforters to his production, which would necessitate the building of an addition to his factory or removal to larger buildings as well as purchase of expensive machinery. Mr. Wright of Toronto proposed to establish a shoe factory. Both would expect the town to guarantee loans without interest. A committee will investigate and report.

The announcement of the sale of their extensive business here by Messrs. Bastedo & Co. to J.S. Sanderson has been a great surprise to the people of Milton and neighborhood. Mr. Sanderson comes from Waterford, where he has been in the mercantile business on a large scale for a number of years. Nothing has been heard of the Messrs. Bastedo's intentions, but it is to be hoped that the family will not leave Milton.

The Legislature proposes to change the dates of municipal nominations and elections from the holiday season to the second Monday in January in each year for nominations and the third Monday for polling.

The council met on Tuesday evening. The principal business was the appointment of Police Magistrate Dice as assessor and collector at a salary of \$150. The Clerk's report to the Minister of Agriculture of Ontario on corporation debts for 1910 showed the original amount of them all to be \$97,952.44; principal paid in 1910, \$4,015.82, interest paid \$3,007.88; balance of principal unpaid \$56,262.65. Of this balance \$5,968.13 is on guaranteed loan to the carpet factory and \$9,000 to the

## Milton Time Capsules



screw factory. The unpaid balance for 1909 was \$62,502; reduction in 1910, \$6,239.35.

The voting contest for a set of books for a library ended on Wednesday evening. A tremendous number of ballots (given with each 10¢ spent at participating stores) which had been held in reserve were rushed in within the last few days and Mr. Mackenzie and his assistants had a big job to count them. They were unable to complete the count and declare the result until Saturday. Boyne School is the winner with 538,452 ballots. Mountain Union S.S. was next with 446,714. Twelve business establishments issued voting coupons and appear to have done a heavy trade during the five months of the voting. The library (a selection of books) was taken to Boyce school on Monday.

### March 1911

The single rink curling competition which has been in progress ever since the season opened was decided on Monday evening. The winning rink is composed of N. Ryder, Frank Hemstreet, Elgin Ford and Rev. W.M. Mackay, skip. Each player gets a medal. Another single rink competition began on Monday evening. The players of the two rinks which lead at the finish will receive prizes and so will the winners of a consolation competition.

Messrs Clements & Peacock shipped a car load of fine cattle on Saturday last. Sixteen head were bought from Jas. Murray, Mansewood and averaged over 1,300 lbs. The price paid was \$6.25 per 100 lbs.

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