

Proposed condo development raises some serious concerns

DEAR EDITOR:

I attended my first public meeting at Town Hall January 19 in regard to a future high-density housing complex that has been proposed for the south-east corner of Main Street and Sinclair Boulevard.

As a resident of Hampshire Way, I have some serious concerns regarding this development, the main one being the increase of traffic on our already overburdened roads. The complex at the Maple Avenue crossing isn't even complete yet and already the number of cars trying to make either left hand turns or — in my case — right hand turns onto Main Street is ridiculous. And this is at 7 a.m.

There's a constant stream of traffic on Main Street overflowing onto James Snow Parkway as it stands now. The proposed new development will have 312 new units, with a parking allowance for 546 vehicles. Our roads simply won't be able to cope with this additional influx of cars.

This brings me to my next concern.

The other two parcels of land on the east and west side of this proposed site are still deemed as future development land. The official plan says that this land has the potential for institution-

al/office/residential with no mention of high-density anything.

If on a whim, the Town can interpret that to mean high-density residential, then who's to say the whole parcel of land won't become condominiums? I bought my house with the understanding that there might be a college campus on that land, or even a school, and I would be okay with that. What I'm not okay with is high-density residential development and then a big question mark for the rest of the property in the future.

These issues were brought up by a number of concerned residents at the meeting. I personally didn't stand up and speak since my concerns were brought up repeatedly by other people and it seemed redundant to bring them up again.

In hind sight, I'm regretting that decision. After the public discussion was closed, the councillors had a chance to discuss the matter among themselves.

I was appalled to hear one councillor say that she lived in a rural area and could only imagine the traffic and how bad it must be. Well, thank you for your input. She was in agreement with letting the development continue.

Then the 40 per cent increase in intensification for the town, as deemed by the provincial government, was mentioned by the mayor. My understanding was that Milton will go ahead to meet this magical number regardless of the fact that it can't seem to handle the growth it has now.

I would be worried about the safety of the rural areas if this is the case. At this point, I would like to give Councillor Paul Scherer credit for actually standing up for the concerns of the community, with the backing of Councillor Greg Nelson.

If nothing else, they should at least postpone more growth until proper studies can be done on the impact of developing all three pieces of land, not just the one.

If it isn't in your backyard (or front yard), then I guess you don't need to be worried about this development. It will help to pay for the nice new glass wall for the Town Hall, though, won't it?

I know one thing for certain, the next time it comes time for me to put an 'X' beside someone's name on an election ballot, I will definitely think more carefully.

TANYA PETRENKO
MILTON

Snowplow causing major headaches

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to last Friday's letter by Juliet Coe entitled 'Don't put snow where it doesn't belong.'

I have to say that Coe isn't alone in her frustration. On my street they're doing the same thing every time there's a snowstorm.

One time when I came home from work, two days after a storm, I had to remove huge blocks of ice from my driveway.

Worse than that, the Town sent someone out with a little tractor to clean the sidewalks — which were already clean — and again more ice was dumped on my driveway.

First it's the plow, then the little tractor.

I have to say it's funny because the blade is wider than the sidewalk, so it damaged the lawn

that I care so much for in the summer.

I have to say that I never throw the snow back onto the street because I follow the law and the Town's published 'warnings' in the *Champion* reminding residents not to do that.

Yet the same Town allows the plow truck drivers to dump snow back onto my driveway. Don't you think we should have a bylaw prohibiting that?

I'm proud to follow the rules and to keep my sidewalk clean, but I think the Town isn't doing the same thing for the residents of Milton.

I have to agree with Coe that we're all being victimized. For her comfort, she's not alone.

LUIS SILVA
MILTON

Man struck by train while walking home; dies of injuries the next day

'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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As Alexander Pryde was going home, walking on the railway track, to Milton Heights on Monday night at about 11 o'clock he was struck by a C.P.R. freight train. His right leg was mangled and he was otherwise badly bruised. He crawled off the track and lay beside it until next morning when he was found by Barney Hilson, who went for assistance, but before he got back the injured man was picked up by a train and taken to the station. He was brought thence to the Western Hospital, Toronto, where his leg was amputated above the knee, but he died from shock and exposure later in the day. Had he not been a trained athlete and an exceptionally powerful man it is not likely that he would have lived so long. He was a Scotchman, 36 years of age and had been an employee of the Toronto Pressed Brick & Terra Cotta Co. for about nine years. He left a widow and eight children. He was very popular with his fellow workmen and was a member of the Milton Heights Miniature Rifle Club.

A Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters was instituted at Campbellville on Monday night ... the court number will be 1330 and it starts with about 30 men. Officers elected: Arthur Adamson, John Shipley, W. Vance Bowman, Rev. Wm. Burt, Lloyd Crawford, E.D. Mahon, John Hammond, Robt. McFerran, Jos. Weir, Hugh Campbell, H. Davenport...

The funeral of the late Dr. David Robertson, ex M.P.P., took place on Thursday afternoon from his residence to Evergreen Cemetery. The Town Council and the school board were in the procession. The local lodge of A.O.U.W. paraded wearing badges and 160 employees of the Milton Pressed Brick Co. marched

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together ahead of the hearse. There were so many floral pieces that an extra conveyance was used to carry them. The pall bearers were all members of the session of Knox church. They were J.W. Elliot, K.C., Robert Stewart, J.A. Frazer, Sam. Alexander, John McKenzie, John Agnew, Thos. McFadden and Wm. Jardine.

R.J. Campbell, J.P. disposed of three cases on Monday morning. G. H. and A. S. had a fight on Main Street Monday in which they rolled in the mud and got themselves well plastered with it. Chief constable Chapman prosecuted. They were fined \$5 each with costs. R. C. was found lying in the ditch on Mill Street drunk and incapable. He was helped home. Later his wife was heard calling for protection lest he would kill her. Chief Constable Chapman was summoned. When he entered the house he found C. in bed with his clothes and muddy boots on. Mrs. C. begged the constable to let him alone and undertook to keep him indoors and off the street. The constable did not arrest the man, but later had him up for being drunk and incapable, on Mill Street. C. explained to the magistrate that he had not been drunk, that he had had a cramp in his stomach and had taken a single glass of brandy medicinally. He had simply become weak in his legs, so much so that he couldn't walk. His Worship took this with a big grain of salt and levied a fine of \$5 and costs. The magistrate warned the three men who were up for the first time, that the figure for a second appearance would be \$15 and costs, that he was determined to put down disorder in Milton if stiff penalties would do it.

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