

## ReadersWrite

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# There seems to be a lot more bad customers than workers

### DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing this to congratulate Braden Donaldson for sticking up for us teens.

As a working teen I have this to say:

In my experience working in Milton it seems that adults think that minimum wage working teens should wait on them hand and foot. Back when I was working in a coffee shop, I heard the most absurd complaints one could come by.

I've been told to get a customer a new soup when they said that theirs wasn't warm, after a half hour drive to Burlington and back.

I've also seen a customer scream in the middle of the store when she didn't get her yogurt five seconds after she had asked. Now in that situation we were out of yogurt and asked her if she wanted us to make her one.

I'm pretty sure we all know it takes more than five seconds to make a cup of yogurt.

I find it kind of pathetic to see a woman who looks to be in her forties screaming for her yogurt like a five year old.

I also want to address the ridiculous orders that people will make in fast food. People have made orders of 17 black coffees in the middle of morning rushes, in the drive-thru. They couldn't have bought the large coffee container that's available?

People have also made orders of seven sandwich combos in the drive-thru in their car. That's being lazy. When the next customer complains we tell them this, and even they find it disgraceful.

Yes, there are bad workers, but there are a lot more bad customers in Milton, I'm sure. I also have a message to the adults

who have written letters on this subject. Do you think your whipped cream not being there is the end of the world, Mr. Neilson? And to Ms Avery, you should be ashamed for criticizing the work ethic of teenagers. That generalization shows the ignorance that most customers have in this town toward teens.

Do you think you could show a bit of respect and civility? We're told to respect our elders, but it seems that some adults in this town have forgotten to treat those how you would like to be treated.

And use some common sense when you walk up to the counter and order something, people. Another sad point, it's the adults of this town who use this opinion section in their town's paper as a complaint box.

**MALCOLM AULT  
MILTON**

# Property tax increases shouldn't be higher than rate of inflation

### DEAR EDITOR:

Why are Milton property taxes going up at a rate double that of inflation?

This year's 4.5 per cent increase on top of last year's 6.6 per cent amounts to an increase of more than 11 per cent over the last two years while the inflation rate for that same period is less than five per cent.

I think the reasons for the tax increases are our town council's inability to control its spending and properly manage Milton's finances.

The new Town Hall with its \$1-million, glass-walled lobby is a prime example.

Despite receiving continued

slot revenues, revenues surrounding municipalities don't receive, and despite the significant increase in revenues due to massive residential and commercial growth we have experienced, town council has found it necessary to increase taxes by 11 per cent since being elected two years ago.

I'm sure the large increase to their own salaries must make it easier for them to absorb the municipal tax increases.

That's right. One of councillors' first acts after being elected was to increase their council salaries by 19 per cent over and above their annual cost-of-living increase.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of Milton taxpayers aren't in a position to give themselves such generous salary increases.

I don't recall any of our elected councillors having campaigned on a platform that stated once elected one of their first acts would be to vote themselves a hefty salary increase followed by high property tax increases for the people of Milton.

I hope voters will keep this in mind come the next municipal election.

**RICK MALBOEUF,  
FORMER COUNCILLOR  
MILTON**

# Man gets warning for drunken ride with neighbours' horse and buggy

'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.

### September 1912

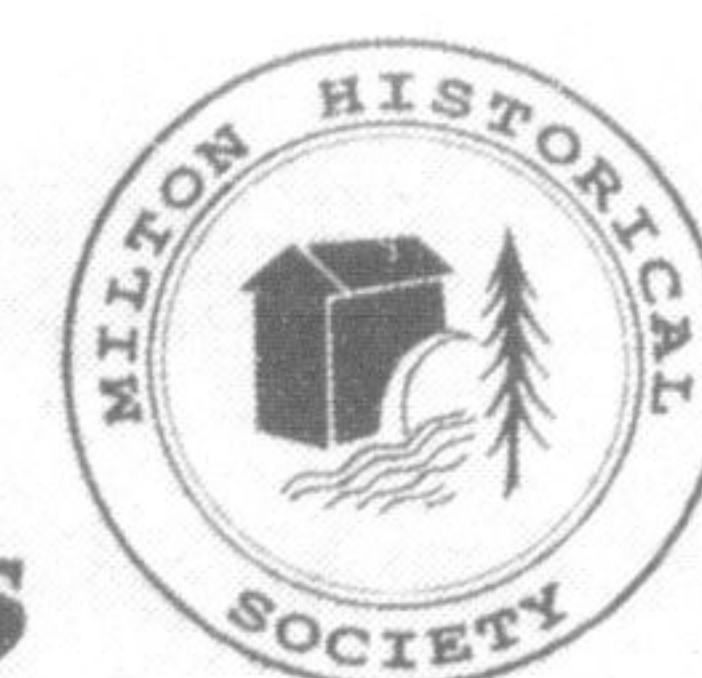
Legal-County Judge's Criminal Court. On Friday afternoon Sydney Hill appeared before Judge Gorham, committed for trial, charged with stealing F.C. Willmott's horse and buggy from the driving shed of Knox Church. Hill is an Englishman and a brick maker. ...He admitted it and his excuse was that he was the worse of liquor and did not know what he was doing. The Judge gave him a sharp lecture, letting him go on suspended sentence and warning him that if he got into trouble again the sentence for horse stealing would be imposed on him.

On Monday evening a few of the members of Christ church choir, Omagh, met at the home of their organist, Miss Ethel L. Lindsay, whose marriage to Clifford B. Beaty, who is also a member of the choir, takes place this week and presented them with a Morris reclining rocking chair and a Morris reclining arm chair.

In another column appears bylaw No. 465 of the Town of Milton providing for the acquisition of hydro-electric power and for a vote on that question by the ratepayers on October 14. If our town is to cut any figure as a manufacturing centre it will be through the ratification of the bylaw. The power will attract new industries and ensure the prosperity of the town. Every qualified voter should support the bylaw.

It is said that the proposal for the extension of Court Street into the Bousfield lots and the construction of a subway at the C.P.R. crossing has been dropped on account of the expense, estimated at \$4000. If so, the alternative proposal should be carried out, that of continuing Woodward Street from Martin Street into the Bousfield addition. The

## Milton Time Capsules



Bousfield lots are sell situated, high and easily drained but are unsaleable on account of being cut off from the rest of the town by the C.P.R. track. If communication were opened from Martin Street they would be in demand abating the house famine and adding materially to the town's income from taxes. There should be little trouble in arranging for the right of way for the street extension and the sooner this is taken in hand the better for the interests of the town.

The J.B. Scott farm, just outside of town, is noted for good crops. Here are some of this season's figures: 25 acres wheat, 800 bushels; 7 acres barley, 450 bushels; 16 acres oats, 1,000 bushels.

S.S. No. 3 Nassagaweya has the first rural school garden in Halton. This honor is largely due to the energy, tact and progressive spirit of the teacher, Miss Lulu Calvert. The pupils are proud of their garden, and it is exercising a good influence upon them in various ways. They sent Inspector Deacon on Saturday last a sample of the first year's products, a magnificent bouquet of sweet peas and asters of many shades.

The Halton Agricultural Society has expended considerable money this year on improvements....The grounds have been enlarged, there is a new speeding track, a full half-mile, with a new and commodious grand stand from which to view the speeding contests.

Miss Jessie E. Smith has been appointed organist of the Methodist Church.

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