

We need to do more to make Milton a 'green' community

DEAR EDITOR:

Milton has taken some major steps on its way to becoming a green community, but is it enough?

Our local Loblaw Superstore is on the right track — only using reusable bags, running half the lights at peak times and lowering the air conditioning during the summer months.

From what I've seen it's the only grocery store in town to do these things on a consistent basis. We should be pressuring the rest to follow suit.

Why not run solar panels and small wind turbines on the roofs of these buildings. Every kilowatt counts, right?

Buildings like these are built

to drain power off the grid, so why not try to give back to the community and use less power?

New home builders in Milton, such as Mattamy and Greenpark, have now jumped on the 'green' bandwagon. They're providing us with homes that are environmentally friendly and power efficient. Still, more could be done.

How about builders providing each subdivision with wind turbines or solar cells that feed back to the power grid.

These can be in areas such as water reservoirs or in 'green' spaces. This could be used to help power housing blocks and local schools.

It will also help homeowners

out with skyrocketing hydro costs.

In the past five to 10 years this town has been given a major facelift, transforming us into one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, with all the new housing developments and big businesses moving to Milton.

We owe it to ourselves to be a trend-setter among Canadian communities.

We have a long and beautiful future before us. Why not lead the charge for the greater good. Let's make a stronger push to go 'green.'

MICHAEL EASTON
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Cosmetic pesticide ban welcome news

DEAR EDITOR:

It was with considerable relief that we've learned that the provincial government will be banning most chemical pesticides for cosmetic use on gardens and lawns starting April 22.

The ban includes not only the use of these pesticides, but the sale of them as well.

For more details of the upcoming ban, visit: www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/index.php.

This means, finally, that we, our children and pets can live in communities without being exposed to these dangerous and potentially hazardous materials. These materials can be picked up in the air, on our feet or on our hands and get trapped indoors.

Why use them when alternatives work just

fine? Starting with our founder Erika Ristok, we members of Pesticide Alternatives for Milton have been working to encourage people in Milton to do this for several years.

Now most of our work is completed.

There are many resources to learn how to take care of your lawn and garden, including:

- Halton Region: www.halton.ca/health/services/healthy_lawns_gardens
- Ministry of the Environment for Ontario: www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/healthy.php
- Health Canada: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/enviro/lawn-pelouse-eng.php.

SHIRLEY AND JIM STEEVES

PESTICIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR MILTON

Thanks to Rotary Club for hosting gala fundraiser

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank the Rotary Club of Milton for hosting a masked ball later this month to raise funds for the purchase of a much-needed van here at Community Living North Halton.

Our agency is indeed fortunate to have community part-

ners like the Rotary Club to help us support the choices and personal growth of individuals with a developmental disability.

Through their hard work, the Rotary Club of Milton does make a difference in the lives of individuals with whom this agency works, and in making that difference they affect the

community as a whole in a very positive manner.

Many thanks to the Rotary Club and best wishes for its continued good work.

GREG EDMISTON,
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NORTH HALTON

Men ordered to keep the peace following two unrelated incidents

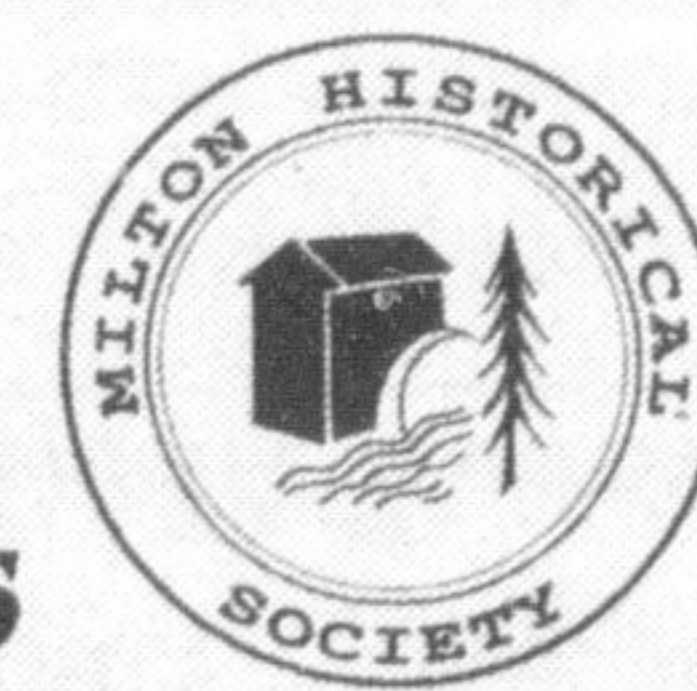
'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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Legal-Some time ago J.E. Titchmarsh, of Agerton, laid an information before Police Magistrate Shields against Leslie Bradley, Elmer Bradley and Elmer Downs whom he charges with creating a nuisance by unnecessarily blowing the whistle of their traction engine in front of his house at Agerton cross roads. The evidence was taken and the case adjourned for two weeks, to last Monday, when the parties went to Oakville. The prosecution argued that the blowing was malicious with intent to disturb him and the defence was that it was necessary for the safety of horse vehicles to blow at crossings. The defendants were bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs, \$15, which they did. On the information of Elmer Bradley the complainant in the above case was the defendant in another, charged with threatening to shoot a shotgun in front of a vehicle containing a load of young people, one night last summer. He too, was bound over to keep the peace.

The Hydro-Electric bylaw was carried in Milton on Monday by a majority of 185, only four electors marking their ballots against it. Plainly the electors realized that a defeat for the bylaw would mean putting an end to the progress that the town has been making latterly. Without power Milton's advantages of situation, water supply, fire protection, railway connections and shipping facilities would not make her the manufacturing centre which it is hoped she will become. It is announced that the Hydro-Electric

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Commission will rush the work of wiring so that we shall have the power very soon.

Farmers Bank shareholders have been notified that they will be required to pay the double liability. An order has been issued by George Kappelle, official referee, calling upon all shareholders of the wrecked bank to pay the amount of all dividends wrongfully paid to them by the farmers Bank and 100 per cent of the amount due by them as shareholders under the provision of section 125 of the Bank Act. The order will be stubbornly contested by many of the shareholders, especially in Halton, several of whom are men of but moderate means, who will be ruined if compelled to pay double the amount of the face value of the stock for which they subscribed. The general defence is that the organizers of the concern never complied with the Bank Act, and the certificate was not legally issued. J.W. Elliott, K.C. of Milton and Wm. Laidlaw, K.C. of Toronto, are counsel for the shareholders.

T.D. Hume's old storehouse, next to his flour and feed store, has had a dilapidated appearance for years, but it will look different henceforth. The building has been raised several feet and a neat front is being put on it. It is being fitted for a moving picture theatre and will be a popular place of amusement.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached through the society at (905) 875-4156.

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