We thank you

attention to the 12.5 million people across Canada who lend their time and energy to making their communities better.

Donating their time and their skills without expectation of monetary reward, volunteers are on the front lines of all our community services community health care, sports and recreation, heritage and arts, environmental protection and advocacy, disaster relief and international development, to name only a few.

On April 9, the day before associated National Volunteer Week began, one such grand volunteer -

April marks National ognized as Citizen of the Volunteer Month to draw Year by the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

> The youngest recipient of the award, Attew is the epitome of volunteerism.

She makes a difference.

She gives of herself and puts others first.

Everyone has a different reason for volunteering. For Attew it's simply because she loves Milton so much.

An amazing lady to be

To Attew and the thousands of others in our community who give of their own time to make Milton the great place it is, we thank you and want you to know that your efforts are both Samantha Attew — was rec- - recognized and appreciated.



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Federal election waste of taxpayers' money

DEAR EDITOR:

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need to address it.

possible.

This letter is in response to Wendy Schau's letter in the April 7 Champion.

No. The federal election isn't needed.

According to this former town councillor, Canadian democracy was in peril because the government wouldn't release some information in regard to costs to be incurred due to two Conservative programs.

If the three opposing parties

Animal welfare is important to

I'm one of the 95 per cent of

Canadians who, according to a

recent Harris/Decima poll,

believe animal pain and suffering

should be reduced as much as

that Canada still uses animal cru-

elty legislation first enacted in

1892 when our views on animal

I find it strange and surprising

Canadians and this election. We

felt democracy was so threatened, why isn't there a clear program in their election platforms as to how this kind of supposed abuse should be eliminated? There's nothing being presented by the opposition parties in this regard.

was quite correct. This is an election based on opportunism.

Politicians seem to forget, as does our former councillor, that the Conservatives have been

cruelty, as with other issues like

the environment and women's

rights, have changed so dramati-

updated their animal protection

laws, Canada has clung to

views on how they plan to

improve the welfare of animals.

I want to hear candidates'

Will they commit to updating

What are they doing to ensure

While other countries have

cally since that time.

Victorian-era laws.

our anti-cruelty laws?

elected to represent the will of lion dollars could be used to bring the majority in their respective ridings.

Did any of the federal opposing parties reach out to their constituents and ask if an election was needed? Apparently not. They even ignored national polls, The editorial in the Champion which indicated that Canadians don't feel there's a need for an election at this time.

There's no need to spend approximately \$300 million for an election. Three hundred mil-Animal welfare important election issue

the humane treatment and trans-

How are they going to protect

That's why I used the website

www.voteforanimals.ca to send a

letter to all candidates in my rid-

ing asking their views. I hope

I'm a Canadian voter and ani-

HELEN GOURLEY

MILTON

port of farm animals?

Canada's wildlife?

others will join me.

mals matter to me.

down the deficit or for health care and senior care, etc. Why didn't the three opposing parties think about how the \$300 million could have been better spent on worthwhile pro-

Do the three opposition parties have any respect for the precious tax dollar and the need for the money to be spent wisely? I say no.

Our former councillor was quite right when she stated that: "People have fought and died and are still fighting and dying for the right to have a democratic system of government like ours."

When the opposition parties forced an unneeded and unwanted election, they showed how undemocratic the existing system is in Ottawa.

The wishes of the majority of Canadians were ignored by the three opposing parties. That's not democ-

What's needed to avoid this kind of fiasco is fixed election dates at the federal level.

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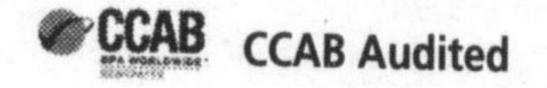
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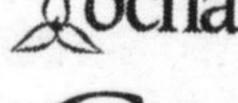
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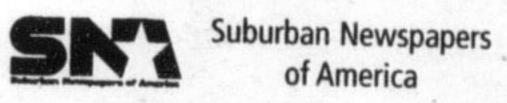
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