

OPINION

Resolution must be fair, balanced

We're resigned to the fact that the development of Milton Heights — first envisioned in a 2004 secondary plan — is inevitable.

But hopefully that doesn't mean the changes in store for the area will be displeasing for the approximate 500 people who live in the close-knit community.

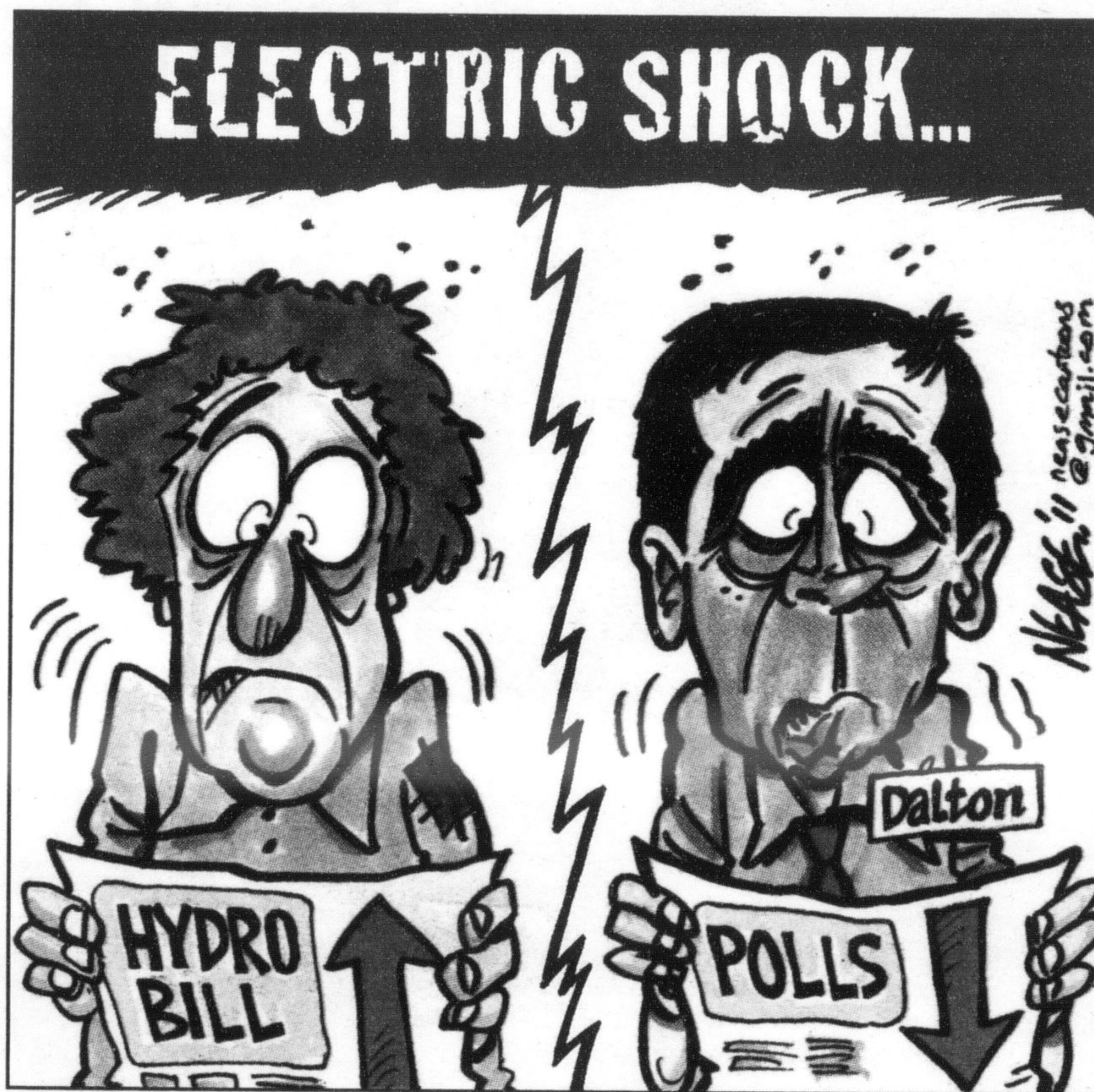
In a story on the issue in Thursday's *Champion*, a spokesman for a residents' group didn't sound all that sure the concerns of Milton Heights dwellers are being addressed.

And with the decision by the Milton Heights Landowners Group to try to speed up the lengthy

process by taking its development plans to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), residents' participation in the process could be limited.

A balanced approach must be taken — one that carefully considers the concerns of residents and the needs of landowners, as well as any environmental impacts.

We hope a fair resolution — one that's acceptable to all sides — can be reached before an OMB hearing. Otherwise, we fear that balance may end up being tipped too much in one direction.



ReadersWrite

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Hornby clean-up volunteers persevered

DEAR EDITOR:

In spite of the postponed rain date and then a cold, wet morning the following Saturday, hardy volunteers in the Hornby Clean-Up Day persevered and continued the area clean-up.

All and all, in excess of 250 bags of garbage and thousands of pounds of other materials were removed from roadside ditches and creeks in the Hornby area.

We applaud our volunteers for

their tremendous effort on such a cold day and we also wish to thank our co-ordinator, Peter Vaughan, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonette, Councillor Jane Fogal and Town staff for their support of this event and for the use of Hornby Park as a staging area and Councillor Bryan Lewis's participation on April 23.

In addition, we would also like to thank our sponsors — Agram Meats, Metro Georgetown, Maple

Lodge Farms, Pepsi, Superior Glove, Hornby Glen Golf Course, the *Georgetown Independent*, the *Champion*, Tim Hortons and first-time sponsor M&M Meat Shops for their continued support, which helped to make the Hornby Clean-up Day a tremendous success.

Being the 11th year of this event, there was a noticeable reduction in the amount of trash per kilometre of roadway. On the increase is the amount of con-

struction/renovation-type dumped trash.

Most disturbing was the more than 20 gallons of used motor oil found in leaking gallon containers.

The used oil with all its contaminants could potentially find its way into our drinking water, be it ground or lake-based.

Oil can be dropped off at the Regional hazardous waste site or many automotive supply retail outlets.

Let's not dump this into our drinking water and poison our families, friends and neighbours, please.

Last but not least, we thank our corporate volunteers including Bahr Saddlery and Trans Canada Power Generation for their efforts to clean up the environment.

We extend an invitation to all volunteers and supporters to join us again in April 2012.

**ERIK KOWAL, PRESIDENT
HORNBY ASSOCIATION
OF RATE PAYERS**

We have contributed enough already

The following letter was addressed to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and a copy was filed with the *Champion*.

DEAR MR. MCGUINTY:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a donation to the Liberal Party of Ontario.

Unfortunately, I can't send you a donation because over the last four years my wife and I have paid \$900 per year for your Ontario Health Premium, which isn't a tax.

Also, recently I got my heating oil bill and paid more than \$70 in HST on an amount that already included \$200 in fuel taxes.

Over this past winter, my heating costs were about \$3,500, which included \$400 in HST and \$1,100 in fuel taxes.

I haven't mentioned my hydro bill that went up by \$47 per month in 2010.

So you can see, Mr. McGuinty, since we're seniors and on CPP and OAS, neither my wife nor I have funds that we can donate to the Liberal Party of Ontario and we feel the more than \$4,500 we have paid you recently should be a sufficient contribution.

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