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Let's fight to preserve St. Paul's

(The following letter was sent to Mayor Gord Krantz and members of town council, as well as Lincoln Alexander, chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust, and a copy was filed with the *Champion*.)

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to a neighbourhood information meeting held June 17 by the St. Paul's United Church Council and task forces, we were disappointed with the lack of information given to the questions put forward by those in attendance.

It appears there's no willingness on their part to reconsider the demolition of this beautiful historic sanctuary and the impact that it will have on the present and future community.

In our opinion, the sense of peace and sanctity within its walls would be lost forever with the replacement of a multi-purpose church space and high-rise units. One would question how long the congregation would remain at this location when it was indicated that they would be moving forward with a satellite facility.

The physical infrastructure apparently doesn't meet their current ministerial goals. Hence, they're willing to sacrifice our heritage and leave us with some type of life-lease apartment structure. The presentation left us to believe that other options and opportunities haven't been fully explored.

It was stated that the cost to repair the present facility has been estimated at \$1.85 million. The estimate to complete the new smaller sanctuary from the drywall out would be \$1.3 million. For the sake of this difference that must be raised, the community loses a unique architectural building.

Their proposed plan is incongruous with the other historical residences and buildings that are being carefully preserved in our downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods. It also sets a precedent for future unrestricted development in this character area.

We encourage church council members to reach out to the broader community for financial assistance to preserve this

lovely 1800s sanctuary. The council may be pleasantly surprised by the response.

We would hope that generations to come would hold these magnificent churches in awe, as we do now with century old churches and buildings throughout Canada and Europe. Let's not destroy an important part of Milton's history, but rather preserve it for the sake of those who have come and will come to live here because of our historic charm.

We value our past, of which this sanctuary is a part. Everyone is encouraged to be active to have St. Paul's United Church designated as a heritage building.

Several letters have appeared in the *Champion* on this subject, and we urge you to send yours.

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NEIGHBOURS OF ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH**

Neighbours' efforts were truly a blessing

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing to you about the article entitled 'Bird's nest catches fire' in the June 5 *Champion*.

We're the fortunate owners of the home in this article. We were down south in Myrtle Beach preparing for our wedding when I received a very interesting call from my neighbour stating that there was a small fire at our home.

It was interesting to see this article in the paper, mostly because we actually had every intention of removing the nest before we left, but due to all of the commotion we completely forgot about it.

The lights were actually on a timer set for 9 p.m. to about 10:45 p.m. Another 15 minutes and we would have been okay.

We count our blessings that no one was hurt and our home and our neighbours' homes were okay.

A very special thanks goes out to our very good neighbours, who rushed around in a panic putting out the fire and calling the fire department to check out if everything else was safe.

We can honestly say we're very proud to have such excellent neighbours.

We'd like to take a positive spin on a negative event and say we hope this educates other homeowners and helps save homes and maybe even lives.

**GREG AND JOANNE WADSWORTH
MILTON**

Patterson's purchase of auto brings number owned within town to 15

'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.

May 1913

Last week A.L. Patterson of Trafalgar had a Ford auto delivered to him by the local agent. There are now 15 autos owned within the town, not counting the old model machine with one wheel in front and two handles in rear, owned by the publisher of the *Champion* (joke). Would it not be a good idea for the owners of the cars to turn out on June 3rd and give the members of the Hamilton Board of Trade a ride around the town?

June 1913

J.W. Elliot, K.C., has been appointed Deputy Judge of Halton during the six months of Judge Gorham's leave. The appointment meets with approval of the legal profession and the citizens of the county generally. Though he will assume the duties of Judge, Mr. Elliot will attend to his practice as usual. There is not much change in Judge Gorham's condition.

Among those who have been attending the great Presbyterian Congress at Massey Hall this week are Rev. Messrs. Mackay, Milton, Watts, Mansewood, Booth, Hornby and Dr. McRobbie Nelson. Among the laymen are Thos. Galbraith, Omagh, James Murray and Adam Sproat, Esquesing. This is the first time to bring ministers, their wives and one lay delegate from each congregation together. At least 5,000 gathered at Toronto. The expenses for fares, which were all paid, with billets and meals, total at least \$200,000 and have been guaranteed by several Toronto men, who will

Milton Time Capsules



make up shortage, if any, in collections.

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The Milton Bowling Club will soon be at work. The lease for the green west of Grace Church has been closed and men have been at work on it for several days under the supervision of J.R. Johnson. A goodly number of citizens have joined the club.

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Town Council: Messrs Curran and Clement contractors of Orillia put in a tender for the construction of a 6 inch concrete roadway on Main street from the west side of Brown street to the bridge. The proposed width is 30 feet, with nine-foot boulevards, with concrete curbs, weeping tile drains and catch basins. They agree to a five-year guarantee. Cost about \$10,000 and can complete work by Sept. 1st. Council agreed to the contract.

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Frank's Palace of Sweets opened with great éclat on Saturday evening. It was jammed by patrons for some hours, many having to wait outside until room was found for them, and a number of waiters were kept busy. The Milton orchestra played selections. The decorations and furnishings of the palace are really palatial and are equalled by few of the city confectionery stores. The Milton-made ice cream and candy were all that Frank had promised.

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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**July 17th
12pm-9pm
& July 18th
& 19th from
10am-5pm**

FRIDAY PROGRAM

- Lawn Tractor Pulls 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Tractor Displays
- Club Souvenirs
- Park Exhibits 12-5pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY PROGRAM

- Antique Lawn & Tractor Pulls
- Tractor Parade
- Lawn Tractor Races (Sat)
- Toy Show & Sale
- Vintage Cars/Trucks
- Swap Shop
- Machinery Demo
- Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull
- All Colour ICON
- Parks Exhibits Open
- Country Canteen Open
- Miniature Horses
- Features Massey Exhibits
- Kids Scavenger Hunt & Prizes

HERITAGE DISCOVERY DAYS • JULY 25-26 12-5PM



- 1830 Cassin Farmstead
- 1870 Lucas Farmstead
- 1910 School House

- Blacksmith Shop
- Apple Industry Building
- Milk on the Mooove Building
- Massey, John Deere, Case IH, Cockshutt, Ford, Allis-Chalmers tractors & equipment
- Carriage Works Shop
- 1928 Women's Institute Building
- McDuffe John Deere Dealership
- Ford Garage
- Kids Scavenger Hunt & Prizes

PIRATE FESTIVAL • AUGUST 1, 2, & 3 • 10-5



Arrrrh me hearties!! Board your pirate ships and set sail to the second annual Pirate Festival. Make port at Country Heritage Park, Aug. 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2009 to enjoy the show. Pirate stages, merchants and food abound.

New this year is "Captains Keg" an adult night of frivolous fun

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8560 Tremaine Road, Milton 905-878-8151 or 1-888-307-3276

Daily admission: Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Children \$4, Family Package: \$20 (some events differ) Programs subject to change.

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