

OPINION

Donors have right to full disclosure

For many people, sacrifice and generosity go hand-in-hand when it comes to making donations to a charity.

Few donors have enough money tucked away to be able to donate without giving up something else in their lives, a very real sacrifice they're willingly make in order to support the charities of their choice.

Yet, the vast majority of donors have no idea what happens to their money after they sign their cheques.

Mississauga East-Cooksville MP Albina Guarnieri has tabled a pri-

vate member's bill that would make salary disclosure mandatory for the top five executives of a charity.

The bill would also cap payments at \$250,000 to any executive at a Canadian registered charity.

Guarnieri wants to make sure donors can find the answers they need to help them figure out which agency should be the recipient of their hard-earned cash.

It's a much-needed bill — one that's long overdue — that should help ease the minds of those who worry about how their donations are spent.



Readers Write

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Town Hall not there to make lives of residents miserable

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in reference to letters sent in regarding parking on Milton streets, some negative in content concerning the Town of Milton.

I have received two infraction notices while parked in front of my home. Both times I was at fault and over the three-hour parking limit.

Upon receiving the third ticket, I knew I wasn't parked longer than three hours. I took my notice to Town Hall with a photo of my tire with the chalk mark put there by the officer.

Because I presented the correct information, the Town gave me consideration for this infraction. I used the third option on the ticket, which is to

talk with someone over the counter at Town Hall. They were very friendly and helpful and not there to make our lives miserable.

The two Town employees I spoke with mentioned changes could be pending to the parking bylaw.

People should send suggestions to Town Hall. Believe me they will listen.

I, for one, would like to see the three-hour maximum increased as I'm now a senior and it takes me longer to clean out my garage.

Milton is a growing and generous town with a big heart and I'm proud to live here.

PAUL FOREMAN
MILTON

New library will be too far away for me

DEAR EDITOR:

I don't think the Bruce Street library should be closed in 2011.

At the age of nine, I'm almost old enough to walk or bike there with my friends.

Now we, and others in old Milton, will need a car ride to get to the new library at Main Street and Thompson

Road. This will pollute the air and make it so animals, plants and people can't live.

I hope the Town of Milton will keep the Bruce Street library open as a branch library.

CAMERON HEWTON
MILTON

Obama's order preventing public funding of abortions would be welcome here

DEAR EDITOR:

It's to be hoped that U.S. President Barack Obama will honour his promise of an executive order restricting use of federal funds for abortion services and that the order will prove to be effective.

Although many leading U.S. pro-life advocates are deeply disappointed by the omission from the health care bill of wording forbidding use of federal funds for abortions, the executive order would show that, at least, the White House is more in tune with the wishes of Americans than our federal and provincial governments are of Canadians' wishes.

A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey issued in November 2009 showed that 61 per cent of the American public oppose the use of public money to pay for abortions.

In the same month, a poll by the Environics Research Group for Life Canada found that 67 per cent of Canadians (66 per cent in Ontario) oppose public funding of abortions, with exceptions for emergency situations.

The direct cost of abortions in Ontario is \$30 million a year — \$30 million that two-thirds of the citizens of the province prefer the government to invest in health-care elsewhere.

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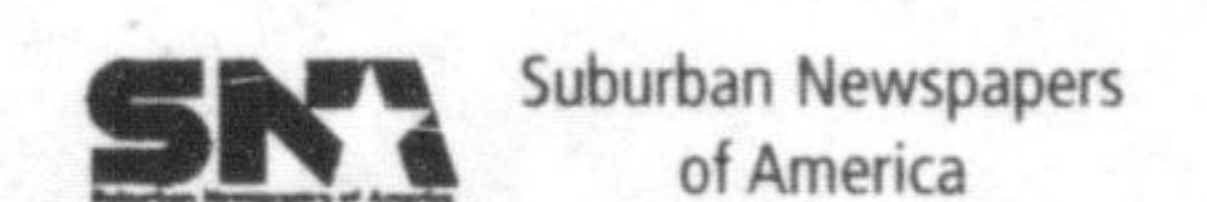
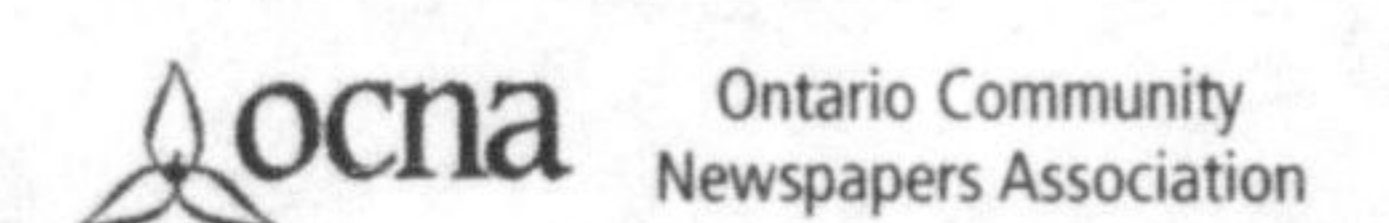
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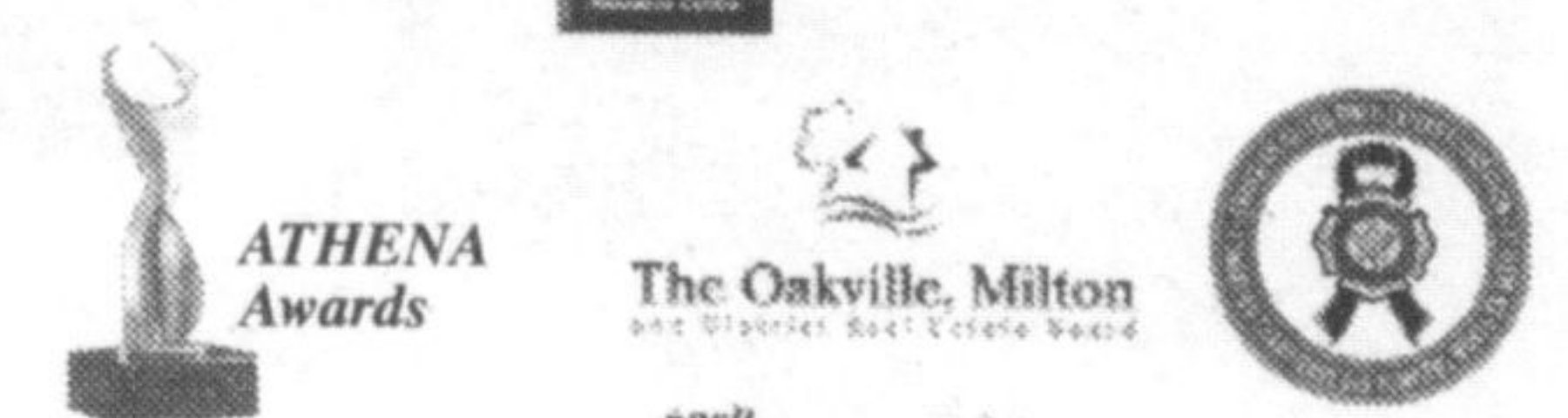
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