

Our Readers Write

The taxi service in this town 'sucks'

Dear Editor:

Re: Editorial about taxi service. The following is my editorial concerning the above mentioned topic.

I am absolutely appalled by the so-called "taxi service" which is advertised for our town in the telephone directories. The companies that I refer to are Milton Taxi and Crowe Taxi Service.

Several people including myself have tried fruitlessly for up to half an hour to contact these services by telephone on numerous occasions and got nothing whatsoever but a busy signal. I would say it stinks, but it doesn't -- it sucks!

You'd think that, as with any proper place of business, they would commission the required operator personnel to facilitate the current demand or at least provide callers with some form of recorded explanatory message.

When a basic service such as this is advertised to the public, especially since it is depended upon by so many people of various circumstances, this bears a definite responsibility upon the business advertising such service. If they allow a situation where callers cannot even get through, then certainly that constitutes a breach of their responsibility towards the public that borders on fraudulent advertising.

Once I had to arrange for a taxi to take my grandmother and myself somewhere in town (at around 5 p.m.). I tried both numbers until I felt like yelling swear words (I managed not to). Finally we ended up having to walk -- she is 85 years old with a sore knee!

My dad once had to walk all the way from the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop to our home across town to get his car after our family had just returned from a long bus tour because he could not get through to a taxi. Various people I know, including myself, have been inconvenienced and had to walk long distances, even in the pouring rain, because of not being able to get through to a damn taxi. I could practically fill this whole damn page with experiences such as these.

I am very curious to know just what the hell is going on with these taxi companies. If they are doing so badly, why don't they just do us all a favour by not advertising at all -- at least people wouldn't be misled into trying to call.

Michael Victor Bechard
Bell Street, Milton

Marshmallow liberalism is destroying Canada

Dear Editor:

Your editorial *Mandate to Fight AIDS, Not Gays* (Aug. 2) accuses councillor Bill Johnson of being a redneck because he resents \$114,000 being spent to fight AIDS in Halton.

You neglect to mention that AIDS is a disease mainly of homosexuals, who continue to engage in acts of sodomy, despite graphic reports by pathologists on the deadly consequence of this perversion.

If *The Canadian Champion* is interested in stopping AIDS, you should be railing against perversion in the gay community, not against councillors who see through the propaganda set up by homosexual networks throughout society.

For the most part, the media have participated in a cover-up, defending the very people who have put others at risk.

No one has added up the bill for this lifestyle but, somewhere down the line, funds earmarked for other terminal diseases will be diverted to the AIDS campaign, which is cleverly directed by special-interest groups.

In the absence of specific warnings to homosexuals, I support the challenges lodged by councillors Johnson and Scholtens. Marshmallow liberal

Residents attitude toward group home is 'disgusting'

Dear Editor:

Some of the people in this town completely disgust me. After reading the article about the "Controversial Group Home" being built on Commercial Street, a foul taste was left in my mouth after discovering "10 to 20 (residents) ... became so embittered they sold their homes."

I hope they moved to a desert island for, in my opinion, this community does not need selfish, snobby citizens with an "I'm okay, who cares if you're not?" attitude, as these people seem to have.

Underprivileged youths should be welcomed with open arms to a town of such wealth as Milton has and I would not be at all disturbed at the prospect of an adolescent group home being built beside my house. Instead, glad to be active in a worthy and much needed cause.

At long last this town has opened its eyes (and has decided to help out with) the unpleasantness and problems of the 1980s and '90s. Congratulations to Milton and to Mark Degner for fine work done!

Lynn Wareham
George St., Milton

ism is slowly destroying this country.

Nick Sopinka
Oakville, Ont.

Lac's lawsuits aim at the weak

Dear Editor:

It was saddening for me to read the reports of the lawsuit naming Gwen Isings, Joe Curtain and Patricia Guenther, brought against them by LAC Minerals.

I am disturbed not so much for the obvious reason that there is now another hurdle for us all to climb in order to stop LAC's proposal but for what I perceive to be the scraping of the bottom of the dirty tricks barrel by LAC Minerals.

This is an attempt to brow-beat, coerce and brutalize with legal action people who are, in understandable sincerity, merely trying to protect their homes and neighborhoods.

These people named by LAC are leaders in our community in the fight to protect for the rest of us that which is the rightful heritage of all of us in Milton and the Region of Halton.

By virtue of this leadership they have attracted like lightning rods LAC's fury and frustration as it attempts to defer an untenable position. LAC must believe indeed that the sword is mightier than the pen or that the strong will surely inherit the earth to take such transparent and vicious action.

This David and Goliath story which has pitted the weak against

the strong has been justified through the support of not only the Town of Milton and its council but by the NEC, the Region of Halton and many others.

Why has LAC not named any of these groups in their suit -- the answer must be obvious to everyone. To fight the weak guarantees victory; to fight the strong reduces your chance of winning. So LAC Minerals bares its brawny corporate arms for battle and shows us its questionable preference for winning in court against the weak and defenceless rather like the bully in the school yard.

If they want to flex their biceps in front of the mirror to soothe their battered egos let them do legal battle with the big boys who could give them a fight they would remember.

Are we to let Isings, Guenther and Curtain face LAC alone across a courtroom or are there people who will understand what LAC is trying to do to Milton and act now, not only to protect the people who have been cited but also ourselves against this kind of tyranny.

LAC Minerals has been given due process, to say otherwise is an insult to our local municipal bodies whom we as citizens have duly elected. Their claim otherwise is a red herring. It is an attempt to harass an honest effort in democracy which cannot be ignored if our integrity as a town to control our own future is to be maintained.

Lyndon Smith
Appleby Line, Milton

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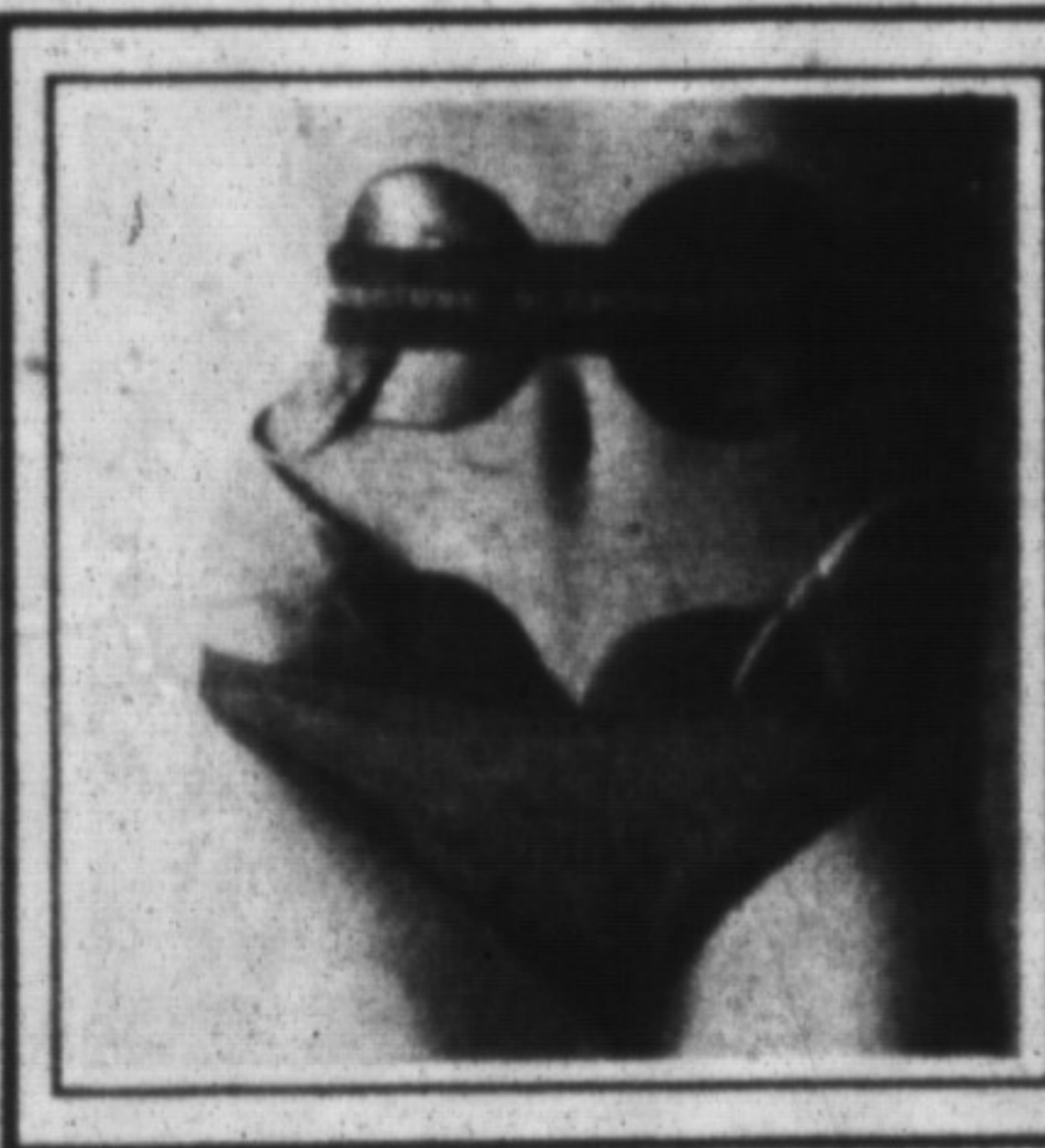


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Milton Council meets for the first time

Sat. July 4, 1857, Town of Milton, Canada West --

The members of the first Milton Council, elected since incorporation of the town, held their inaugural meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Court House.

Returning Officer, Sheriff Levi Wilson, received the oaths of office and declarations of qualification from those elected on Tuesday June 30.

Taking their places were those elected: From the North Ward -- John White, John Martin and William Smiley. From the East Ward -- James McGuffin, Edward Martin and Joseph Bell. From the South Ward -- George Brown, William Robson and William Hill.

The Returning Officer gave some complimentary remarks and John White moved, seconded by George Brown, that "the thanks of this Council be given to the Returning Officer for the able and courteous manner in which he performed his duty."

George Brown was chosen to serve as Mayor and John White as Reeve during the following deliberations. John White will thus become the town's first representative to County Council. He will join the new Reeve from Oakville when County Council meets next since both towns have been newly incorporated.

The elections last Tuesday in Milton were keen but the best feeling ensued. There are no conflicting interests and no distinct partisanship was evident at the first election. The polling was mostly finished on the first day.

Council will meet again on July 13 when the rules of procedure, the committee structure, the municipal employees and their salaries, a by-law to regulate inns, groceries, eating houses and saloons, a by-law to regulate the size and weight of bread and a by-law to regulate exhibitions etc. will be dealt with.

The new council will also be establishing a seal for use on legal documents.

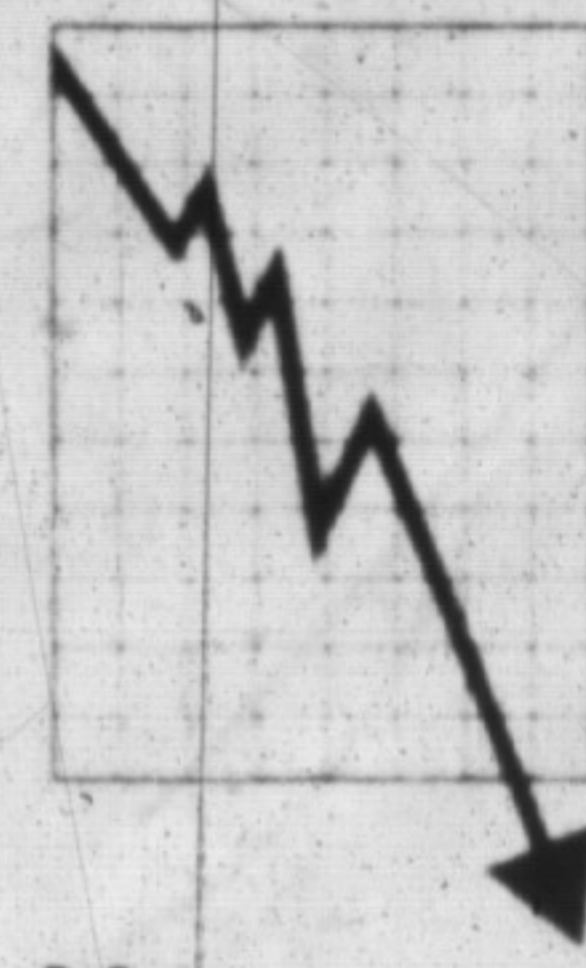
Incorporation of the town, which was announced in May when Royal Assent was given the special Act, is a major step forward. Separation from Trafalgar Township will allow us to be in charge of our own finances. Our bridges, streets, sidewalks may be made or repaired at the will of Council and the wishes of residents.

There will be constables, a police magistrate and inspectors of houses of entertainment. We are confident the scenes of drunken rowdiness will not be permitted to recur without effective punishment. Protection will be guaranteed to the feelings and limbs of the peaceable as well as refractory.

One of the urgent public works to be considered must be the troublesome bridge on Main St., across the Sixteen Mile Creek. It is not a bright prospect for teamsters or travelers to have a bridge lying in wait for their life, limb and property every time they pass and repass on our Main St. For the last year the bridge has been a crying nuisance.

Despite cries of 'hard times' in the province and bankruptcy of many respectable businesses Milton has come off unscathed. A number of new houses are being constructed and commercial interests enlarged. This season there are already eight new buildings either completed or in progress of construction and all are brick or stone.

Milton begins its independent life in good condition.
□ Twentieth in a series of facts, sprinkled with fiction, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke.
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