

# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## In defence of train whistles

Dear Editor:

What is a taxpayer to do these days? Every time I turn around there is another "special interest group" trying to change the way things have been done for years; another "special interest group" trying to speak for everyone.

I am speaking, of course, of the latest Campbellville protest to ban whistling at the Campbellville railroad crossing.

And where is my councillor when I need him? He's out leading the pack, for gosh sakes.

Historically Campbellville is a railroad town — that must count for something. We in the village have lived our lives with the trains whistling through daily and would only hear the whistling if it stopped.

From a safety perspective, to stop the trains from whistling through Campbellville (and numerous other

Milton crossings) is just simply negligent. The villagers may know the frequency of the trains and therefore be extra cautious, but what about the heavy vehicular traffic on Guelph Line and the hundreds of tourists who cross the tracks on foot?

And who is liable if a traffic accident occurs? The local/regional government (read taxpayer) would be held liable as soon as it was determined they buckled under to a small "special interest group" wanting to do away with whistling.

What about the poor taxpayer? I understand we are talking about nine level crossings throughout Milton with a cost of \$500/crossing for liability insurance or \$4,500/year. All experts point to a lengthy dip in our economy; people are out of work, sales and GST taxes shrink our income by 15 per cent. In the face of all this, we have a small group of mostly newcomers wanting to add to our tax woes for something

that is frivolous at best and a serious threat to safety at worst.

I do not wish to offend my village neighbours but I can no longer be silent. I love to see new folks move to our area but please, do not arrive and immediately set about to change what has gone on for years.

As for local councillor Gerry Brooks, I can only say I am tired of politicians who attempt to manufacture an issue just so they can be seen to have fixed it.

I would appreciate it if you would turn your attention to more serious issues like high taxes, rural preservation and local employment initiatives.

I have filed a copy of this letter with the railroads review/regulatory body, the Canadian Transportation Commission.

J.R. Bowls,  
Campbellville

## Family, staff, customers share award

Dear Editor:

We are absolutely thrilled and gratified to be the recipient of the Milton Chamber of Commerce 1992 Business of the Year Award. This certainly makes the efforts over the last 12 years most worthwhile.

At this time we wish to thank our children Angela, Kurtis and Valerie for their hard work, their ideas and their participation. They have been very supportive, patient and with us all the way.

Our staff are most deserving of credit. They work very hard and have wonderful skills in serving our customers throughout the season. Many of our staff have returned year after year with enthusiasm and a multitude of excellent ideas.

Our customers are wonderful and have encouraged us every inch of the way. Our goal is to continue to produce quality products and to serve them in a family-pleasing environment.

The Milton community is our support and inspiration. We can only say thank you and our plan is to continue community involvement and to support the needs that arise in the community.

Laurie and Bert Andrews,  
Andrews Scenic Acres



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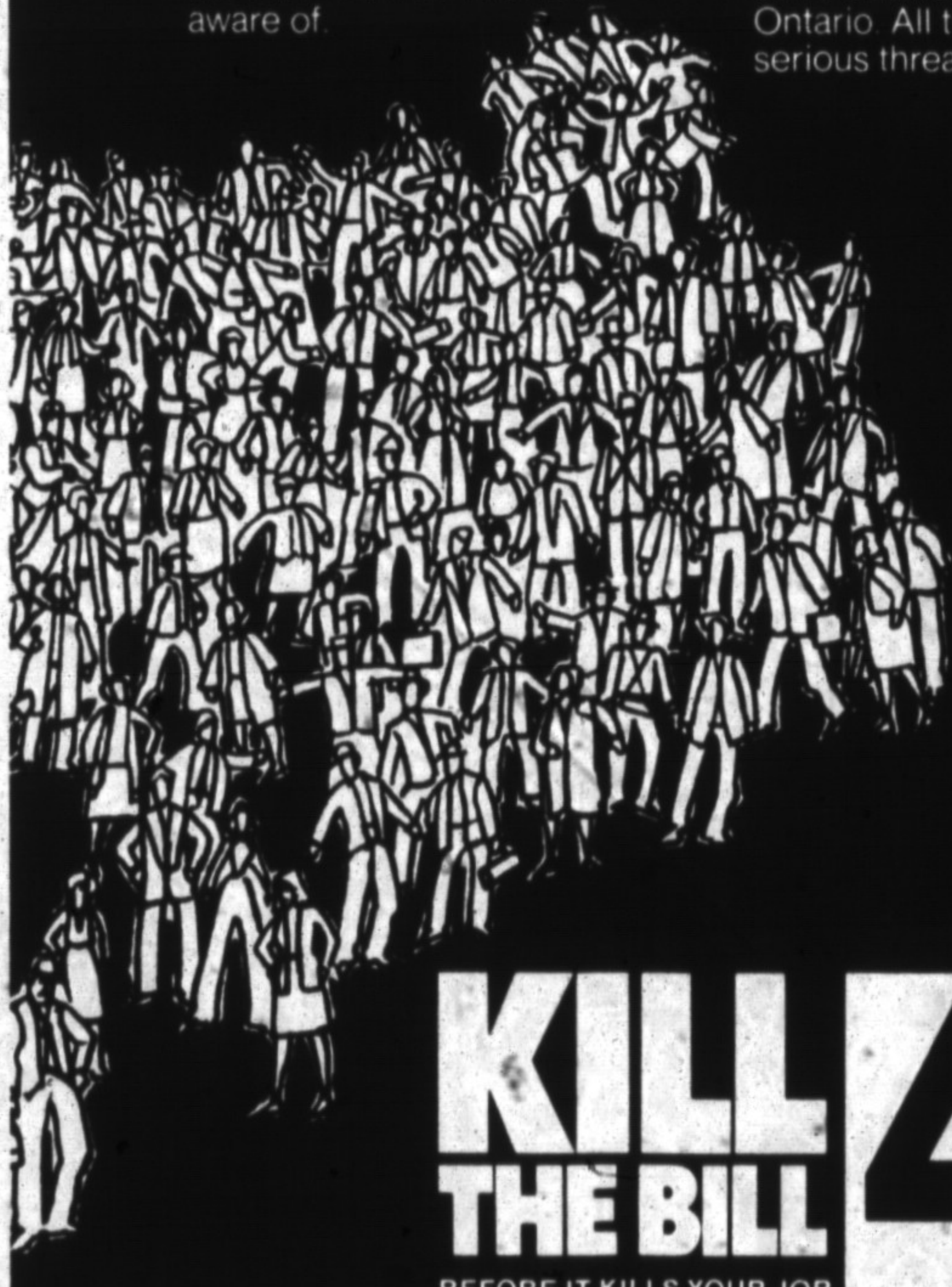
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\*Source: Ernst & Young Survey, 1992

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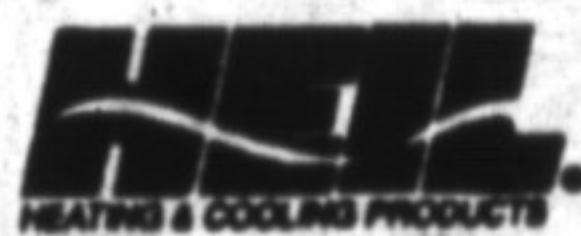


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