Triathlon good for the soul

Dear Editor:

While I am not an active participant in the International Triathlon, as a spectator I was greatly disappointed to read in last week's Canadian Champion that there may not be a triathlon at all in Milton next year.

Milton, an ideal location for a triathlon, has been host to this world class event featuring well known top world triathletes since Toronto had to give it up four to five years ago due to unclean water in Lake Ontario.

The triathlon is a positive addition Milton's annual calendar of events. Rather than finding ways to have the event moved to another town, we should make every effort to keep the International Triathlon in the Kelso area. It is good for the town, good for business, good for people and good for the soul. Let's promote it rather than destroy it.

John Huisman Milton

Town spoil-sports over triathlon

Dear Editor:

was astonished to read that Milton councillors are so concerned about restricted access to the golf club and gravel quarry for a few hours on a Saturday morning that they would stop the triathlon from going ahead on Sixth Line.

These two businesses already dominate traffic on Sixth Line for which all Milton taxpayers pay to maintain. Why is council giving

tion? We live in a community that should be dedicated to the benefit of all citizens and business.

In denying the triathlon in June, council cut off the revenues that more than a thousand visitors would have brought to Milton. If Ms. Howard or any member of councilhad visited Orillia last for the Northern Triathlon weekend, she would have seen first hand the benefits an event like a triathlon bring to a town - every hotel full, every campsite full, restaurants and every kind of

store doing a healthy business. And what does Milton council do? It protects access to a country club and quarry site at the expense of local businesses. Now the International Triathlon is being jeopardized by council members who seem to have lost sight of their responsibilities to the broader community. Are the golf club and gravel quarry more deserving of council's consideration than the other businesses?

As for safety, Ms. Howard clearly 3/bs. does not have a clue what she is talking about. I've competed in six of the triathlons that Mr. Fraser has organized this year and I have yet to see "people straddling the white

I have seen well-organized events that thousands of athletes enjoy (more than 1,200 in Orillia last weekend), without a single accident. Milton is an ideal place for athletes Box of 16 to swim, run and bike. This has resulted in a higher than usual number of active, competitive athletes, surely a wonderful example to young people. We routinely put up with an endless convoy of speeding gravel trucks and now we are told

these businesses special considera-that they have some kind of priority on road use. I really do think council has its priorities wrong.

I urge council to support events of this kind, given its location and the conservation area, etc. Milton could realistically become a major centre of all kinds of athletic events including, sailing, windsurfing, running, mountain and road cycling, and long distance swimming.

would bring These events thousands of dollars into the local

economy and summer long employment for many people.

May I suggest that council look beyond the golf club and gravel quarry and form a task force to look into ways of using this beautiful Milton's region to stimulate economy and become known for it's recreational facilities and first class sporting events instead as a source of gravel.

Martin Carney Rockwood

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