

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Garbage fee trash

Dear Editor:

I have just read that rural residents will be charged \$5 to deposit our garbage at the landfill site. The comments of our councillors seem to suggest that up to now we have been subsidized by the property taxes paid by town dwellers.

My household pays over \$6,000 a year in property taxes to the Town of Milton. For this, we receive no water supply, and no sewers, and have minimal police presence. We drive on unpaved roads, with no street lights. We have no children in the school system, which is just as well, because our roads will now not be ploughed overnight to allow school buses to run.

Now, it is not enough that we are expected to drive 50 kilometres to dispose of our own garbage, stand out in all weather separating our recyclables, and dropping cans and bottles into igloos one at a time, but we have to pay for the privilege.

Councillors shouldn't be surprised if rural residents find other solutions. May I suggest, in the interests of the environment, that we find out when Mayor Krantz has his free garbage pick-up, and take our bags along to his front lawn.

Jo Phenix
RR 1, Acton

Landfill fee is just another tax

Dear Editor:

The letter was sent to Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and a copy filed with *The Champion* re: Notice to users of the regional container station; user fee commencing Jan. 1, 1994.

This is to protest the implementation of user fees for disposal of domestic waste. This is only another form of taxation.

In Nassegawaya, we do not have garbage pickup by the Region, only a service provided by private enterprise, who naturally charge a fee.

The dump was built with taxpayer dollars on land purchased with taxpayer dollars and is staffed by employees paid with taxpayers dollars.

Since the taxpayer is already the sole proprietor and operator, it is unthinkable the taxpayer incur further expense for this essential service.

If the dump was financed with private funds then a fee or return on investment would be expected.

This action on your part will only promote illicit and harmful dumping on both private and public lands to the detriment of the environment. The increased surveillance and clean up would escalate costs to the detriment of the taxpayer.

This will also counteract the time, money and effort already spent in education and in the changing of public attitude in the field of reduce, reuse and recycle.

This policy announcement done without any input from the taxpayer and not being part of the original criteria is a shocking indictment to the attitude toward taxpayers by the management of the Region of Halton and particularly in this case, of those involved in the management of waste.

This fee announcement should be withdrawn and not be implemented on Jan. 1, 1994 or thereafter.

Victor Danielli
Campbellville

Vandalism too much

Dear Editor:

This concerned new citizen of Milton views the current festive season

vandalism occurring nightly as just too much.

Personally, I have had 20 bulbs of my 500 stolen or broken, plus a wreath disappear.

What will be left by the 25th of this month?

Across the street this morning this writer found a long string of broken Christmas lights in the gutter. This was on Laurier Avenue across from the Tonelli rink.

I understand Woodward Avenue has been hit badly in this regard. Come on, parents! Address this concern. Show this letter to your children.

I know, I know — not my kids!

A lovely town this Milton, I love it. The festive lights are beautiful here in the evening — for how much longer?

Ed Janusas
Laurier Avenue, Milton

Tree stolen

Dear Editor:

On Monday, Dec. 13, I went out my front door as usual to go and get the newspaper. I noticed as soon as I opened the door that there was dirt on my front walk.

As I went out the door, I noticed our small tree was missing. We had it decorated with small lights and garland being that my husband and I both love Christmas time.

I was both shocked and upset. It would be one thing to steal the lights and garland but I couldn't believe someone would steal the entire tree. It had to be someone somewhat older as they didn't dig it up. They just ripped it out.

I hope whoever took it is happy with themselves and enjoys it as much as my husband and I. My nieces are going to miss it. They will be terribly upset to see it missing

from the front of the house.

Nadine Cameron
Bronte Street, Milton

Dance idea in rhythm

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the participants of the first teen dance Dec. 4, I would like to thank organizers Colleen Crabbe and the Milton District High School Student Council for their efforts in hosting this event.

Thanks also to Bonnie Ward and the staff of the Milton Leisure Centre for their assistance, and members of the Community Consultation Committee for the idea and initial organization of the concept of a high school-age event for all students in the town.

Regarding the recent *Champion* editorial comment on the use of the leisure centre: The purpose of this

facility is to be used by residents of Milton of all ages. This dance showed that an entirely student-run event can be accommodated in the centre, and can lead to a youth-oriented program year round.

Colin Best
Councillor, Town of Milton

Get well soon, editorialist

Dear Editor:

Your Dec. 1 editorial on the recreational needs of Milton's teens ends with the sentence "Right now they seem to be doing it on Main Street, and all that does is cause friction when they get a bid (sic) rowdy."

May I wish your editorialist a speedy recovery from his cold and continued good health thereafter.

Ron Bezant
Milton

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