



OUR READERS WRITE

7—The Canadian Champion, Wednesday, February 7, 1996

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Foxfire is sewage, says reader

Dear Editor:

Re: Halton Board of Education book selection policies.

The novel "Foxfire", first printed in August 1994, was approved by the Halton Board of Education in December of 1994. It was reintroduced in Semester 2, February 1995.

In summary, the novel's 328 pages is the epitome of untreated sewage, so graciously captured by the school board trustees, mixed with our hard earned education tax dollars, recycled and spooned to our children in the guise of formal education.

The school board stands squarely behind this novel, replete with nudity, illicit sex with minors, alcohol and drug abuse by minors, and taught in the classroom to minors! The blatant use of four letter words, the negative use of the names of God, Jesus and Christ, the racial harassment, are so frequent and intense, that to consider this teachable material, in the pursuit of excellence, is a scathing indictment of our educational institution.

The educational elite falsely believe that we, the public and the parents are biased, ignorant, bigots, uneducated and totally incapable of making the right educational choices for our own

children — yet all the while they hypocritically invite parental participation. We are not ignorant, and we are capable of making the right choices for our children. In the end, my views and those of the Halton Board of Education trustees are insignificant, compared to the shared views of the people of Milton. You are the judge and jury, and I ask you now to vote with your heart and your pen.

Write to Ted Chudleigh, MPP, write to the Minister of Education, the Honorable John Snobelen, MPP, and contact the Halton Board of Education and the Principal at Milton District High, Mrs. Barb Singleton. For more information, please contact me by fax at 854-2900. We, the parents, should guide our student's reading choices.

Jack Huisman
Campbellville

Local firms came through

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Halton Employment Assessment Centre and the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, I would like to take this informal approach to express our appreciation to the Milton companies who have provided work experience or job

placements this past year of 1995. They are:

The Fifth Wheel, Loblaw's, Milton Jr. Y Child Care Ctr., Milton Leisure Centre, Milton Senior Centre, Pizza Hut, Safe & Sound Children's Ctr., Swiss Chalet, Team Tube, Toronto Auto Auction, Wallace Pontiac Buick Cadillac, Zellers.

It is only through the support and understanding exhibited by community employers, that individuals with developmental delay can have the opportunity to display their abilities in non-sheltered environments.

Kevin Speers and Stacy Mitro,
Halton Employment
Assessment Centre

Swim tournament was a big success

Dear Editor:

In November, the Milton Marlins Swim Team held its Fall Invitational meet. Six clubs sent over 200 swimmers. The event was a huge success for the team.

We wish to thank all the local sponsors who contributed generously.

The Canadian Champion is thanked for the publicity given to this event.

The team also wishes to recognize the Milton town council for its vision in development of the Leisure Centre

facilities. Thank you to all the volunteers, who gave their time generously.

Congratulations to our swimmers, our children, who competed well and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Bill Dumencu, president
Milton Marlins Swim Team

Politicians should be sued over debt

Dear Editor:

Canada's federal and provincial governments are imposing funding cuts on all programs and our politicians are constantly stating that the status quo can no longer be justified and/or maintained.

I do not believe too many of Canada's citizens would argue that cuts are not needed in some areas. There are, however, three extremely costly programs where our illustrious politicians have seen fit to maintain the status quo and have even hinted that the programs are deserving of increased funding.

The programs? None other than politicians' pay, perks and pensions. Programs that are being funded by the same tax dollars that have been cut from our life-sustaining social programs.

These cuts are forcing the working poor into a no-win situation whereby

they are having to go into debt just to go to work.

In fact many politicians such as Jean Chretien, Canada's current prime minister, are currently defending what they get, often using the salaries of professional sports figures to indicate that politicians are underpaid.

If our politicians are not in the political arena for the money, why do they spend so much time defending their pay, perk and pension packages, and insisting that they are underpaid?

Do our politicians really care so much about the finances of Canada, or do they only care about the balance of their own bank accounts? In any case, these politicians should be leading by example, they shouldn't expect others to do what they themselves are not willing to do.

How about a class action suit against all our federal and provincial politicians, past and present? Mismanagement has put Canada, from coast to coast, in its current financial bind.

Why do we continue paying our past politicians their outrageous pensions? Since when do people get rewarded for putting a company (or country or province) into billions of dollars of debt?

John D. McConnell
Halton Hills

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PUBLIC NOTICE GUELPH LINE (REGIONAL ROAD #1) RECONSTRUCTION FROM HIGHWAY 401 TO 240 METRES NORTH OF NO. 10 SIDEROAD TOWN OF MILTON PR-928

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 1996 to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Guelph Line (Regional Road #1) from Highway 401 to 240 metres North of No. 10 Sideroad in the Town of Milton.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Planning & Public Works Department, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, or at the North District Operations Centre, 1600 Steeles Avenue, Milton during normal business hours.

On Wednesday, February 21, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in the Halton Room at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his/her Counsel, any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk no later than Wednesday, February 14, 1996 to be heard.

For further information, please contact Mr. T. Finelli, Design Supervisor at extension 7615 at one of the following numbers:

- From Milton 825-6030
- From Halton Hills 878-8113
- From Acton 853-0501
- From Burlington 639-4540

JOAN A. EAGLESHAM
REGIONAL CLERK

