

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Chief is disappointed with paper's editorial

Dear Editor:

Re: "MacIsaac on target" editorial of Dec. 18, 1996. I read with interest, but some disappointment, the captionally referenced editorial. Your reference to Councillor Robert MacIsaac saying police-to-population ratios are an "inappropriate" measure to use for staffing is essentially an accurate reflection of his comments. However, you have not noted that he went to say that he was pleased that Halton Regional Police also acknowledge the inadequacy of this measure alone.

As well, your article leans heavily on emphasizing the inadequacy of comparing Halton to Vancouver and especially Toronto, saying this is comparing apples to oranges. Again, we in Halton Regional Police agree and, therefore, do not rely on those types of comparators. We do compare ourselves to Waterloo, Hamilton-Wentworth, Peel, York, Durham, London and to provincial and national averages. In these instances we compare very favourably.

Mr. Kelly, we would be pleased to host you and your staff for a full presentation of the data given to the members of the regional administration and finance committee in late 1996. This presentation included much more than police-to-population ratios and lead to their support of our budget, its subsequent endorsement by the regional budget review committee, and finally to an overwhelming vote of support by the full regional council.

The presentation I suggest could lead to an article or series of articles in your paper on the costs, operations, results and staffing of Halton Regional Police Service. We would welcome the scrutiny of the people of north

Halton (or anywhere) and endorse this scrutiny as an excellent method to broaden public accountability of the police.

We recognize the pressure on taxpayers to meet their expenses when salaries, in the main, are stagnant. We are doing our utmost to provide a good level of police service within this context. Nevertheless, we cannot escape the continuing growth of Halton and the subsequent need for more services.

Over the past few years, we have reorganized and thinned our managerial ranks and reduced staffing in other areas to permit us to maintain our frontline service delivery. We have partnered with other police services and community groups as cost saving and effectiveness measures. We have vigorously pursued technology to assist in streamlining our processes and help contain staff growth.

If we are failing to recognize other opportunities, we welcome the clear eye of the community. The series of articles referred to above could result in such input.

*Peter J. Campbell, Chief of Police
Oakville*

Letters Welcomed

The Canadian Champion welcomes letters to the editor. We reserve the right to edit, revise, and reject letters.

Letters must be signed and the address and the telephone number of the writer included. Mail letters to: The Canadian Champion, Box 248, Milton, Ont. L9T 4N9; or leave them at our office, 191 Main Street.

It's time for some honesty

Dear Editor:

I have just returned from taking my daughter to her swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre this morning. Unfortunately, I mistakenly removed my watch and put it down in the ladies change room.

Within a half hour of leaving, I realized that I had not picked my watch up. I returned, to find my watch gone from where I had left it, and no watch turned in to the lost and found.

To the person who has my watch, please know that

you have stolen something that is very special to me. It was a gift from my husband.

Whenever you look at the time, I hope you are reminded that you have stolen something that is very meaningful to someone else.

If you should feel a twinge of guilt about this, please turn the watch in to the lost and found at the Leisure Centre. I will be extremely grateful.

*Maureen Boland
Milton*

OPEN HOUSE

STORMWATER RUN-OFF HANDLING FROM COMPOST SITE

January 30, 1997

The Region of Halton is inviting all interested individuals and parties to a public Open House. Halton has undertaken a study of the best means to safely discharge stormwater run-off from the existing leaf and yard material composting operation at the Halton Waste Management Site. This study has examined a variety of ways to handle the stormwater.

In accordance with the Class EA for Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects, a public Open House will be held. Representatives from the Regional Municipality of Halton will be on hand to discuss related issues and concerns and to receive comments and input.

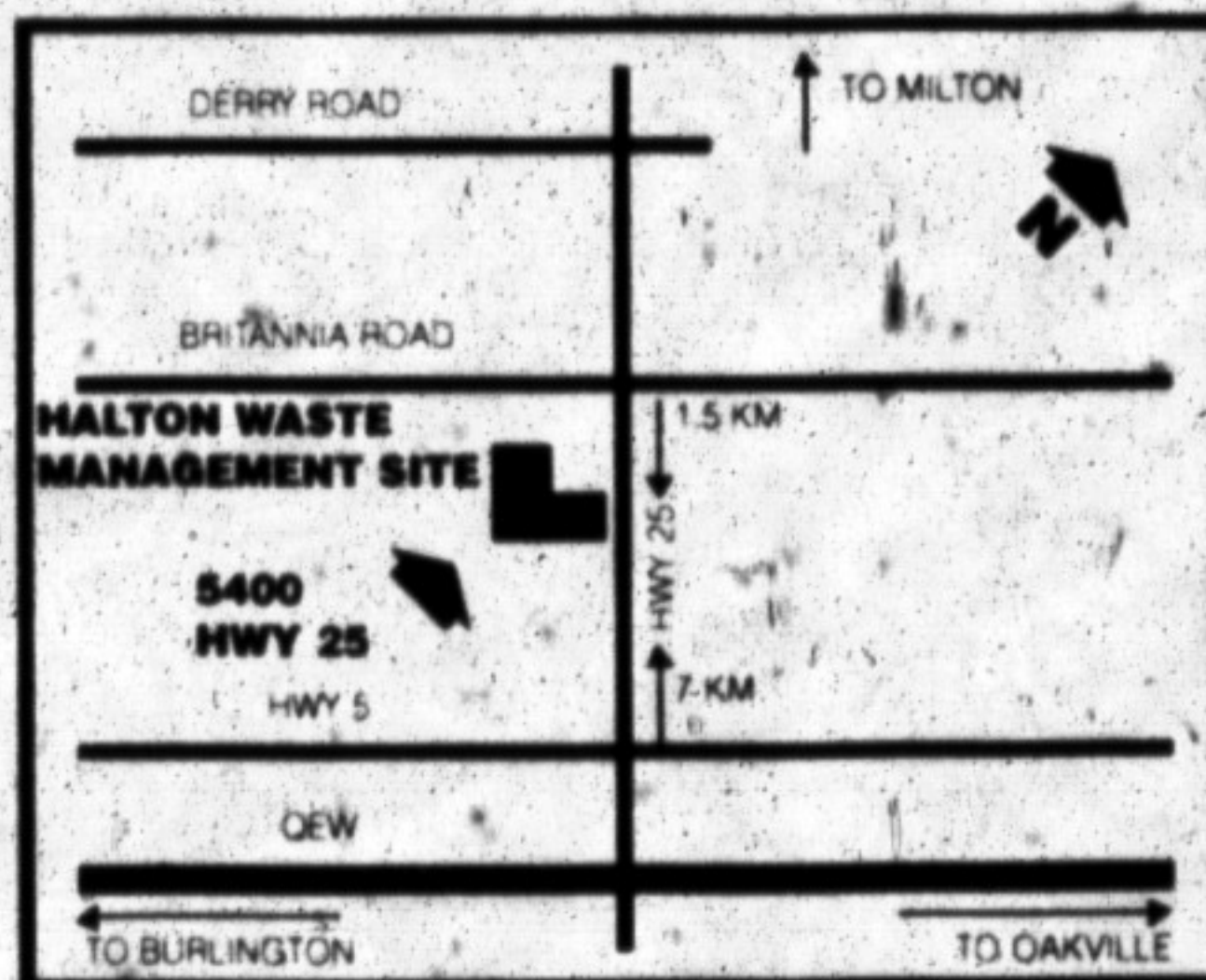
DATE: January 30, 1997

TIME: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Halton Waste Management Site
5400 Highway #25
Milton

For further information contact:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GUELPH LINE RECONSTRUCTION BRITANNIA ROAD TO DERRY ROAD CITY OF BURLINGTON PR-1538

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Guelph Line, Britannia Road to Derry Road through the Hamlet of Lowville, City of Burlington.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Planning & Public Works Department, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville during normal business hours.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1997 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 Thursday, February 6, 1997 to be heard.

For further information, please contact M. J. Choi, P. Eng., extension 7610.

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