



# OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

## Says Marion Howard is a breath of fresh air

Dear Editor:

In reference to the series of articles from Feb. 7-11 and including your editorial on Councillor Marion Howard's comments on her fellow council members, I wish to point out that:

- Councillor Howard has been on council six years, therefore, she is able to comment on the council's members and business with some authority.

- Councillor Howard's comments on her fellow councillors' attitudes and behaviour, her suggestions of supposed poor fiscal management practices of the council, overloaded councillor representation on boards, back room politics, the hypocritical posturing of some councillors and the possible need to shrink or dissolve local council representation are timely, worthy of consideration and like a breath of fresh air!

- It appears to this writer that Councillor Howard is tilting at the windmill of the old boys network which seems to have been evident on council for many years. Could this be because some of the councillors have served on council for 10 or more years, and have set the tone for how consensus is reached? Is it appropriate that council business is discussed outside of council? Do we want council business done in the manner of which Councillor Howard has suggested?

- Is the real issue here about accountability and the necessity to dissolve local council,

keeping Town Hall and it's services and saving the taxpayer money in the distant future, or is this about Councillor Howard's frustration at trying to justify to herself, and us just what the town council's function is today?

- It is a pity that further discussion on these matters was curtailed due to a councillor being insulted and having the agenda moved on, at the council meeting. Is this an example of political manoeuvring or just being plain small minded?

- For those councillors whom suggested that Ms Howard "turn in her stipend", or "resign" or that her comments were "a little tantrum" or "BS", they should stop and think as Councillor Howard represents what is inevitable on any small town council and that is an outside perspective, change, and accountability.

And finally, in the editorial on this issue, you evoked the ghost of "Wicked Willy Johnson" as he was affectionately known by many of your readers. I am sure that had his spirit been in council on the evening of Councillor Howard's statement, he would have chortled with glee!

Well done Councillor Howard, keep up the good work!

Laura Baily  
Nassagaweya

## Thank you all

Dear Editor:

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank Leslie Fitch and the Milton Public Library staff for their efforts in the restoration of the stained glass memorial commemorat-

ing my late wife Robin's memory. Heartfelt thanks also to the Milton residents for their kind thoughts and generosity, and to Gillian Salzsauler for her generosity and effort in restoring a beautiful work of art.

Mike Barbeta  
Oakville

## Thanks to Brian

Dear Editor:

In the spring of 1975 the selection committee of the board of directors of Milton District Hospital, in their search for a new administrator, had narrowed the field to a choice of three candidates.

At a meeting of the board, it was the unanimous decision to ask Brian Brady to "accept command of the ship". In retrospect, this was one of the wisest decision that any board had made in the 20-year history of the hospital.

Mr. Brady, over the next 21 years, guided the various boards in the very efficient running of the hospital. His expertise in finance — going from a line to line summation in the budget process to a new global budget concept has seen Milton District Hospital the envy of many other institutions in its yearly balance sheet.

His diversified knowledge during the major enlargement of the hospital and his day-to-day decisions have resulted (as most of us realize) in a very well run, responsible and caring hospital.

Over the years, the hospital has been renowned for its patient care — its staff has received many accolades for tasks per-

formed up to and beyond the call of duty. Under Mr. Brady's supervision, this has been a continuing accomplishment.

Last, but not least, we must extend our appreciation to Mrs. Brady and their children for so unselfishly sharing Brian in the many, many evening meetings, the weekends at the hospital for special events and, yes, even the evening participation in the hockey games.

We trust that his retirement will be all that he and his family could envision.

Bruce MacNab  
Milton

## Art group formed

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for giving our local artists publicity in one of your January issues. The art show for the Mayor's Levee was a great success, which spread beyond the borders of this town. Our visitor's book had entries from Mississauga, Hamilton and Burlington.

As a direct result of this show we, the exhibiting artists, have formed a group which had its first general meeting in late January.

Planned activities of the group are art in the park, a studio tour, workshops, shows and critique nights at our general meetings, which will be planned every three months or more often if requested. Your article was well presented and much appreciated by everyone. Thank you again.

Frank Sisson  
President  
Fine Arts Society of Milton

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