

# Opinion

## Region couldn't have done it without you

Halton Region could teach other municipalities a thing or two about recycling old electronics.

The Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) has named it a top municipal electronic recycler for working with residents to divert electronic waste from the landfill.

A total of 483,080 kg of unwanted electronics was collected at the Halton Waste Management Site last year. Since 2002, the Region has offered e-waste recycling to residents and teamed up with OES in 2009 to provide them with a free location at its landfill site to drop off their unwanted items.

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr said the recognition by the OES, a not-for-profit organization responsible for delivering reusing and recycling electronics programs, is a reflection of the community's commitment to waste diversion and protecting the environment.

"Halton residents are among the best in the province when it comes to participating in recycling and composting programs," said Carr. "Their efforts keep waste out of the landfill and help to extend the life of this very valuable resource four more years — a savings of \$15 million for taxpayers."

We couldn't agree more. Halton residents should be proud of their environmental commitment.

Added OES Executive Director Jonathan Spencer, "We're very proud of all Ontarians who have participated in municipal e-waste events and utilized drop-off locations. We are especially proud of our top municipalities like Halton Region whose efforts have raised the standard for the entire province. Together, we are helping to create a cleaner environmental future for Ontario."

Hear, hear!



### Heritage Matters

Cornelius Foreman built this unique two-storey brick house at 296 Pine St. with a "V" design in 1855 and it was purchased by Samuel Morse, farm implement merchant. Since 1909, this dwelling has been home to the Mogridge, Innes and Bergsma families.

— Submitted by Heritage Milton and Milton Historical Society

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## Letters

### Spending billions on transit system big waste of money

Dear Editor:

Until now the decisions and musings of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford haven't directly affected people outside of Toronto.

Unfortunately, Mr. Ford has focused on throwing billions of taxpayers' money at an extension to the Scarborough subway and he's meeting with both provincial and federal politicians to get the money to help pay for it.

I'm an advocate for public transit and the GTA needs to do something now to prevent both present and future gridlock issues, but throwing billions of dollars at a project where a fraction of the money will solve the same problem

makes no sense to me.

It's true that the current rapid transit system needs to be replaced, but I believe the solution is to proceed with the original plan and replace it with a new rapid transit system that will utilize the current infrastructure already in place and move people just as efficiently as a subway.

I believe spending billions when we could spend millions is a colossal waste of money, not just for taxpayers in Toronto, but potentially for those across the province and all of Canada.

All we hear about these days is cutbacks and

we're paying more taxes for less and less services. How many more cutbacks will happen as money is thrown away at projects that don't need to happen?

So I'm asking our federal and provincial representatives to stop this scheme before it gets off the ground.

If the people of Toronto who elected Ford want to spend their own tax money on this plan let them do so, but use our hard-earned dollars on projects that have a solid case for being built.

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