

Opinion

No more apologies

Milton Local and Regional Councillor Tony Lambert is making headlines again, but not for any of the right reasons.

After being convicted in 2011 for impaired driving and assault, now Lambert has received a jail sentence for failing to comply with bail conditions.

Just in case you haven't been following the local news of late, the councillor was recently led out of Town Hall in handcuffs. Officers were there to discuss another issue with him when they discovered he had beer at his desk.

Why would Lambert bring alcohol to Town Hall in the first place?

It's another example of an alarming lack of judgment on his part.

We believe Lambert's poor decisions are tarnishing the image of the town and placing his colleagues on council — especially the mayor — in a difficult position.

We know people make mistakes, and Lambert has apologized — repeatedly. So one must ask just how many times the electorate has to hear his apologies.

Those who selected Lambert to represent them on council need a solid leader, one who can be looked up to and respected, who holds himself to the highest degree of integrity both professionally and personally.

In our opinion, if Lambert really does care about Milton and its citizens the decent thing for him to do is offer his resignation.

The residents of Milton deserve better.

And we won't apologize for asking this elected official to step aside.

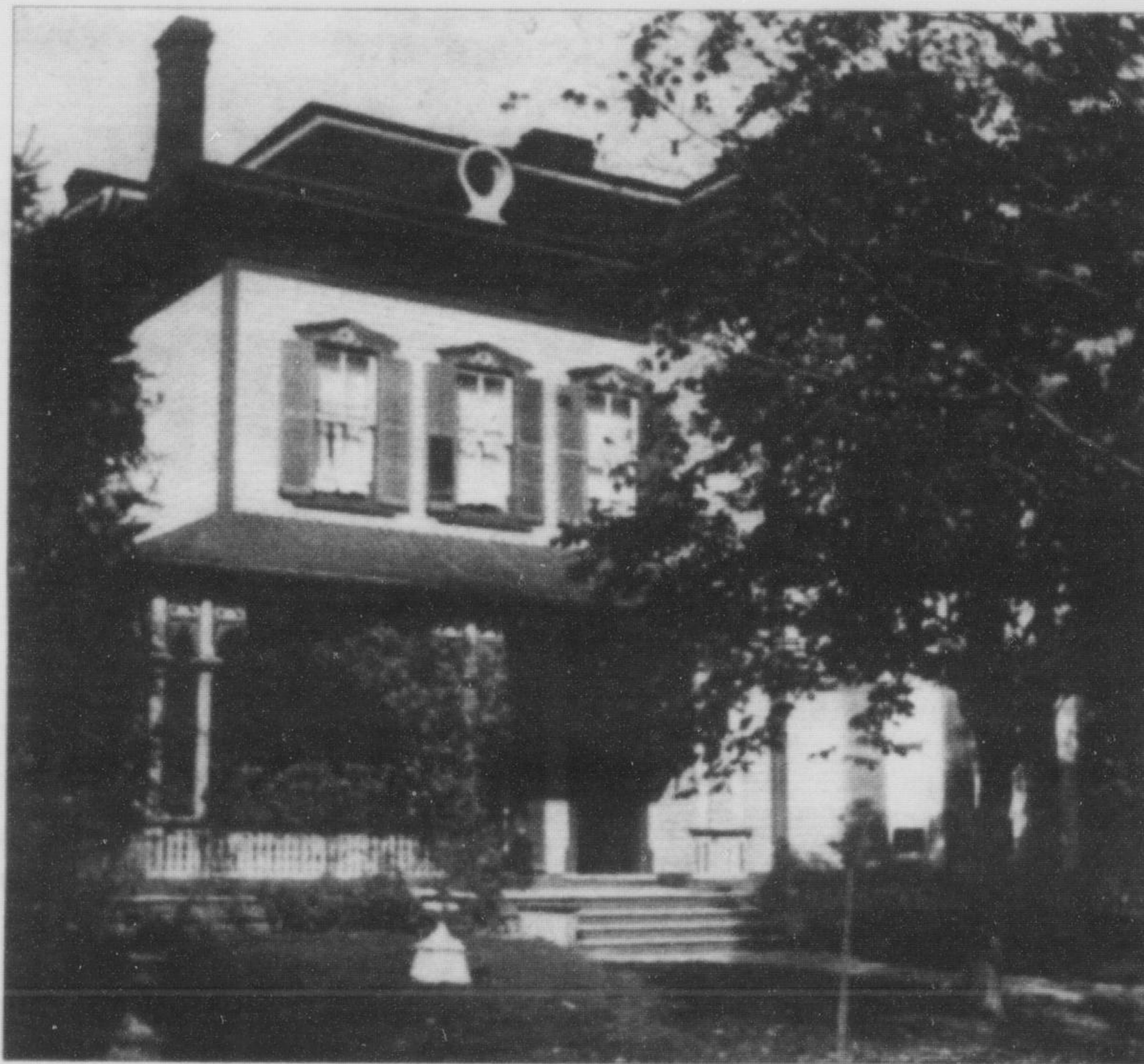
Your call could make difference

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) wants to use the attention to remind residents their assistance is needed to ensure children in the region remain safe.

While CAS staff work with schools, service agencies, police stations and other regional locations, contacts from the general public play a vital role in helping the agency protect children from abuse and neglect.

Specifically, Halton residents are asked to watch out for some of the signs of abuse and neglect, which can include frequent absences from school, listlessness, poor hygiene, injuries such as bruising, cuts and welts that are inconsistent with the explanation for them, extreme aggression or withdrawal, age-inappropriate sexual knowledge, seductive behaviour, severe depression and frequent psychosomatic complaints such as headaches and nausea.

If you suspect a child may be the victim of abuse or neglect, call the Halton CAS at (905) 333-4441. Your call could make a real difference in a child's life.



Heritage Matters

The house at 93 Victoria St. was built in 1877 for David White Campbell. He and his wife Louise White raised their family of six children. "DW" served as councillor, reeve and mayor in 1880. He joined Wm. Panton Jr. in publishing the *Champion* in 1882 until his untimely passing in 1896. The home is now owned by the Hunter family.

— Submitted by Heritage Milton and Milton Historical Society

Editor's Desk

Will you be transforming your home into a scary spectacle?

Miltonians have never ceased to amaze me how much effort they put into their front-yard Halloween displays. Some of the ones I have seen over the years are incredibly detailed with all things spooky.

I don't recall such creativity and spirit (no pun intended) happening in my neighbourhood, or anyone else's neighbourhood for that matter, when I was of the age to go trick-or-treating.

Boy, my friends and I would have loved it. I get calls every October that go something like this: "There's an amazing Hal-



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loween display on my street and the *Champion* has got to photograph it." I wish we could take photos of all of the displays, and publish every image in the paper.

Well, with the technology of today making it fast and easy to send a photograph, and with lots of photo gallery space on our website (insidehalton.com), there's a simple solution. Email photos of your display to us.

Yes, we're asking for photo submissions from all residents who have transformed their homes into scary spectacles this Halloween.

There's a notice on the front page of today's *Champion* with further instructions on how to send your photos to us.

I'll be looking forward to seeing them.

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