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# Who's first?

Much discussion has been made about the regional garbage site consulting team of Walker, Wright and Young not having their final "preferred" dump site report ready as promised on Jan. 14.

The date now given is Feb. 6 and that is when the people of Milton will probably discover for certain what they have suspected all along -- we are getting the garbage dump.

In the midst of the rancour over the delay, one interesting statement was made by Peter Walker of the consulting team. He agreed to the question put forward by a member of the regional solid-waste management committee that "new information" received by the consulting firm from the Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) had caused the two-week delay.

What was that information?

Could it be the consulting firm and the OWMC have discovered they are looking at the same site?

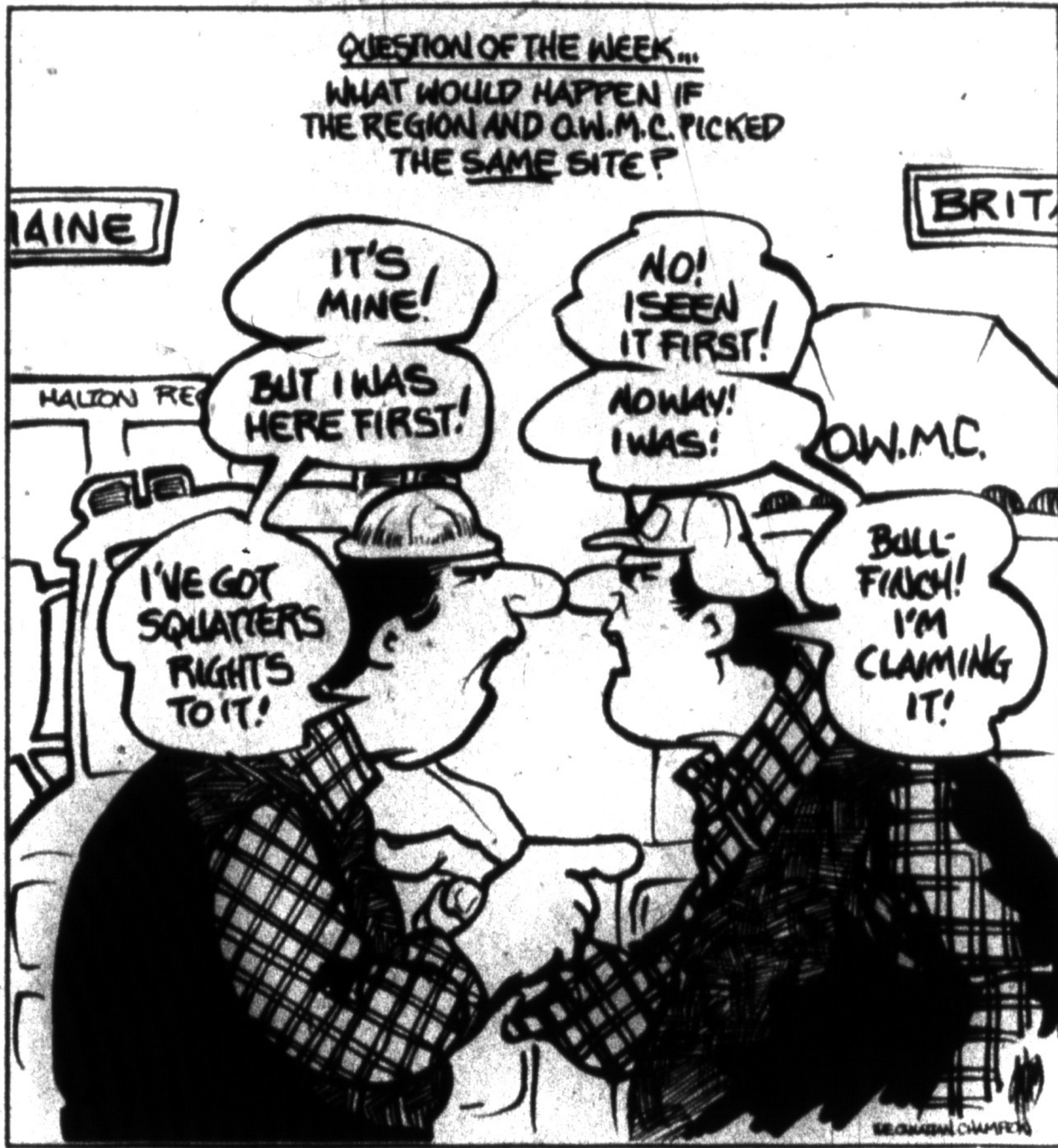
Let's assume for a moment that the garbage search team has identified a site in Milton for the garbage dump. Let us also assume, since information is being shared, the OWMC found out to its collective horror the garbage team has picked the same spot for its dump that the OWMC wants to use for a toxic, liquid-waste treatment-incineration-landfill facility.

If the region goes ahead, it could put the OWMC back several years and many millions of dollars as it starts all over again to find a new waste treatment site.

If the OWMC pulls rank because it has Order-In-Council connections and does not let Halton use a Milton site, it proves OWMC has already picked Milton and the study and drilling exercises are just a smokescreen. It also proves the James Snow "Parkway" was put there for a reason and that in turn might mean several politicians have out-and-out lied to us over the years.

And at the least, if the OWMC information consists of anything no matter how small to state a Halton garbage site is one of their preferred treatment sites; then there would be collusion pure and simple between the region and the OWMC.

If the above scenario proves true, and we pray it doesn't, it will prove positive the rights of little people mean nothing when it comes to big government controlled by big civil servants. And when that day comes it's time to throw every regional and provincial politician out of office and elect people who will, in their turn, throw the mandarins out of office.



# Viewpoint

with MIKE BOYLE

## Ice time



There is something in all of us that likes cold, snowy weather -- at least there's something in me! Sure it brings with it a number of problems we don't particularly want to deal with but there is something Canadian about enduring a rash of cold weather.

It probably dates back to our childhood when this type of weather closed schools and opened outdoor ice rinks to the best type of skating which exists. Hot chocolate greeted us all upon our return as our elders watched our rosy faces with a certain amount of glee.

Not so today with kids. Cold weather means they need more quarters for the pinball and video machines. "Gee dad, I can almost hear them say, 'can you go out and rent a movie for the afternoon?'"

They want to be driven everywhere and we, being the spoilers everyone tells us we are, take them. There's no need to buy these kids some extra heavy clothing for winter -- buy them a road map so they can direct you to their friends' homes we take them so willingly. Fun outdoors seems to be a thing of the past.

Sure, it's easy to start a long essay with the immortal phrase, "I remember when", but it really doesn't serve any purpose. I imagine my parents and those of that era went through a similar experience.

My parents were children of the Depression. Outdoor fun in the winter was the only type of fun there was. Certainly, a loosely furnished home with beds piled in every room to accommodate the larger families, don't lend themselves to "fun rooms in every house".

My father still tells stories of unhooking the wire cable to the Yonge St. streetcars -- and then avoiding the irate driver by dashing through the residential streets and into a gully to hide.

Sure it was wrong. But it was more a prank than a crime.

Kids today really aren't into pranks -- unless you call

smashing windows a prank. Even Halloween isn't the same. Kids ring the doorbell. Heck, my brother in law has a great story about Halloween pranks which, granted, wouldn't occur nowadays.

It seems that knocking over outhouses was customary on Halloween and there was one gentleman in his hometown who was always the victim. Year after year, he spent the first day of November putting his outhouse back in place, as every kid went through the initiation.

Well, I guess one year he'd had enough. So he placed his outhouse about five feet further back than the spot in which it had been used. The first prankster that night didn't smell so good when he got home.

But it seems to me the age of having fun without any implements -- relying on one's own resources -- is a lost art. Kids expect fun to happen to them in a variety of forms. And it usually does. We ensure that.

We don't hear the phrase "boyish prank" used these days, even if we can allow this little bit of sexism to creep into our vocabulary. We really don't even hear about kids having fun by themselves. There are more diversions, more money and more things to keep them occupied. In fact, if things like the Mill Pond not being cleared for ice skating quickly enough come up, it is usually an adult who raises the issue.

It doesn't really augur well for the future. We have been told by forecasters that the children of today are not likely to live in the same economic environment they have become accustomed to. It will be lower.

They will reach a point in their later lives when they will need to rely on their resources to enjoy themselves. But without that background, of imagination combined with a generous zest for adventure, we may face a society of dull people, perhaps failures in their own minds. And it will be our fault. We never allowed them the freedom and opportunity to learn when they were young. And we'll all be poorer for it.

# Our Readers Write

## Gus responds

Dear Editor:  
After reading the article published in The Champion today, I am moved to respond to the accusations and opinions of our town mayor and councillors by submitting this letter.

As a ratepayer, landowner, and a businessman in the town of Milton, my involvement in this community has taken many forms -- one of them political. The other forms have been to promote, and enhance this area's social as well as economic programs as best I could in the past 18 years of my residence in beautiful Nassagaweya.

Recently, I was informed by an acquaintance that a portion of my property in Nassagaweya had a proposed zoning designation on it of "Open Air Conservation" (OSC) by the Halton Regional Conservation Authority. This designation is to ensure that there will be no improper alteration of water-courses by building activity unless permitted by the authority.

Naturally, I went to the Milton town planner to confirm this information and found that it was only true but affected other properties, an estimated 4,000-5,000 acres throughout the former area of Nassagaweya.

Happily, I was able to contact the Halton Region Conservation Authority representative who came and walked my property. As a result, the designation lines of the OSC zoning bylaw are in the process of being changed.

As a businessman involved in the real estate in the Township of Puslinch, I received in the mail a copy of the township's proposed zoning bylaws. These were included in a 100-page booklet (newsprint) containing 65 maps, explanations of zoning terminology, and a letter inviting all ratepayers and interested parties to come to two public meetings to have the various zoning designations such as hazard lands (the identical regulation as the Open Air Conservation in Nassagaweya) discussed.

Landowners were encouraged to look up

their property beforehand, study the changes (if any) and address these problems or questions to their councillors, the consultants, or the local conservation authority representatives at the meetings. The response to this method (publication of proposed zoning bylaws) resulted in an attendance rate at each of the two meetings of more than 350 ratepayers.

This is in contrast to the Town of Milton's strategy of advertising in The Canadian Champion, the Nassagaweya News, and The Acton Free Press newspapers to inform the taxpayers of the three public meetings to discuss the proposed zoning bylaws in the town of Milton.

This is a procedure which has been followed before but there is little percentage of ratepayers in the area who don't read these papers or don't live here. As a result, the three meetings were poorly attended by a total of 20 people, of which 12 were members of a ratepayer's group who had thought that the rural cluster areas were going to be discussed.

It is due to the efforts of the Puslinch Town Council to make their ratepayers and landowners aware of the zoning changes through the methods mentioned that prompted my comments addressed to Town Council on Jan. 7, and by the invitation of Councillor Bill Johnson.

The number of times I have attended council meetings in the past 36 months has little bearing on the comments which I made to council. However, Councillor Penman's public allegations as to my intentions are nothing more than political grandstanding and he should realize he has no right to complain about the number of occasions that a private citizen attends a public meeting. I don't expect this kind of attitude from an elected representative.

Councillor's Harrison's quote of Jan. 16 in The Champion is wrong. Name-calling, particularly "rogues and scoundrels" is not my style. Those comments are a poor excuse for not tendering an apology which, incidentally, I still expect.

In summary, I feel that those owning land

under the OSC designation should call or visit their Halton Region Conservation Authority and find out what kind of effect this has on their real property value (the amount of money they will get when they decide to sell) and their rights as a property owner.

Demand from your elected representatives information which affects your area so that you are aware of proposed changes in zoning and it's long- and short-term effects.

I find that it's ironic, that enlightenment of council comes during Know Your Local Government Week. Get to know your council.

GUS GOUTOUSKI  
Nassagaweya

## No removal

(This letter was written to Mayor Gord Krantz. A copy was filed with The Champion for publication.)

Dear Mayor Krantz:  
As the first major snowfall of the year has shown, a great number of Miltonians do not shovel the municipal sidewalks.

I have lived in Milton for nine winters and the problem grows worse every year. People who used to shovel slowly have given up when the people around them never have. I have used that excuse.

Every winter day I see school children walking on the street because the sidewalks are unsafe or impassable. With the curves and parked cars on our residential streets there is an even greater danger.

A great number of our senior citizens are forced into seclusion during the winter. They are deprived of the much-needed opportunity to walk to the mail box, the corner store or just getting out for much-needed exercise.

I would like to see a public campaign started to drum up community spirit and get people out there shovelling.

Should this fail, I believe a bylaw should be passed imposing fines to property owners who fail to clean their sidewalks within so many hours of the end of a snowfall.

Hopefully, Miltonians will start to show some consideration to their neighbours and such a step wouldn't be needed.

JIM POTTER  
McNabb Cres., Milton

## Miller time

Dear Editor:  
During my visit to the Niagara Region on Jan. 9, I was asked to comment on the possible location of the toxic waste site in Niagara Falls. I would like to clarify by response to this important issue.

I have not, nor will I, support one site location over another. I have full confidence in the Ontario Waste Management Corporation and its open process for selecting a proposed site or sites.

The OWMC may, based on technical and environmental factors, recommend to the Hearing Panel on Industrial Waste Management more than one site -- simply because one site may not be able to accommodate the three components of the toxic waste project. The Hearing Panel will hold full and open hearings into the recommendations of the OWMC. As Premier, I will fully support the Hearing Panel and its process.

My comments while in the Niagara Region centered around tourism as a factor in the selection of a site or sites. This is just one of many conditions that will be taken into consideration by the Ontario Waste Management Corp.

FRANK MILLER MP  
Ontario Cabinet

The Canadian Champion welcomes Letters to the Editor. We do, however, reserve the right to edit, revise and reject letters. We ask that all Letters to the Editors be signed and the address of the writer and the telephone number be included. Unsigned letters will be rejected.

# Pages of the Past

## One Year Ago

From the Jan. 25, 1984

Halton MPP James Snow seen the last of his "Snow" proposal and Halton Region forget about using a stadium as an energy waste user. The dome starting going to Toronto either Exhibition Place or the "Race Track." A provincial appointed committee, set to recommend a site for Ontario dome stadium, has narrowed choice to two and Halton proposal is not one of the favoured.

A second meeting will be between members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Chemical Workers Union. Roxul Insulation Manufacturing Company today at 2 p.m. discuss a new company. Now in its eighth day, the involves approximately 30 time and part-time employees. The 561 Harrop Dr. local meeting held last Wednesday the two sides ended violence on the picket line. Workers discovered the company was bringing trucks into the while membership was in to discuss a company offer.

## 20 Years Ago

From the Jan. 20, 1963

Milton council has taken major step into the future. The decision to enlarge sewage plant to serve a population of 11,000. The project will cost an estimated \$168,000 and be completed by Nov. 1, 1964. The present plant can serve 7,000 people which is up from when it served a population of 3,000.

The Milton Centennial committee is sponsoring a contest for elementary schools to develop a slogan for Milton during the Centennial in 1984. The committee will be headed by Norm Pearce and more are expected in coming weeks. A two room addition is added to the Brookville School. This has been approved by the township school board. Nassagaweya Council passed a bylaw Monday which allows the \$40,000 project. It must go to the Ministry of Education for approval.

## 50 Years Ago

From the January 24, 1935

The local physical club has arranged a series of boxing and wrestling bouts to take place in their club room. Main Street on Saturday. The public are assured of a night's sport, and no effort is spared to get a line-up in line with the standard of previous shows.

Ed Thomas Mt Nemess, a collie dog that can stand jump five feet high. Who comes to a fence he does not look for an opening, but just over it without the slightest difficulty. The dog is very intelligent, and is highly prized by the owner.

For the convenience of farmers and motorists, distance, W. T. Light, has obtained automobile licenses, operators' permits, will have office at Cavell's Service Station, Milton open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. notice.

At Georgetown Friday the locals defeated Milton 8 to 0 in Milton Friday. Burlington defeated the intermediate squad by 4 to 2 in the arena here on Tuesday. Oakville's fast intermediate Sextette won from the local 5 to 0.

All boys between the eight and twelve who are interested in joining the Club turn out on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Scout room over McLaughlin Garage. Both instruction games will be on the program. The following turn out: Cooper, Allan, Marcelus, Bush, Dean Gray, Colin Roy, Turner, Donald McClellan, J. R. Holmes, Cubmaster.

## 100 years ago

From the Jan. 22, 1885

The Acton Free Press week said the County would hold a meeting on Friday, January 20. But the day of the meeting at which are supposed to be in attendance next Tuesday.

Two of the Galt curlers played here last week said they left they are in favour of the Scott Act in Waterloo and intended to do it. But owing to what they seen here during the day, changed their minds and they would in the future do the act.

All who wish to see good should go to the rink on evening when there will skating race for a silver cup. The five-mile championship race. In this race it is expected Speight, of Acton, and flyers will participate. There will also be a minute race for the money which is open to all. There is a boys race.