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Letters

Group urges Chamber to retract support of CN's intermodal plan

Dear Editor,

Milton Says No (MSN), a group of citizen 'experts' numbered in the thousands working in opposition to

the CN intermodal terminal since March of 2015, mailed a letter at the end of November to the Milton Chamber

of Commerce board in response to their board vote to support the CN intermodal terminal proposal.

We are asking all members of the Milton Chamber of Commerce opposed to the CN intermodal terminal plans to voice their opposition to the board, as we are also doing

and as our town, region and community are doing.

Milton Says No respectfully, but emphatically, requests a retraction of this vote.

ON THE WEB

Read a copy of the Milton Says No group's letter to the Chamber of Commerce online at www.insidehalton.com

We also ask that members consider retracting their membership unless the board reverses this vote.

We are strongest as a community, united. We must work together and we must stand together, for our sake and for all Canadian municipalities.

*Stacey Newman, Zeeshan Hamid,
George Soltysik and Jenn Meyer,
Milton Says No*

Reconsider uniform tax rate decision

RE: Milton council moves to implement uniform tax rate in 2017, *Champion*, December 17 issue

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in regard to the Urban Service Area Tax Levy Phase-Out motion considered at the December 14, 2015 meeting of Milton Town Council. Had this motion been called the Rural Area Tax Differential for Services Not Received Phase-Out, many of us from the rural area would have been at the meeting.

Further, council suspended its usual procedure to refer this motion to the Committee of the Whole and bring it back to the next council meeting.

Residents were thus not given the opportunity to delegate and at least have our say on this item,

therefore disadvantaging (taxing) a minority of the community (the rural area) for services that they do not receive.

I am asking councillors to reconsider this issue, or at least allow a small delegation at the next Council meeting, slated for January 11, as this is a principle still accepted in Burlington, Hamilton and Halton Hills, where it is referred to as area rating.

I am disappointed in Councillors Rick Malboeuf and Zeeshan Hamid for failing to recognize that the rural area sends downtown about \$7 million from Mohawk slots money for the benefit of the whole community.

*Peter Lambrick
Campbellville*

Good Samaritans help rescue motorist, dog following crash

Dear Editor,

I want to take a moment to thank all those who stopped on the morning of November 28 to help my husband after his Honda Pilot SUV was T-boned, spun around 180 degrees and flipped twice before landing in a ditch.

It was a beautiful day around 10:30 a.m. when someone decided to drive through the stop sign at the corner Boston Church Road and

5th Side Road. That driver allegedly told police that he saw the stop sign but chose to go through it as he was running late.

My husband, Uldis Bernhards, and Blue, our 16-month-old great Dane, were pinned inside the overturned vehicle while the gas and oil spilled out.

To Steve, who stopped first, thank you. Thank you for taking the time to get involved. As you said, you never know what you are going to step

into. You called the police and someone who was able to rescue Blue.

To the lady and other gentleman who also stopped to help, and whose names we did not get, thank you so much for your assistance. You managed to get my husband out of the SUV through the sunroof, and calm Blue enough so that she also exited the vehicle through the roof. She was kept safe in the police cruiser until she was picked up.

To officers with the Halton police's Milton Division, paramedics and fire crews: thank you.

To us, you are all heroes. Uldis's main concern was Blue and you were all patient and kind and realized that she was not only scared, but she was taking care of her "dad."

You kept her safe and off the road and did not let her wander.

I am happy to report that other than a black eye, bruises and mus-


cle soreness, Uldis and Blue walked away from this collision virtually unscathed. Looking at the damaged SUV, it seems to be a miracle. We wish to again thank those who stopped and took time out of their busy day to help a stranger in need. We would love the opportunity to thank you in person.

Peace, health and happiness to all.

*Elayne Tanner and Uldis
Bernhards, Milton*

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