

Editor's Mail

Squabbling over Music Town is a sad commentary

Dear Editor,
Let me make it quite clear at the outset that this is not another opinion piece on whether or not Stouffville should be designated as Music Town.

That we don't need. No, this is a sad commentary on the shameful squabbling surrounding such an incomparable gift to the world of music.

A very wise philosopher once said, "Without music, life would be a mistake," and Longfellow called it "the universal language of mankind."

I don't hear much melodic language in this dispute over an informal musical title for the town. Couldn't the whole thing have been settled one way or the other without it turning into what Jim Thomas accurately liens to a "six-ring circus?"

It was bad enough when it was only the cost of Music Town signs being protested against, but now we have an unbelievable letter to the editor (Weekender, Aug. 21) arguing that "other towns have better claim to the title."

Who in heaven's name do they think was trying to 'claim' anything for Stouffville

in suggesting it?

Certainly not Jim Thomas, who meant it merely as a slogan rather than a bid to make this town the "music capital of Ontario."

If the writers found the idea of their community being introduced to visitors as Music Town "presumptuous and embarrassing," then they must either be very touchy or have a curious set of principles. Imagine getting into such a state over such a lighthearted issue.

Granted, Uxbridge and other towns may have more reason for the title, but they didn't think of it, did they?

I'm only too well aware of

how the world has become a much more unfeeling place to live in than it once was, but is it now a no-no for a town council to make an "emotional decision" and resolutely stick to those "based on research and fact" only?

O tempora! O mores! What fools (some) mortals be.

Please, no more of this ridiculous contention over something so altogether glorious as music.

Margaret Stapley

Stouffville



In 1937,
a seed was
planted...

Sunkist

CORRECTION NOTICE

Sunkist Food Market ad, Wednesday August 25, Stouffville Tribune.

Ad should have read "Prices in effect from Wednesday August 25 to Tuesday August 31".

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