

Letters

Readers missed gist of garbage issue letters

Dear Editor,
An Open Letter to Readers:
Sadly you've missed the point.

Mr. Hillar's letter wasn't really about garbage at all. It was garbage that finally pushed him over the edge to write a letter. I share his sentiments.

If you live in the estate residential areas of the Whitchurch-Stouffville, your property taxes are "out-of-order". There appears to be a perception of wealth, when in fact just because you can afford a piece of land, a custom-built home, spent to install the necessary utilities, in most cases probably carry a larger mortgage, why should you be hammered with higher property taxes? And all this for reduced municipal services.

So what if you've got five children, a wife and two dogs. No one said anything about not recycling or reducing waste.

I challenge other town residents to speak up if they've had to provide their own water supplies, street lighting, sewage and security while paying upwards of \$6,500 average property taxes to have a bag of garbage left behind occasionally. This kind of waste manage-

ment is ignorance of the highest order. What really takes the cake is the Miller Waste contract complete with its political/economic gymnastics.

The way this contract was handled, particularly in view of the public sector where open and fair-market dealing is the only way, calls into question the integrity of all of the town officials involved in the award of same.

The town has been caught on this one, can you imagine what we don't know?

Reduce, reuse and recycle. It is absolutely laughable to suggest that loading your own garbage (paper, cardboard etc.) as the knowledgeable reader would suggest, into the family sedan and carting it off to the recycling bin in town saves the environment. It's a horribly inefficient way of saving the town \$3 at your expense.

What next, mount a snowplow on the front of the same

sedan and plow the street on the way? Just think what we could save if everybody did the same thing.

Fix it.

Manuel Neves,
Stouffville

Where to write to us

Send your letters to the editor to The Tribune, 6244 Main St., Stouffville, Ont. L4A 1E2, or fax them to 640-5477. We reserve the right to edit for length, taste and grammar, however. Let us know what's on your mind.

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