



CHALLINOR REPORT

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Challinor Requests Provincial Noise Camera Pilot For Milton

Town of Milton Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor II has requested that the Government of Ontario partner with Milton to host a pilot project that tests the ability of automated noise enforcement technology to detect, record and support enforcement against excessive vehicle noise -- whether cars, trucks or motorcycles.

Three years ago, Mr. Challinor and Ward 2 Regional Councillor Rick Malboeuf requested the federal and Ontario governments to revise their current regulations to lower the maximum noise levels permitted for all vehicles, but no progress has been made.

"Excessive vehicle noise is damaging the quality of life of all Miltonians and Halton Regional Police Service, for purely practical reasons, is hard-pressed to effectively deal with noisy vehicles," explained Mr. Challinor. "If noise cameras are as effective as they appear to be in other jurisdictions in North America, they may be the answer in Ontario -- and Milton is a willing partner in a pilot project because of the quality of life benefits I believe it will afford all Miltonians."

Mr. Challinor's request came in the form of a motion that was seconded by Mr. Malboeuf and approved by Milton Council. **CR**

Challinor Calls For Action On Homelessness From Feds, Province

Town of Milton Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor II has called on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to take their legal responsibilities for homelessness and its root causes far more seriously than they have, so far.

Milton has had to contend with rising levels of homelessness this year with no financial support and no clear legal way of removing unsheltered people or encampments, even though local property taxpayers, local religious institutions and local donors are sending hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to the Regional Municipality of Halton and organizations like the Salvation Army to support and house the homeless.

"The senior levels of government need to revise the Mental Health Act, the Health Care Consent Act and the Trespass to Property Act to address homelessness and its root causes -- mental health, public safety and alcohol and drug addiction," said Mr. Challinor. "Milton is a caring community and homelessness has no place here. The lack of focus by Ottawa and Queen's Park, compounded by poor decisions by activist judges, is damaging our community's reputation and, worse, destroying the social fabric of our province and, ultimately, our country."

Mr. Challinor's concerns came in the form of a motion that was seconded by Town of Milton Ward 1 Regional Councillor Colin Best and approved by Milton Council. **CR**



Len Andrews



Bill Dennis

Campbellville Baseball Parks May Be Named For Andrews, Dennis

Legendary Campbellville Merchants Baseball Club Manager Len Andrews (1920 - 2006) and longtime minor and senior baseball organizer Bill Dennis (1948 - 2025) may have the baseball parks in the old village named for them as a result of an initiative led by Town of Milton Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor II.

Mr. Challinor brought forward a motion to have Campbellville's old baseball park renamed Len Andrews Field and its newer park renamed Bill Dennis Field. The motion was seconded by Town of Milton Ward 1 Councillor George Minakakis and was approved by Milton Council.

Town staff are proceeding with the renaming process according to its established policy, which includes public input as well as involvement by the larger local sporting community. **CR**

How To Be A Great Miltonian

Over the last year, I have had the privilege to help hundreds of you, answer your questions and, most importantly, work to resolve those matters that affect your quality of life in our community. I have been successful on most files that you have sent my way. We will continue to work on the others, finding innovative ways to resolve them.

Between Town staff and yourselves, you have alerted me to some things over the last little while that, if all of us took these concerns to heart, contemplated how they affect our neighbours and figured out how we could do better, we could help to make living in what is already a great community just that much better.

What follows are some specific areas of focus that will help all of us to become ever greater Miltonians than we already are:

Challenge: Speeding through residential neighbourhoods

Solution: Demographically, Milton is now the youngest community in Halton and one of the youngest in the Greater Toronto Area. That means there are a lot of young people crossing and sometimes playing on our residential streets, riding bicycles and attending our schools. Please follow the speed limit, drive according to the road conditions, watch out for children, make a complete stop at stop signs and redlights and, overall, drive defensively. No one wants to see anyone make a mistake on our streets that they will regret for the rest of their lives.

Challenge: Allowing long grass and weeds to grow on lawns

Solution: Keep Milton beautiful — cut your lawn and the boulevard in front of your home on a regular basis. Collect the grass cuttings from the sidewalk and the street when you're done. And, if there is garbage or animal waste on your lawn, pick it up immediately as it is unsightly, smelly and attracts rodents. The Town of Milton's Clean Yards Bylaw does not permit grass or weeds to be more than 8 inches or 20.32 cm tall. If you are unable to cut your grass because of a physical ailment or disability, please notify the Town.

Challenge: Making noise

Solution: Milton's neighbourhoods are to be quiet between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Depending on the type of noise, the evening hour can be extended to 11 p.m. That's only fair to those who work, those with young children, those who are struggling with a family matter or others who just want to get a good night's rest. For the sake of your neighbours, keep the music down, put the Harley to bed early and take the Jays-Yankees debate inside.

Challenge: Making illegal u-turns

Solution: Making u-turns is legal, except through intersections, where there is signage indicating that you cannot do so and where you cannot clearly see at least 150 metres of roadway in both directions.

Challenge: Not stopping for school buses

Solution: Motorists meeting a stopped school bus with red lights flashing must stop unless they are on a highway divided by a median strip. They cannot proceed until the bus resumes motion and/or the lights have stopped flashing.

Challenge: Parking in emergency service routes

Solution: It is illegal to park a car in an emergency service route. These are typically found along the internal or private roads that service townhome developments. These roads are narrower than municipal roads and one illegally parked vehicle can prevent ambulance, fire or police personnel from fighting a fire or saving a life.

Challenge: Not stopping for emergency vehicles

Solution: If you hear or see ambulance, fire or police vehicles with activated sirens and/or flashing lights, get out of the way immediately. Bring your vehicle to a full stop as far to the right-hand side of the road, as possible. Ensure your vehicle is clear of any intersection.

Challenge: Not moving over for emergency vehicles

Solution: When an ambulance, fire vehicle, police car or tow truck is parked on the right-hand side of the road with emergency lights flashing, slow down and, where possible and where safe to do so, move into the left hand lane.

Challenge: Not keeping sidewalks clear of snow

Solution: Every property owner who has a sidewalk in front of his or her home is required to clear it of snow within 24 hours of a snow fall, according to the Town of Milton's Snow Clearing Bylaw. If you are unable to clear your sidewalk because of a physical ailment or disability, please notify the Town.

Challenge: Parking over sidewalks and across boulevards

Solution: Parking over a sidewalk or even partially over a sidewalk is illegal. Parking on or partially over a sidewalk also doesn't allow a pedestrian or someone in a wheelchair to walk or wheel safely along that sidewalk. Parking on the boulevard between the sidewalk and the roadway is legal, unless the driveway is located within 50 metres of an intersection. Then, doing so is illegal. Why? It impairs their ability to turn onto a nearby street.

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Challenge: Placing commercial signage on roadways

Solution: Commercial signage of any kind is not permitted on boulevards and roadways. It is unsightly and distracting and is not permitted under the Town of Milton's Road Fouling Bylaw. If you want to advertise your services, there are plenty of electronic, online and printed media outlets serving our community that will deliver your message cost-effectively.

Challenge: Storing recycling/garbage on the front porch

Solution: Leaving recycling and garbage bins on your front porch is unsightly, smelly and attracts rodents. It is also a violation of the Town's Property Standards Bylaw. Bins should be stored within your garage, carport or shed.

Challenge: Letting dogs off their leashes

Solution: All dogs must be on a leash while in a park or in the community at-large. Their owners must also pick up after them. Dogs are allowed to run free at the Town's off-leash locations at Cedar Hedge Park West and Sunny Mount Park.

Challenge: Setting off fireworks

Solution: Milton has a bylaw prohibiting the sale, distribution and discharge of consumer fireworks. Public displays are permitted if a permit is obtained and the display is supervised by a licensed supervisor.

Challenge: Building driveway extensions

Solution: Driveway extensions are permitted on the property owner's portion of the driveway without a permit, provided the extension meets the Town's Zoning Bylaw criteria. No extensions are permitted on the public property portion of the driveway. Doing so is a violation of the Town's Road Fouling Bylaw.

Challenge: Renting out basement apartments

Solution: Basement apartments are illegal, unless application is made to the Town of Milton and permission is granted. Illegal basement apartments put additional pressure on all of the Town's key services, including hydro, library and recreational facilities, schools, transportation networks, water and sewer infrastructure, etc.

Here are three other things to think about when it comes to becoming that great Miltonian that we are all striving to be:

Miltonians volunteer: Milton needs more volunteers in every corner of the community, whether it's a religious institution, service organization or sports group. Think about what you are passionate about, contact that organization and offer to help. If you need assistance in making a volunteer connection, call me. I can help;

Miltonians help one another: If you see a neighbour or someone you don't even know who is clearly struggling, offer to help. Our community has the necessary resources. If you don't know who to ask, call me. I can help; and

Miltonians are friendly: Make a point of saying hello to everyone you meet on the street. You just might make a friend for life.

Also refer to the Town of Milton's [How To Be A Good Neighbour communications](#), which is patterned after my How To Be A Great Miltonian newsletter, which I have published annually since 2019. **CR**

Milton Needs The Most Qualified Candidates Possible On Council

Over the many years that I've volunteered in and/or served the local democratic process, I've worked with a number of elected representatives and have had the privilege to mentor many more.

As we enter the 2026 municipal re-election season, I've talked to a half dozen or more candidates, so far. While to become a candidate only requires that you be a Canadian citizen, be at least 18 years of age and live in Milton, I think much more is required to do the job effectively and so I've shared the following insights over the last several years:

Candidates must live in the ward. They aren't legally required to live in the ward they run in, but they should. How else are they going to know the important issues in that ward if they don't live there?

Candidates must have monitored Milton Council for a minimum of two years, specifically including budget, planning and service quality discussions;

Candidates should have a formal education, whether university, community college or a trade school. Why? That demonstrates they are capable of learning because there is a lot to learn to become an effective municipal councillor;

Candidates must be financially literate. That means they can read and understand a balance sheet, an operating budget and a capital budget. Most of the discussions at Milton Council involve money;

Candidates must have managed people professionally. Municipal councillors are dealing with professional staff and property taxpayers. They need to be able to manage those relationships properly;

Candidates must have demonstrated considerable volunteer leadership in Milton. To understand our community and its many challenges and opportunities, the best way to do so is to have led a community organization on a voluntary basis. **CR**

Rick Malboeuf Retires As Regional Councillor, Ward 2, Milton



Veteran Town of Milton Local & Regional Councillor Rick Malboeuf announced his retirement on May 11th, staying true to his beliefs about term limits and ending his 22 years of public service to Milton on a high note.

Councillor Malboeuf and Councillor Challinor collaborated on numerous initiatives that benefitted

Ward 2 residents over the eight years they worked together, including getting the support of Milton Council and Town staff to deal with illegal u-turns at major intersections (in process); investigate construction of left-hand and right-hand turn lanes at major intersections, where needed (in process); create an investment fund to help reduce the annual operating budget and property tax rate; ban consumer fireworks in urban Milton; implement an appropriate flag-raising policy for Town Hall; request

the federal and provincial governments to review vehicle exhaust noise levels; upgrade school crossings to pedestrian crossovers and light them, where feasible (in process); develop a Made-In-Milton growth plan; and help fast track Conestoga College's entry into Milton.

Councillor Malboeuf, in addition to being a veteran, having served in two combat tours with the 101st Airborne Division in South Vietnam from April 1969 to October 1970, is a longtime local volunteer, having served in leadership roles with Milton Kinsmen Club and men's baseball.

"I've known Rick for 40 years as a fellow Miltonian as well as a fellow member of Milton Council," said Councillor Challinor. "He has always been a no-nonsense, fearless and outspoken councillor, particularly for Milton at Halton Regional Council. His was a strong voice and he never left any doubt as to where he stood on an issue, whether it was public safety, transit, taxes, Milton Fire Department or CN. In a world of increasing political vagueness, his frankness will be missed." **CR**

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