

Bolton needs more residents here

Regarding Mayor Marolyn Morrison's column in the Oct. 31 Citizen:

Mayor Morrison must have been writing about Rob Mezzapelli and Patti Foley, when mentioning 'one trick ponies.'

Prior to the election of those one trick ponies, the residents of Bolton were promised that they will be completely open to the residents, will consult and inform us about everything and that they will make sure that everything in council will be transparent. For Mayor Morrison, and those one trick ponies, Councillors Rob Mezzapelli and Patti Foley appearing in the local newspapers cutting ribbons at restaurant and business openings, which unfortunately will be closing their doors soon after opening due to the lack of people in the Bolton area, is grandstanding.

Bolton needs residents to keep businesses alive. We need at least 1,800 new residents between Coleraine Drive and Healey Road (where the Canadian Tire development is slated to go) to achieve those numbers. If 120 of the 180 acres is used for residential area, Bolton will have an additional of at least 600 homes with a population of minimum 1,800 new residents. The remaining 60 acres can be used for non polluting new industries which will give employment to 300 or more Bolton and Caledon residents, not bussed employees from Brampton or other areas, and there would be enough land for a park.

Instead of bringing 1,800 more residents to Bolton, diesel trucks are to be stuffed down our throats. The Canadian Tire facility will be high tech, meaning that a lot of the current 1,000 Brampton workers that would be bussed to the facility will be eliminated, due to use of robots, computers and automatic conveying for stacking, unloading, loading and other automatic requirements. Bolton residents who are promised work will get the leftover crumbs, like yard and warehouse cleaners and some janitors. Some people are hoping to get jobs as truck drivers. Why? Bolton companies are constantly looking for truck drivers. All over Bolton are signs offering jobs for truck drivers. If the people were hoping to get a truck driver's jobs from Canadian Tire, thinking that Canadian Tire will be paying them more, forget it!

Bolton will be devastated with the Canadian Tire warehouse, from residents getting cancer from the diesel exhaust. Just remember the recent death of fire fighter in the neighborhood who has died from lung cancer caused by diesel exhaust.

Both Rob Mezzapelli and Patti Foley are the main cause of the devastation in Bolton. They are the ones who tipped the scales in the vote to have Canadian Tire warehouse with diesel trucks blanketing the residents with an additional diesel exhaust. Mezzapelli told us that in 1996, Caledon council proposed the land to be approved for industry. The residents should have asked 'what type of industry'?

Nobody in their right mind would have thought that there will be a giant Canadian Tire warehouse for diesel trucks in the village of Bolton.

In closing, I would like to ask, who, in a confidential letter, requested the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to expedite an MZO because the residents agreed with the proposal?

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