

Toronto Life article was slanted

The following letter, addressed to Sarah Fulford of Toronto Life magazine, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

Re: Article: Battleground Caledon, September issue.

As a Bolton area resident, I want to express my strenuous objection to the tone and substance of this article, which is clearly biased against the Town of Caledon and particularly Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

With the use of phrasing and photos of large equestrian centres, it creates the impression the mayor's supporters are all wealthy horse people in the west end of Caledon. The few horse owners mentioned in the article probably totalled about 10 votes in the fall 2010 municipal election.

A lot of ordinary residents throughout Caledon, especially in Bolton, support the town's overall goal of orderly and properly planned growth. That was amply demonstrated by the 2010 election, in which Mayor Morrison decisively defeated a resident opponent who was pushing for a major residential expansion of Bolton's urban boundaries

Instead of casting developer Benny Marotta in such a positive light, there are several questions the writer could have and should have asked. One of those questions is obvious.

Why didn't the developer conduct research into the Town's growth policies before purchasing hundreds of hectares of land in the Bolton area?

Based on how this article was slanted, a reader might wonder if Toronto Life always distorts the issues on other subjects it profiles.

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