

■ READERS & VIEWERS

Your people have to “strongly” voice their opinions against this situation [Bill 23]. Doug Ford should not get away with this.

Edward Naftolin, Burlington

Editor's note: See our feature in this issue and Bob Barnett's view of Land Conservation.



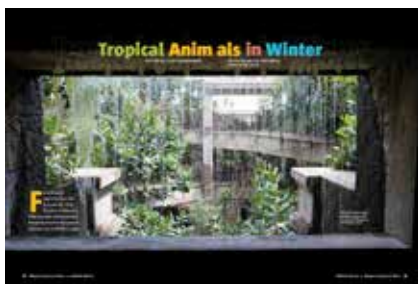
I very much enjoyed the article in your winter issue about Highlands Nordic by Sandra Howe. As a long-time member of the Halton Outdoor Club (formerly the Halton Cross Country Ski Club) I have enjoyed many ski outings at Highlands, and I have made major equipment

purchases there. I am always keen to sing its praises as a successful family business that prides itself on providing top-notch grooming and service. I was aware of some of the information in the article, but much was new to me, many of our members would know less than me. This is a long-winded

way of getting to my point: I am on the Club's Board and am also editor of our quarterly Club Newsletter. I am wondering if you would grant me permission to reproduce the text of

your article... for our March issue. The Halton Outdoor Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023 and a look at one of our favourite and long-lasting destinations would fit with other special 50th content we have planned.

**Lorraine Walter, Secretary,
Halton Outdoor Club**



I want to send my deepest appreciation for the beautiful article you wrote about the Bird Kingdom. You really covered it all so well and said so many great things, I can't thank you enough. The staff takes great pride in the care they give the birds and also the work they put into keeping the place presentable for the visitors and also educating them about birds. Steve is a great ambassador for Bird Kingdom and truly enjoyed giving you an in-depth tour.

He may have mentioned the number of calls we get daily to take in various birds but mainly large parrots. People don't realize they can live up to 90 years, are very loud, (up to 120 decibels)

and need constant social interaction. For this reason, we are focusing our conservation efforts on this message which will hopefully help the wild populations of parrots. Please thank Mike Davis for the great photographs, I especially liked the one at the start of the story taken behind the waterfall. The graphics used with this photo really complemented the article. Sincere thanks from everyone here at Bird Kingdom!

Marilyn Vann, Niagara Falls



Just spent an enjoyable hour with your new issue. What a delightful Light up the Hills article with many fabulous pictures each worth a 1000 words! You captured the

tradition of this amazing event which showcases Halton Hills' community spirit. Last night's Ignition event was awesome again after 3 years. Sure your article brought out some new families.

Always enjoy learning the new people, places and things you present your followers. Congratulations on your 15 years too!

Gerry Kentner, Georgetown



After many excellent articles it was inevitable that a dud would be printed. I refer to the breathless chronicle of the purported Royal Retreat in 1973. To begin with, I am not interested in architectural tours of dwellings that exist because of British colonialism. How did those toffs acquire their lands and their wealth, anyway? But more important editorially, your “View” said you visited to find out whether Liz slept there. Alas, the article leaves us none the wiser. Liz and Phil were taken to the John Eaton estate, and Rolling Hills, owned by an Eaton acolyte was nearby, and? And? And ...? Suddenly they are touring Rolling Hills, and sleeping there? Was the Eaton estate too shabby for Liz and Phil, so they moved to better quarters? What is the factual basis for the claim on the heritage plaque that Liz and Phil were ever at Rolling Hills, let alone slept there? A

photo caption suggests it was likely that they slept at Rolling Hills to meet members of the Hunt Clubs the next morning. If so, couldn't they drop in from the nearby Eaton estate? Where

did their security and entourage sleep? Did Fred and the Missus (who apparently does not have a first name, just the Missus Wallace) serve Liz and Phil bangers and mash Saturday morning? Did Liz and Phil in fact ever meet the hoity toits of the Hunt Clubs? They had to be at Woodbine Racetrack in good time on that Saturday.

There is a bureaucratic position in Ottawa known approximately as the Queen's representative in Canada (separate from the Governor-General.) That position is responsible for the detailed planning of royal tours. I would imagine that that office, or the Public Archives, would have sufficient information to learn the truth about that fine Friday and Saturday -- if in fact the truth is desired. Overall, a silly and pointless article.

Doug Yonson, Nepean

John Mark Rowe responds: This is an interesting letter by a man with an obvious bias. While “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” aren’t of interest to everyone, they are a glimpse of the powerful economic and political classes. Some people are also very interested in the “George Washington Slept Here” stories as well. By the way, Library and Archives Canada was consulted.

My latest NE Views arrived late last week and I read the article about the queen’s stay near Georgetown right away, of course. It was very interesting and brought a lot of thoughts to mind. I hadn’t heard of the owner of the property but was interested to hear that he was head of Smith and Stone as several of my relatives have worked there. The property looked

very nice and I’m sure the queen would have enjoyed it. When I was in high school one summer I heard that the queen was going to be passing through Brampton and I thought it would be cool to see her in person so I took the bus there and saw her as she passed by in a motorcade near Main and Queen Streets. That could have been the same trip to Canada when she stayed near Georgetown and who knows, she may have been on her way there that very day. I was wondering about security, the security contingent for the Royal Family must be incredible and I wonder what security arrangements they had at this place. Anyway I enjoyed the article, thanks for publishing that! I thought I would mention also that I have a copy of your book. I asked for it for my

birthday earlier this week. I’ve been enjoying reading and looking at it from time to time. It’s one of those books you can put down and pick up later and read in no particular order which is nice. There’s lots of information there about places on the NE which I didn’t know about even though I’ve lived nearby for most of my life.

David McDonald, Toronto



Great magazine! We have a 2017 Chevy Bolt and love driving it, especially on curvy

roads on the Escarpment! Four addenda to the EV article. First, there is an app available to arrange charging at private residences if you are really stuck. Second, driving the speed limit or even slower greatly increases your range, so you can actually enjoy being stuck in traffic as your range increases! Third, you can join a local chapter of EV Societies across Ontario and Canada to obtain great insights into EV operation. Fourth, check the Comments on most charge apps for the latest availability info for a charger.

Neal Bonnor, Dundas

PS we received \$16000 in incentives back in 2018 for our Bolt and garage level 2 charger!



Asparagus, Tomato & Goat Cheese Quinoa Salad

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