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If they can do it to him, they can do it to you

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National Media descends once again upon the Town of Halton Hills to report on the town's political misdeeds.

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Halton - Halton Hills: CHTV and Global aired their televised on-the-scene report of the incredible injustice that has been levied against one of the Town's loudest critics. This town has had enough bad publicity from its practices of persecuting those who exercise their legal rights to freedom of speech to speak out. These stories are contrary to the local reports from our local media who provided Mayor Bonnette and Joan Robson a platform to libel the character of the 70 year old vet (with unsubstantiated and unproven accusations). [The Toronto Sun reported their first story](#) on Friday, November 3rd, 2006, which focused, as any credible media would, on only the facts and not third-party hearsay, unproven or unsubstantiated claims being made by politicians whose only interests are in protecting their public reputations a week before municipal elections.



On Saturday, November 4th, 2006, the [Toronto Sun](#) published a second story that you will not likely read in our Town's local papers: "Lift ban on vet: Townsfolk"



Sandy French

Second-party hearsay accusation:

Councillor Joan Robson confirmed that the comments Sandy French of Cogeco allegedly overheard Mr. Williams say in the Town's cafeteria to an unidentified individual was; he suggested a certain female councillor "should be -----".

Your guess is as good as ours as to what the "-----" is?

Out-of-court punishment # 1:

Mr. Williams rights were unlawfully removed from being able to access or use any publicly owned town property for 'that' alleged "second-hand hearsay" comment. The Halton Herald confirmed with Cogeco's Sandy French of Acton who overheard the alleged comment, who informed The Herald that he then went and told the third party who he thought the alleged comment was directed at; Town Councillor Jane Fogal. Sandy told the Herald; the police later contacted him about the alleged incident and the matter was dropped with no charges ever being brought against Mr. Williams. However, Mayor Bonnette, Councillor Robson and other town members used the alleged unproven incident to persecute Mr. Williams and infringe upon his civil rights outside the court system. It's very important to note: Councillor Jane Fogal has a brother who is a developer, whose dealings with the Town were investigated along with his sister (Councillor Jane Fogal) and other members of Council, in part, because of Derrick Williams. Also caught in the investigation was Derrick's loudest critics, those publicly protesting these recent unsubstantiated allegations -- Councillor Joan Robson and Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Out-of-court punishment # 2:

The local paper who endorses these very same politicians who are publicly criticizing their biggest critic over the alleged third party, unproven, unsubstantiated, hearsay comments were also recently given a platform to libel and defame the character of the 70 year old vet by John McGhie, editor of The Georgetown Independent, a paper who receives substantial ad revenues from the Town of Halton Hills.



As reported in yesterday's Sun, this isn't the first time these very same politicians have used your tax dollars to persecute their critics. This town has a history of strong arming its watch dogs and critics, to name a few: Gloria Hildebrandt - a reporter who wrote a story for the North Halton Compass was threatened with litigation for publishing a report that didn't shine very favourably upon a developer, our town and some of the politicians whose campaigns were, in-part, financed by the developer. Steven Grasby had his town rights removed much in the same manner that Derrick Williams just had his removed after Mr. Grasby's story was published in the Toronto Star, which reflected negatively upon our Town's irector and our town's politicians. The Town also launched a frivolous action suit against the Herald's editor, which was thrown out of court at a cost to the taxpayers of Halton Hills of \$25,000.00. And the worst part is, according to former Councillor Mayor Candidate Robert Heaton, a nine year Town of Halton Hills council veteran, "This in camera bullying is NOT the first time. I saw so much of it at "In Camera Meetings" over the 9 years when I was elected, I'm still sickened over it and embarrassed that these types of things can go on."





This is not my idea of democracy. This is not my idea of due process of the law. This is not my idea of innocence until proven guilty. This is not the Canada many of our veterans fought and died for. The law is very clear, as long as Mr. Williams is not threatening or acting out in an illegal or criminal manner; our constitution gives him and every other member of our fine community the right to freedom of speech, particularly when that person is criticizing or in opposition of our duly elected government.

We all should be thankful we don't have to rely on our so-called local inDependent papers to inform us or protect us from these types of government persecutions, and just as well because they appear to be far too preoccupied serving those who persecute us by publishing all those expensive town government notices, adverts and political articles that no doubt help finance the paper. However, we are lucky enough to live in a country that has a national press who'll publish these reports and do so by a "moral code of ethics" that gives our national press its credibility.

And we all should be thankful the national Media is getting the word out on these secret behind-closed-door government persecutions because when elected members in any government single out our communities watch dogs or oppositional members and persecute them for unspecified alleged crimes against our politicians, we all need to take a step back and say; "hey, wait a minute here, this isn't the Canada or the type of political system that my Dad fought for".

On November 13th, don't re-elect the political squatters that have infiltrated and infected our fine community and its political system. There are many other fine candidates to choose from who are bidding for the same job who could certainly do no worse than those who claim to be serving us now. Halton Hills is long over due for change and the time for change is now.

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Update: Remembrance Day - Toronto Sun Story story: [70-year-old vet who was banned from participating in Remembrance Day activities in his hometown of Halton Hills has conceded defeat in his fight against officials. \[click here\]](#)



Mr. Williams paying respect to his fellow Vet's in Brampton.