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be a long process, and it's lately been fast-tracked," said a resident.

"We may very well have hearings on this come the fall.

"And if those hearings go against the town and against the community ... we could have an asphalt recycling plant and 30 blasts a week in those three beautiful little lakes next to (Highway) 401."

Raitt noted the concerns, including its potential impact to the watershed in Milton, noise and dust from the blast, and — from the chamber's point of view — the resulting traffic from hundreds of "dump trucks" running per day.

"I think it's a concern for our future ... and it's not NIMBY-ism," Raitt said.

She added that the company — James Dick Construction Limited — should do a traffic plan

that's going to reflect the reality of the area, especially with the planned revitalization by Woodbine Entertainment that would transform it into "an entertainment destination."

One attendee asked Raitt of her view on the proposed Canadian National Railway (CN) Intermodal Hub in Milton.

Raitt said the intermodal facility is going to have a great impact on local streets, adding that it's "a real burning, concerning issue" for residents.

"If CN were to say ... OK, we'll build our own road.

"We're going to take every single truck down to the (Highway) 407 ... Maybe that's a different

conversation with residents, maybe they would have a better chance than them seeing giant intermodal trucks trying to go around roundabouts on Tremaine (Road) to get to the eventual interchange that's being built up the top," she said.

Other topics that were also discussed at the meeting, which was attended by Mayor Gord Krantz, Coun. Kristina Tesser Derksen, and the chamber's CEO and president Scott McCammon, include Canada's relationships with China, Saudi Arabia, and the Philippines, privacy issues, controversy surrounding the Sidewalks Lab project in Toronto's waterfront and pipelines.

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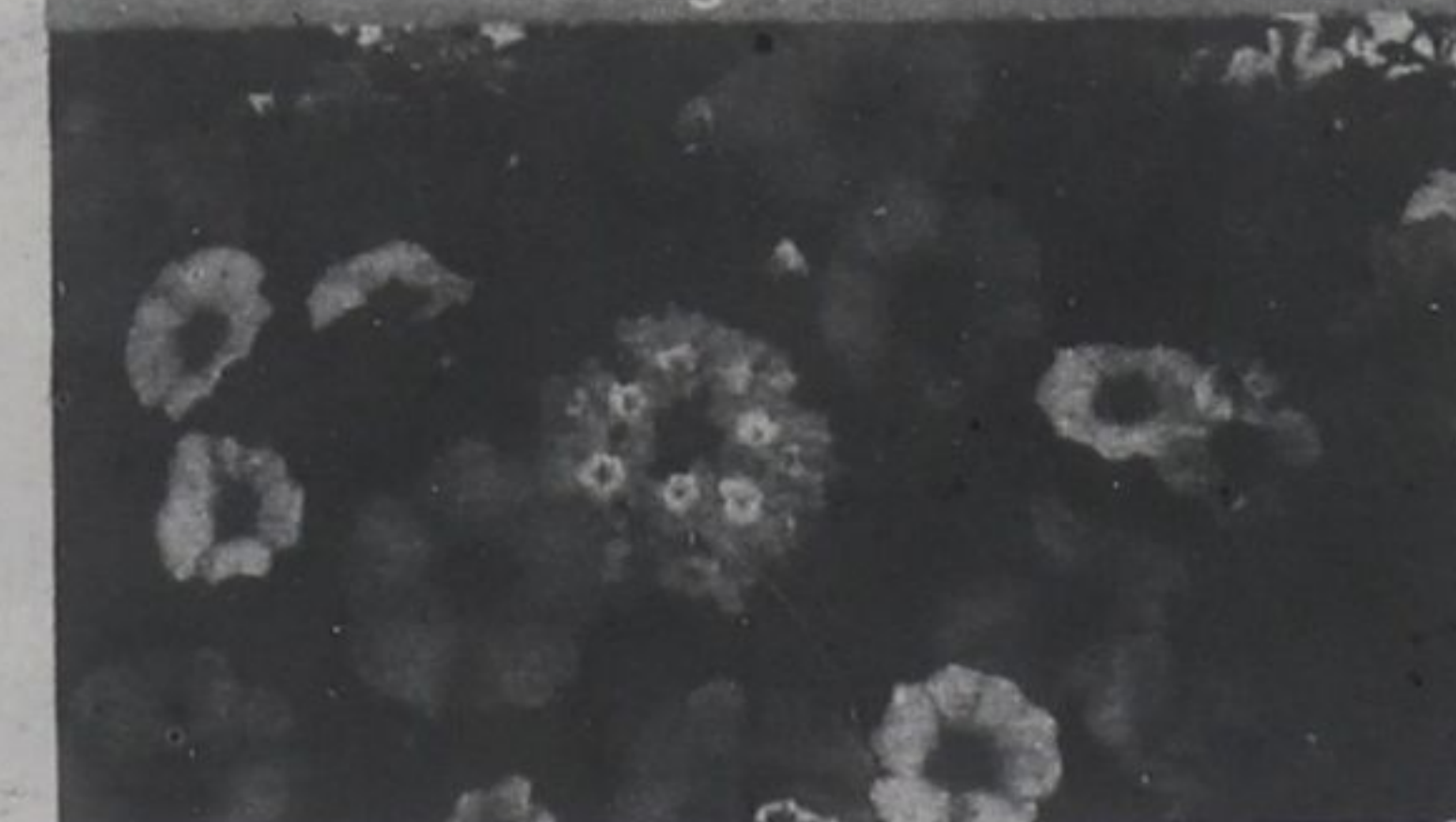
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