

# Committee agrees to bold steps to save Peru Road house

are very concerned that this house may be left for another winter without being properly secured and this continuing negligence is leading to its heritage attributes being permanently harmed."

The destruction raised the ire of Local and Regional Councillor Colin Best, who had some stern words for Century Grove Homes during last week's meeting.

"If the developer is watching (this meeting's webcast), shame on you. This was a liveable house," he said, going on to suggest it could be restored and used as a sales office for the new homes that will be built.

Local historian Marsha Waldie expressed her personal support for the Town's efforts, saying developers need to know that Milton is serious about protecting its heritage resources.

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau also said she would like to see the Town move forward as soon as possible with the designation.

Once a home is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, additional provisions of the Town's property standards bylaw can be used that will require enhanced maintenance measures to ensure the home's heritage attributes are conserved.

The home can still be altered or moved after receiving a designation, but both must re-



Committee of the Whole members discussed options to protect a home with heritage features from further falling into a state of disrepair. The house is located at 94 Peru Rd.

*Champion file photo*

spect the heritage value of the house. The home, which was built in the 1870s, belonged to Socrates Center, an early industrialist who was also a Milton town councillor. He and his brother William were instrumental in the industrial development of the Milton

Heights and Peru areas. The Center brothers employed many people in their soap, potash and tannery works and later in the local brickyards and quarries/lime kilns.

The heritage designation motion will go before

council for ratification at its Nov. 21 meeting. The Town clerk will then have to issue a notice of intention to designate. Following a 30-day objection period, a designation bylaw will be brought to council for adoption.

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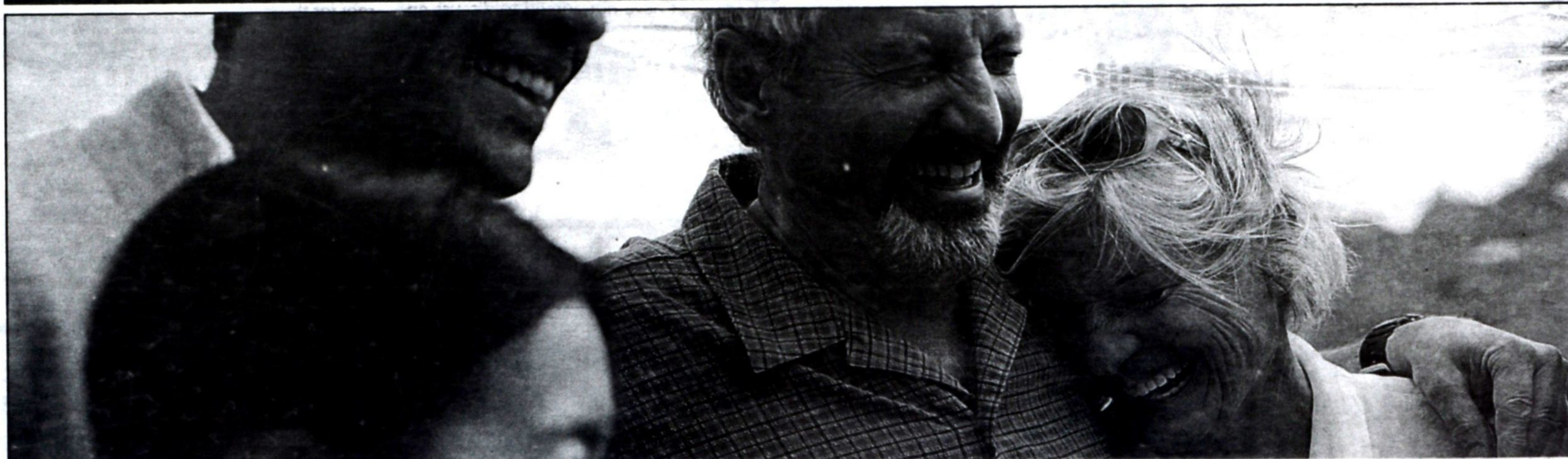
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