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## Ward boundary review underway

Four options presented at  
public information session

By Melanie Hennessey  
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Local residents aren't happy with Milton's proposed new ward boundaries, with some even wishing council's previous decision to reduce the number of councillors and wards could be revisited.

This was the general sense expressed by the citizens who turned out for a public information session on the topic at the Milton Sports Centre last Tuesday (Nov. 15).

About two dozen residents, along with most Milton Council members, heard about the four preliminary concepts for new ward boundaries from Town consultant Dr. Robert Williams and Erik Karvinen of Watson and Associates.

The look at boundaries is Part Two of an overall council composition and electoral structure review that's being done to determine how two additional regional councillors will be accommodated on Milton Council.

In a narrow 6-5 decision earlier this year, council voted to reduce its size from the current 11 members to nine and decrease the number of wards from eight to four, with one local and one

local/regional councillor representing each. Dr. Williams described Option A as the "rural model" that leaves the Nassagaweya area almost untouched in one ward, Option B as one that's focused around a clear-cut division along Regional Road 25 and Derry Road, Option C as the model with an eastern orientation and Option D as the one that captures much of older Milton in a single ward.

"We need to think about how to design four wards in a town that's growing like no other," he said.

But as John Moynihan of Nassagaweya Voice pointed out, all of the options involve taking a portion of Milton proper and making it part of the rural-dominant Ward 1 (currently Ward 3). "Every one of these little (boundary) lines joins a bit of Milton into Nassagaweya.

"It's a messy sort of bastardization if you do that," he said during the meeting. "What we ask is to be left alone as Nassagaweya ourselves here and to simply have one councillor. That's all we need."

For Donna Danielli, Option B — which divides the town into four along Derry Road and Regional Road 25 — sets off alarm bells for her as a Nassagaweya resident, former executive director of Downtown Milton and current school trustee.

"It combines an existing urban area with

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