

Strategic Plan: approved

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was mended to read "not including incineration."

Rita Post, who is the President of Residents Affected by Intermodal Lines (R.A.I.L.) was the next delegation to speak to the Council. Mrs. Post spoke against the proposed CN Intermodal terminal in Milton and urged the Council to fight the proposal, in the Strategic Plan, Official Plan and any other way they could.

"R.A.I.L. appreciates the challenges Halton Region faces in planning for the future," commented Mrs. Post. "When a huge organization such as CN can just waltz right in and destroy all the time, effort and money put into planning, this is just a waste of the taxpayers money."

Mrs Post outlined R.A.I.L.'s position that the proposed CN Intermodal is in direct conflict with many of the themes of the Strategic Plan, including smart growth, healthy communities, the protection of rural lands and the environment, and the provision of safe drinking water.

"Halton residents must realize that everything that happens with CN's proposal will significantly impact all that you are trying to accomplish in your own organization and will alter the plans for this Strategic Plan," said Mrs. Post. "The plan to improve the community and the livelihood for Halton residents is being threatened by the potential affects of CN's proposed intermodal development. All the time, effort and planning that is being done at this time may be in vain."

Mayor Krantz echoed Mrs. Post's sentiments saying "it's important to note that Milton is opposed to what CN is planning."

Oakville Councillor Elgar commented that "it is time that municipalities get involved. We need to encourage people to contact their M.P.'s."

The final delegate to speak was Michael Lansdowne, the Vice President of Oakvillegreen Conservation Association Inc. and he reminded Council of the need to make sure the Strategic Plan was SMART, (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, realistic and Timely). Mr. Lansdowne felt work needs to be done to make the plan measurable and timely.

"We find a lack of timelines in this plan," he said. "There should also be some sort of benchmark or calibration and a starting point with which to measure the progress indicators."

Mr. Lansdowne also took the

opportunity to take the Council to task for its policy of allowing the delegations only five minutes to speak.

"Only giving us five minutes sends a definite message," he rebuked and informed Council that "Mayor Mulvale graciously allows us ten minutes when we speak before Oakville Council."

The Strategic Plan, as approved by the Regional Council on October 24, will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it continues to reflect the key strategic issues facing the Region. Regional staff are now in the process of preparing the 2002 Budget and Business Plan, which will identify Strategic Plan initiatives, a process Mayor Krantz expressed wariness of.

"It'll be interesting at budget time when 21 of us sit down and one of us picks up the document and says "well you supported this motion through the Strategic Plan," he cautioned. "I'll give you fair warning, I support this document but I'm not locked into it. Some of this may come back to bite us, and I'm prepared to bite back."

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline took the opportunity to thank all of the staff that worked countless hours to bring the final draft before Council for approval.

"This Plan is the beginning and Council's vision of what we hope to achieve in this term and what we hope will carry over to the next Council."

Real men can cook

by Tracey Massey

The concept of women owning the kitchen has long ago been squashed. The upcoming gala "Real Men Can Cook" only reinforces that notion.

On Saturday, November 10 between 30 to 40 celebrity chefs will be competing for the title of "Celebrity Chef of the Year" and "The People's Choice Award" in the Real Men Can Cook competition at the Halton Regional Centre in Oakville. All proceeds from the event will be distributed amongst three registered charities: DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), Women Survivors Advisory Group, Halton (W.S.A.G.) and The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour, followed by a parade presenting the chefs and then a food sampling and entertainment. Award presentations will follow the sampling and the evening will wind up with a night of dancing.

Local area Councillor Ken Keates will be one of the participating chefs. He will be making a very special recipe "Sinful Gateaux Saint Honore". This tasty dessert is sure to have samplers singing sweet praises.

Tickets for this delectable event are only available in advance for a cost of \$30. Each ticket holder will have a selection of 10 dishes to sample. Tickets can be purchased up until Friday, November 9 by contacting Elizabeth at 905-465-2978 or Ken Keates at 1-888-645-8669.

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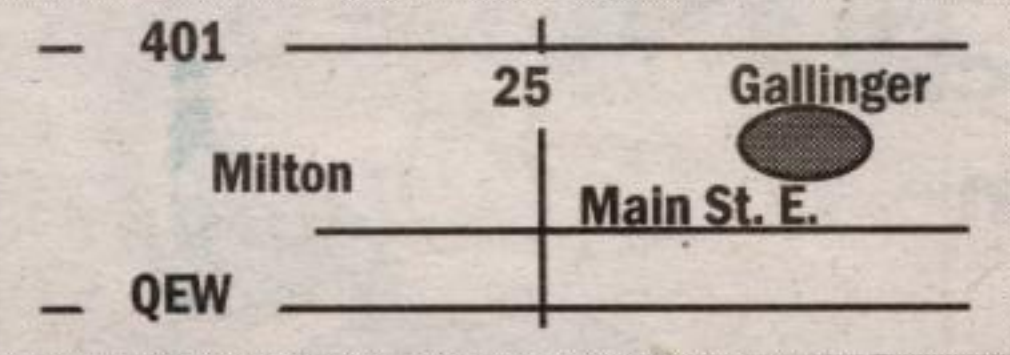
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