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CSCA sets the standard for funding

By DONNA DANIELLI

hen the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) recommended the release of over \$270,000 to the Spring applicants of the Milton Community Fund, they had already pored over approximately 46 applications which requested a total of over \$800,000.

Selection of successful applicants is a long and arduous process that often leaves declined applicants wondering what was wrong with their application. Questions are raised such as whether certain groups are given a priority in the funding, or are urban Milton organizations given consideration over rural Milton organizations, as was expressed at a recent Campbellville Ratepayers Association meeting.

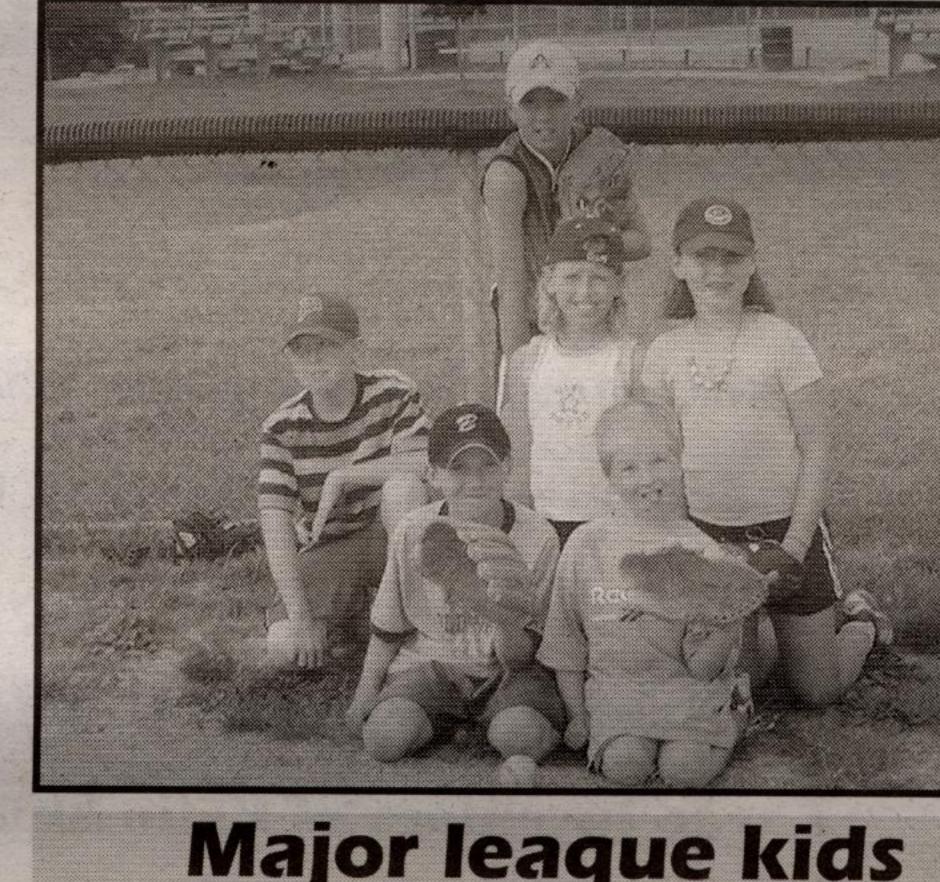
"The majority of funded applicants to date provide service to the entire community, and not just one geographical area. CSAC members are community volunteers and they review the proposals diligently and fund based on the merits of the proposals," explains Joy Anderson, Coordinator of the Town of Milton's Services. Community The Committee is comprised of five rural and five urban members of the Milton community.

rural applicants who were declined in the last round of funding, Ms. Anderson shed some light on the situation, as in the case of the application made by the Milton Historical Society versus the application submitted by the Nassagaweya Historical Society. The Milton Historical Society received \$50,000 last year and another \$65,000 this Spring in funding to assist with the restoration of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop. The Nassagaweya Historical Society's request of funds to purchase computer equipment, software, and fund a contract position to gather and organize information on the history of Nassagaweya Township, however, was declined. Ms. Anderson was quick to point out that this wasn't simply a case of urban versus rural applicants. "The Waldie Blacksmith project is an activity of the Milton Historical Society with a variety of club activities as outcomes," explains Joy. "In addition, the project will also enhance the image of Milton, will provide additional community space and will be of interest to our community and to visitors." The application by the Nassagaweya Historical Society did not really fit within the guidelines and goals of the Fund. "There was no

When asked about a number of intent to just dismiss this," insists Ms. Anderson. "If we fund one individual to write a book, how many others will come to the table to get a salary to write a book for a year? The Committee also looks at where the dollars go two years from now, will the revenues from this book go to help fund the next book the group wants to write? We also look at what are they willing to do to help the project along themselves, how else are they funding their project? We look to a piece of the puzzle rather than funding the whole puzzle ourselves."

Other rural applicants declined in this round of funding included Track 2000's Riders Ready BMX program for special needs children and the Campbellville Area Business Association's (CABA) application for funding for a profile sign on Highway 401 West, and the creation of a Campbellville website. "My only concern is that Milton would have been known as a pioneer of the Riders Ready Program," states Nicky Pearson, Coordinator and founder of the program. "It's the only one of it's kind, although I've had phone calls from 18 tracks in Canada and 7 in the U.S. for help to set up their own

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Major league kids

Photo By Reid Kennedy

Members of the 2002 Brookville Mosquitos were just some of the many area kids that participated in the Frozen Ropes Baseball Clinic during the week of August 12 - 16th at Brookville Park. The clinic was partially sponsored by the Milton Community Fund and R.J Ferrier Disposal Inc. Pictured are, back row, L. to R.: Kyle Westwater, Matt Smythe, Chelsea Pronkevich and Kelsey Smith. Front row - Travis Kayler and Dylan Keller.

Community Cornerstone

Formed in 1853, a year before the first Fall Fair and five years before Milton itself was a Town, the Halton Agricultural Society marks it's 150th anniversary this year.

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Shoebox Memories

The potato famine in Cork, Ireland in mid 1840's prompted Mary Wall Wheelihan, a 31-year-old widow, to bring her family to settle at Lot 6 Conc. 4 of Nassagaweya in the area of what is now Campbellville.

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Idle Pursuits

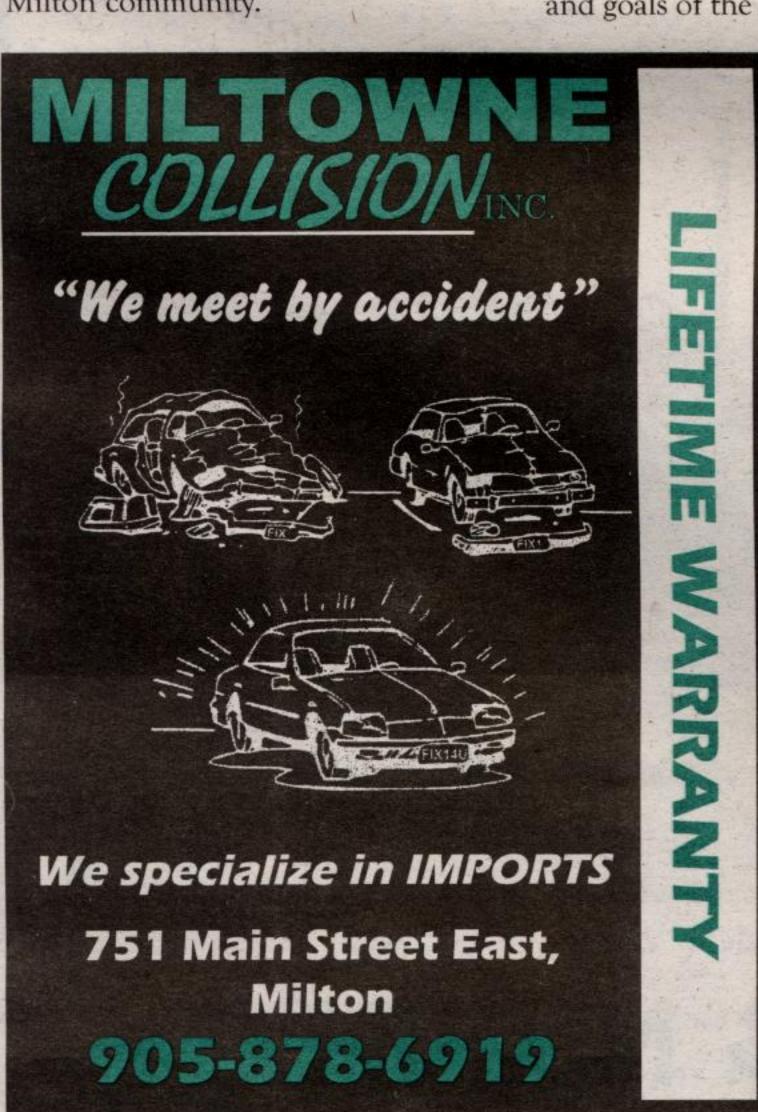
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