

Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards nominees announced

BY DONNA DANIELI

The nominations for the annual Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards have been announced.

Businesswoman of the Year nominee, Cindy Lunau, expressed her pleasure at the nomination, saying, "I'm certainly honoured but I'm genuinely surprised. Primarily my business, Loon Woods Ltd., is simply a way to support my passion - being involved in my community." Also nominated in this category are family physician, Dr. Marion King, and Tracey Repchuk of the Bravo Software Group.

Nominated for Businessman of the Year are Diego Sdao of Tim Horton's and Jeff Bergsma of Bergsma's Home Decor. Jeff Bergsma graciously says, "To be recognized with the nomination of Businessman of the Year is a reflection of what the Chamber has taught me over the years as a member. It's an honour to be included in this category with all the previous nominees."

Business of the Year nominees are divided into two categories, companies with 25 employees or less, and companies with more than 25 employees. "It feels great," exclaims Barb Lawton, whose Taylor Nurseries is nominated in the first category. "It's nice to give back to the community, and to be nominated is an honour. People appreciate us, so we must be doing something right." Also nominated in this category are M. Putzer Hornby

Nursery and Prothane Limited. In the category of 25 employees or more, the nominees are Milton Mall, and Prosperity One Community Banking and Financial Services.

All of these awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award, for which Joyce Hayward and Harry Snoek are nominated, will be chosen by a committee. The Citizen of the Year award, however, will be chosen by the public. This year's nominees are Barbara Burton for her years of dedicated service to the Milton District Hospital; Blanche Hinton, whose work with the Rotary Club and Milton Concert Presentations is described in more detail in a separate article in this paper; and Laura McKee, who has been a member of the Milton Jaycees and the Milton Optimist Club, and has served on the Santa Claus Parade and Canada Day committees. To cast your vote for the Citizen of the Year Award, fax your vote to the Chamber of Commerce office at 905-878-4972, or stop by the office at 251 Main St. East, Suite 104.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce Community Awards will be presented at a gala at Granite Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, April 12th. The North Halton Compass would like to congratulate all the nominees for their contributions to their community.

Campbellville's Honorary Scouter



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Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, right, has recently received honorary scouter status from Mark Spence, left, of the 1st Campbellville Scouts. The 1st Campbellville Scouts gratefully acknowledges the financial support provided by the Town of Milton's Community Fund. Their financial assistance has aided the pack to purchase new camping equipment.

Red Cross Fundraiser at Pasqualino Cafe and Bistro

Join Chef Dominic Pasqualino for an intimate cooking class or visit the restaurant for a special lunch or dinner with proceeds going to the Milton Red Cross.

Cooking Class
March 16

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$50
** only 12 are available*

**Power of Humanity
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March 23

12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
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New Shopping Opportunities are coming to Milton

Milton residents will be pleased to hear that the Town has been endeavouring to bring a wider range of retail opportunities to the Milton Urban Area. The Town's objective is to allow for a full range of shopping experiences for Milton residents and, as such, are currently processing an application for a 400,000 sq. ft. regional shopping centre at the northwest corner of James Snow Parkway and Highway 401. Included within this proposal is the possibility of a 135,000 sq. ft. department store, an eight to ten-screen theatre, restaurants, and other specialty retail stores.

Other opportunities are also being explored within the expanded Central Business District (CBD) Area, including the possible expansion of Milton Mall and a mixed-use retail complex at the southwest corner of Main and Thompson, next to the GO Train station. This site specifically allows for the introduction of another Food Store into the Downtown Area. Neighbourhood retail opportunities are also proposed within the Bristol Survey Secondary Plan Area, including a neighbourhood plaza located at Derry Road and Trudeau Drive, within Hawthorne Village.



Coupled with the upgrading of the CBD streetscape, several new specialty stores and restaurants have opened along Main Street. The challenge now is for the Town, the Downtown Business Improvement Area Board, and Chamber of Commerce to encourage new retail business to locate within Milton and, within the Central Business District as the population grows.

It is hoped that with these new opportunities, Milton residents will shop entirely in Milton for their everyday needs, not having to travel to Oakville, Mississauga, Georgetown or elsewhere. Expanded retail opportunities within the Hamlets of Campbellville, Brookville and Moffat have already been considered through the Milton Official Plan.

All of this means that Milton is changing, but with the encouragement of Milton Council, staff are ensuring that the new shopping opportunities do not have a negative effect on the Downtown Area. And, through site plan and urban design control, the Town is ensuring that the new architectural styles, particularly in the downtown area, complement the historical character of Milton.

Milton Residents can provide input regarding Land Use

How is land use controlled? Control of land use and its enforcement is dealt with through the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Residents of Milton will be interested to know that this By-law is currently being revised to include, among other things, the new retail directions proposed through the Town's new Official Plan.

It is anticipated that a draft of the proposed Comprehensive Zoning By-law will be available for public review in March and that public open houses will be held in the Urban, Agricultural and Rural Areas in April, with the intent of presenting this By-law to Council through a statutory public meeting in May. Subject to comments at this time, the Comprehensive Zoning By-law is proposed to be adopted by Milton Council in June.

Every mail box in Milton will receive notice of the process of preparing the By-law, approval and public meetings. This is to ensure that as many people as possible in Milton have the opportunity to understand the intended land use for his/her individual property, in relation to the long-term vision for Milton. Copies of the Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law will be made available in the near future for public review through the Town's Planning and Development Department, the Public Library and through the Town's website. Keep your eyes open for the notices regarding the zoning by-law review and the availability of the draft zoning by-law.

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