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Mohawk Raceway applies for expansion

BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT

Woodbine Entertainment Group, the owner of Mohawk Raceway, has applied to the Town of Milton for permission to develop an 18-hole public golf course and a 10-storey hotel. This would involve amending the Official Plan and zoning bylaw. On July 28, Milton council voted to receive a report of the application for information and to wait for a technical report by staff. Comments from the public are invited as soon as possible for consideration with the application.

The hotel is to be a four-star facility, according to Robert J. Careless, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer of the Woodbine Entertainment Group, with 196 rooms and 20 ground-level golf villas adjacent to the 18th green, as well as a restaurant, a dining room, a lounge/bar, meeting and conference rooms, an exhibition space, a spa, an indoor swimming pool and fitness facilities.

The golf course will have a driving range, clubhouse and new

large lake or feature pond near the 18th green to provide beauty to the site, risk to the game and irrigation for the course, explains Mr. Careless. Graham Cooke, one of Canada's leading golf course architects, will design what is believed will become an outstanding public golf course while preserving some significant woodlots on the property.

Woodbine Entertainment Group has provided six studies with the application including an environmental impact study, a preliminary servicing report, a transportation impact study and a market assessment report.

Their environmental impact study makes the most recommendations. Development should take place away from natural heritage areas and the wetland near the southwest corner of the property, and some areas should be allowed to naturalize. A tree preservation plan should be developed, and any necessary tree cutting should take place in the winter to minimize disturbance to breeding wildlife. The

golf course should be 15 metres from the watercourse, and fish habitat should be enhanced if any watercourse diversions are necessary. Groundwater should be monitored, and sedimentation of the streams should be controlled. Existing drainage patterns should be maintained, and the groundwater discharge along the bank of one of the sewage lagoons should be protected.

Their preliminary servicing report points out necessary improvements to the sewage treatment system to accommodate flows. Wastewater should be treated, and the effluent should be directed to modified lagoons for storage before being used for irrigation or released downstream. As for potable water, the report claims that the total demand on the wells will be less than the amount permitted at present and that the existing system will accommodate the redevelopment.

The transportation report
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PHOTO BY REID KENNEDY

Ready to tee 'er up

The 2003 Brookville Rookie team recently completed an undefeated season and are now gearing up for the league championship to be hosted by the Brookville Minor Baseball Association at the Brookville Park on August 8 and 9. Three teams from Milton, two from Acton, Campbellville and Carlisle will compete with Brookville at the tournament. Veterans who led the Brookville Rookies this year include (left to right): Harry Smith, Adam Kayler, Travis Laitar and Cam Zuccatto.

Inside this month's Compass

SHOEBOX MEMORIES

James Hall, his wife, Mary Skirrow, and their children came to Canada in 1824 from England to settle on 50 acres in 1826 at Lot 2, Concession 7, Esquesing. They named their house Wennington Cottage after their hometown.

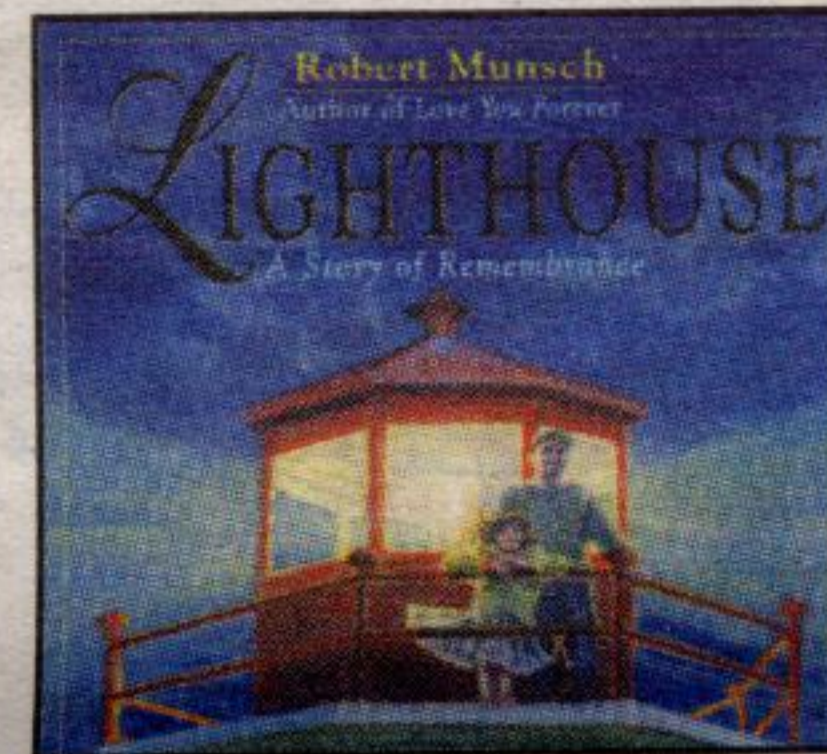
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IDLE PURSUITS

Lighthouse: A Story of Remembrance is a new picture book written by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Eden Mills artist, Janet Wilson, in which a young girl is coming to terms with the recent death of her grandfather.

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COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

A self-employed computer trainer and programmer, Jenny Kitson, juggles work with several other voluntary positions in north Halton and Wellington, including collecting an overabundance of produce for the needy.

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