

## Proposed bylaw ruffles feathers

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Agriculture, commented on what he saw as confusion over the status of horses in the draft by-law. Horses are prohibited as pets under section H of the draft, yet domestic farm animal is defined as "an animal kept by a person for its pelt, wool or fur or for food or research purposes." He pointed out that horse farms account for a large part of the agricultural industry in Halton, and as such, ownership of horses needs to be defined properly within the final by-law, as more than a food source. "I own a horse farm, I certainly don't want to munch my way through my 21 horses," he said dryly.

Milton residents also spoke in favour of the draft, especially the proposed leash laws, saying that the Town was on the right track in creating a guideline for animal ownership. Greg Bailey commented that dogs off of leashes could impede the use of parks by other residents. "Let's get the dogs on a leash," he commented. "Let's keep it safe and let's keep it clean." Wuanita Sawler took it one step further, asking

Town staff to consider leash laws for animals other than dogs. "If a cat is not on an owner's property, it should be on a leash," she argued.

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The panel itself came under a small amount of fire for those who attended the meeting expecting to make presentations to a full slate of Council members. "I was disappointed that this was not a full consultation and that we will have to come back," complained Christopher Holoboff. Karyn Bennett, Deputy Town Clerk, pointed out that the meeting was a public information session to receive input, and that all input would be considered in the final draft of the by-law which is expected to be presented to Council on August 30. Councillor Cindy Lunau, who after the meeting commented that the input had certainly raised questions for her that she intended to

look into, was quick to thank the delegations for their time and comments. "We really do appreciate your input," she told those gathered. "The by-law is a draft, it hasn't been formalized and

your input will be considered."

The final draft of the by-law is expected to be available to the public on the Town's website at [www.town.milton.on.ca](http://www.town.milton.on.ca) as of the afternoon of August 26.

## Is CN proposal still on track?

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the trains is by truck," says Campbell. "Those trucks will be driving past our hospital, past our schools and past our homes."

Campbell is quick to point out though, that RAIL is not opposed specifically to intermodal facilities in Milton, only to the location chosen by CN Rail. "It shouldn't be stuck in the middle of agricultural land that is nowhere near a highway," she argues. "It would be a disaster for our future generations." RAIL is also skeptical of CN's argument that this 800 acres of land was chosen because it meets specific requirements in the building of the intermodal, such as straight rail lines.

Rail's website ([www.miltontrain.ca](http://www.miltontrain.ca)) speculates that the land purchase may have come as inexpensively as \$15 million, and that the zoning change to industrial, will see this land value rise to as much as \$165 million, with CN Rail selling off any excess land not required by the facility.

"If it ever came, we'd be totally doomed, you couldn't live here," predicts RAIL's Sandra Campbell, who has vowed to continue fighting against an intermodal on Milton's agricultural lands. "We're still continuing our research, and we're ready for when it happens. If anything happens, we'll be out there to stop them."

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