The proposed urbanization of North Oakville

URBAN STANDARDS WERE USED AS

OPPOSED TO SUBURBAN ONES.

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The plan may also have some appeal to the environmentalist as it recommends tree planting and the use of native species to cut down on the amount of pesticides and water requirements and encourages the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar for applications such as street lights.

In terms of construction, the design team cited the use of recycled construction

materials and techniques such as building orientation conducive to minimizing heating and cooling needs.

Some of those in attendance at the meeting had concerns about the barrier-like effect Dundas Street has and about the integration of north and south Oakville.

"Dundas will become more of a major arterial road than a highway," said Howson. "We're trying to humanize it so that it's not a barrier."

speeds on Dundas Street being changed and the designers noted that with sidewalks, buses and buildings the street will become more congested and people will naturally slow down.

"We're not going to create congestion, we're going to make it more of a vital road. People will be coming and going in it as

opposed to just traveling along it" said Howson.

Others noted that Oakville's current transit system is not good and wondered if and how this would be addressed and the design team responded with the assertion that the best way to get people to use transit is to ensure that a good system is in place before residents get out to buy that second car.

One other concern involved the linkages or natural corridors that are intended

to allow movement for wildlife and whether or not such a concept would in fact create a hazard for the wildlife.

Although the plan received accolades for the most part from those present, it was noted by a number of people that current development policy does not control architectural design and that changes would need to be made if the planner's vision is to be transferred into reality.

"Developers are reluctant to build den-Questions were also raised about sity," said Howson. "The developers will have to know the rules to make sure this vision gets translated onto the ground."

The plan is slated for presentation to council in March and residents interested in further information should contact Robert Thun, senior planner with the Town of Oakville. He can be reached at 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 or via e-mail at rthun@oakville.ca.

A dream goes up in flames

Benefit dance for local dairy farmer

BY STEPHEN BAKER

ob Coles is a 24 year old dairy farmer from Acton with a million dollar dream. A Indream that turned into a nightmare on January 30 when fire swept through his Meaford dairy barn killing 68 registered Holsteins and causing a million dollars of damage.

Bob managed to save 23 dairy cows and heifers and 5 calves from the inferno and in so doing preserved the bloodlines that his grandfather had started. Bob, who is to be married

next year, will start over but it will take years to rebuild his herd. News of the fire spurred members of the Limehouse Presbyterian Church and the Erin Junior Farmers to hold a benefit dance for Bob Coles and his fiancé Lindsey Rogers (also from Acton). The dance will be held at Ballinafad Hall on Friday, February 25th at 8pm. Admission will be a monetary donation. For more information contact Jennifer Mitchell at 905-873-2934 or Glenda Benton at 905-877-2101.



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The utter devastation sustained by fire at Bob Coles' dairy barn in Meaford.



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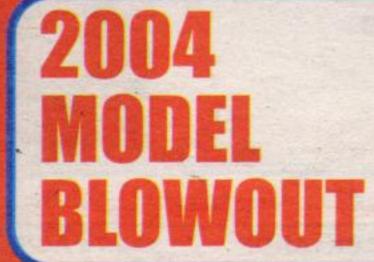
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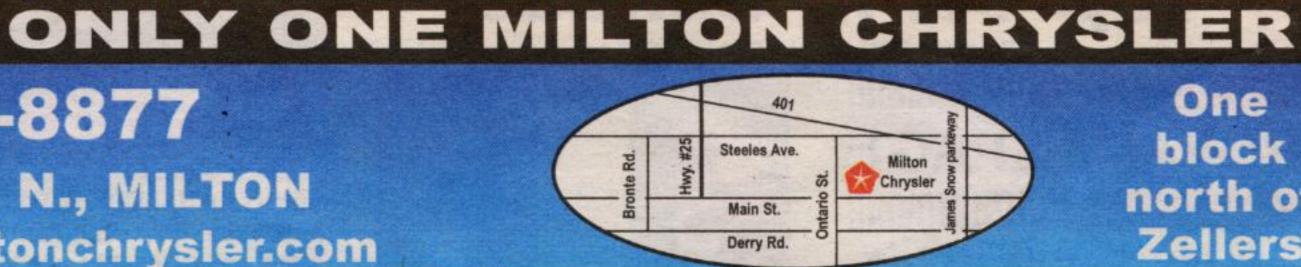


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