Milton Council Notes

BY COUNCILLOR CINDY LUNAU

Procolamations - March is Easter Seal Month. March 21 is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Heritage Awards - Jim Dills was congratulated as a recipient of the Ontario Foundation's Heritage Lifetime Achievement award for his lifelong commitment and devotion to the preservation of Ontario's rich heritage. Recognition certificates and achievement pins were also presented to Brian Williams (Country Heritage Park Volunteer Board of Directors) and John Woods and the Town Hall Heritage Garden Project team.

Road Reconstruction - 10 Sideroad from Fourth Line Nassagaweya to Puslinch Town Line, and Fourth Line Nassagaweya from 10 Sideroad to 15 Sideroad are scheduled for reconstruction, with designs completed in 2005 and construction to occur in four phases beginning in 2007. An Open House for comments will be held April 5th, 7pm at the Nassagaweya Community Centre in Brookville.

Sixth Line Nassagaweya - Culvert replacements at bridges 59 & 69 (between 5 & 15 Sideroads) have been finalized for this summer. At its March 29th meeting, Council will consider a by-law to close this section of roadway from June 13th to October 31st. Any concerns must be registered with the Clerk's Department by noon on March 29th.

Waste Management - The Region of Halton is hosting a series of Open Houses, one in each Municipality, for public consultation for its Solid Waste Management Strategy update. The Milton Open House will be held Monday, April 4th in the Allendale Auditorium, 5 – 8 pm.

Community Fund - Additional organizations & individuals have received grants previously deferred from the 2004 allocations. Milton Minor Baseball, \$5625 for umpire training; Kamil Karbonowski, \$400 to assist in travel to the Junior Fencing North American Cup. Guidelines for the 2005 Community Fund are currently under review. A Public Information session to review the new guidelines is scheduled for April 26, 7:30pm at the Milton Sports Centre.

Energy Drill - Council supported the Energy Drill Project and will apply to become a Municipal Government Partner the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Councillor Jan Mowbray was named as Milton Council's representative, Cindy Lunau alternate.

150th Anniversary Celebration -Council approved establishing a committee for the Town's 150th Anniversary Celebrations in 2007. The committee will include Councillors Ron Furik and Cindy To apply to be a citizen representative for this committee, notify the Clerk's office of your interest by 4:30pm on Friday, March 18th.

Destiny Milton - Council awarded a contract (\$550,500) to Meridian Planning Consultants for Destiny Milton II, a wideranging consultation building on the original Destiny Milton document from 1994. It will include a Corporate Strategic Plan, followed by Service Area Master Plans and an Integrated Implementation Plan.

Civil Marriages - Provincial legislation now permits Municipalities to perform Civil Marriages. Council voted not to offer this service at this time.

Public Consultation Guidelines Council approved these guidelines as presented, with an amendment to add the principles of Clarity and Transparency, and a review of the Guideline in one year.

Outdoor Furnaces - Council received delegations on Outdoor Furnaces and amended a Staff Report to include site-specific consideration and a retroactive provision when preparing a future by-law.

Subdivision Open House - Council heard from delegations regarding a proposed amendment to permit 59 single dwellings, 24 semi-detached dwellings, 120 townhouse units, 6 loft apartments, commercial space, Neighbourhood Park, and woodlot south of Derry Road at Armstrong Boulevard. Once all comments have been received, a report will be brought forward for consideration. If you wish to comment or would like further information, contact the Town's Planning Department.

Ontario Heritage Act - Council Lunau, as well as two members of the public. endorsed the Joint Submission prepared by the four Halton municipalities in response to Bill 60 proposed by the Provincial Government regulating Heritage Properties.

Campbellville Sand & Gravel -Council authorized staff to request participant status at the upcoming OMB Pre-Hearing (April 20th) on the appeal by Campbellville Sand & Gravel on the Minister's Order which requires an amended Site Plan.

Accessibility Plan - Council approved the recommendations brought forth by the Milton Accessibility Advisory Committee to improve accessibility to Town facilities in 2005.

Newsletter - The Spring edition of Talk

of the Town was delivered last week. If you failed to receive your copy, please contact the Town.

Community Services Guide - This guide, covering programs offered from March to August, is now available. Registrations for spring & summer recreation programs are now being accepted. Additional guides are available at the Leisure Centre, Sports Centre, Seniors' Activity Centre, Town Hall and Milton Public Library.

Employee Recognition Awards -Council held its 19th Annual Employee Awards recognizing 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years of service with town pins. Special recognition awards were presented to Charlie Parchem and Wayne McConnell for 30 years, and to John Dryden for 35 years of service.

Milton.ca - The Town's web site has been improved to included enhanced accessibility for visually or cognitively disabled patrons.

Web Site - Council agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's web site. This site also includes other useful and interesting information about Town events, services, press releases and reports. www.milton.ca.

Representatives - Phone numbers and email address for the Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's Web Site or by phone. Town Hall: 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494;. Region of Halton: 905-825-6000 or 1-866-442-5866.

(These notes are intended to provide a snapshot of Milton Council happenings, rather than opinions. Further information can be obtained and comments shared - through elected representatives, town staff and the Town website.)



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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE

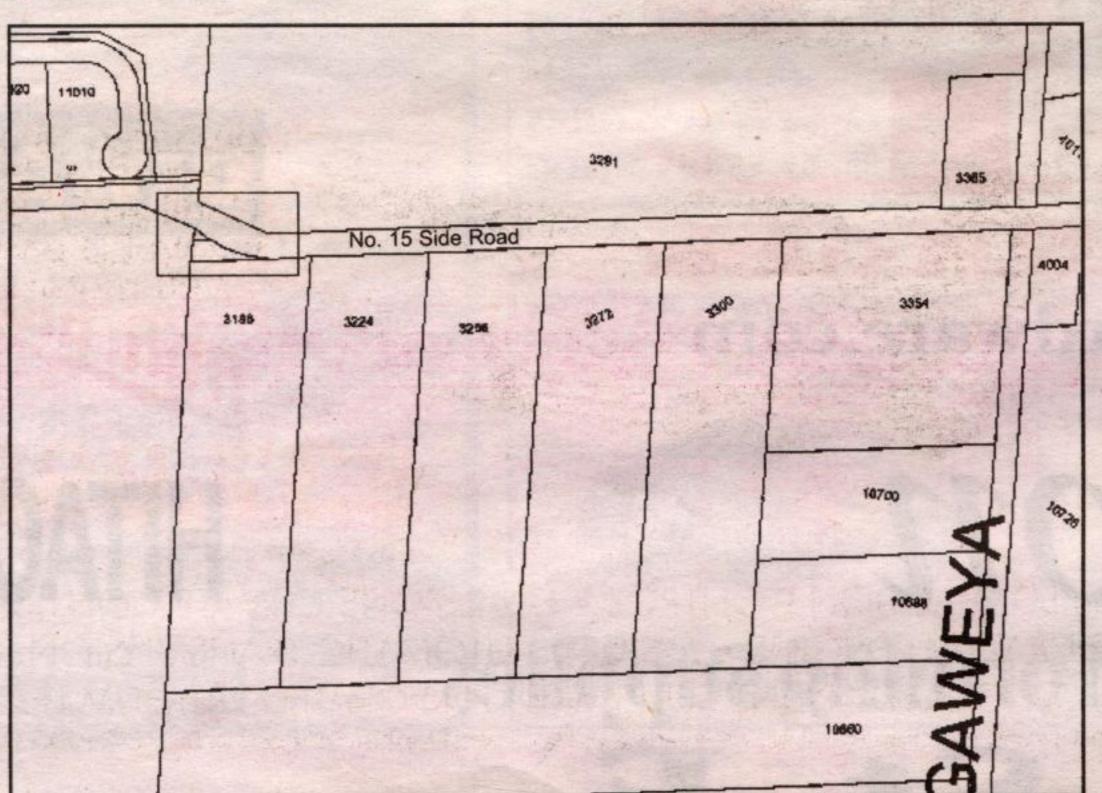
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Milton intends to close up and sell that part of the unopened road allowance abutting 3186 15 Side Road, in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton. The Town proposes to sell the closed portion of the unopened road allowance to the abutting landowner, and to receive a road widening from them. This issue will come before the Administration and Planning Standing Committee on March 21, 2005.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 268(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and in accordance with Town of Milton Property Disposal By-law No. 34-95.

Further information with respect to the aforesaid Notice of Road Closure and Sale may be obtained from the Députy Clerk, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario (905) 878-7252, extension 2109.

DATED at the Town of Milton, this 4th day March, 2005.

T. McHarg, Town Clerk Town of Milton



DWELLINGS FOR SALE AND RELOCATION

Request for Proposals

The Town of Milton is accepting proposals for the purchase and relocation of heritage dwellings located on properties known as: 155 Mary Street • 167 Mary Street

These Mary Street properties will be considered for some aspect of the future Town Hall Expansion project. To support the Town's goal of preserving it's heritage, Milton Council is desirous of selling these dwellings for relocation preferably within the urban boundaries of Milton.

Interested purchasers may view this Request for Proposals on the Town of Milton's website at www.milton.ca or pick up a copy of the document at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, 2nd Floor. Proposals in writing will be accepted until May 11, 2005. For more information about this relocation strategy, please contact Jennifer Reynolds at 905-878-7252, extension 2180.

EDITORIAL

hey say a picture is worth a thousand words. There are some pictures that are priceless. Falling into this category would be the map released by the Places to Grow people.

All along we've been told that the Greenbelt was being introduced to protect our farmland. The anger of our farmers was largely fuelled by a deep suspicion that what was proposed was a vast parkland for the benefit of city dwellers, provided at no compensation by the farmers.

"Stuff and nonsense" we were told.

The lie to this protestation was demonstrated clearly by the Places to Grow map that shows the Sub-Area concept. This is basically a band of land designated for future growth. That this land contains the best farmland in the Province should not come as a surprise to us. Drawn on this page the Greenbelt is a thin landlocked strip.

Toronto has a history of exporting its problems. Its garbage goes to Michigan, should we be surprised that it should be bent on transferring its migration problem. Every year the influx of new Canadians adds some 150,000 souls to the environs of Toronto. Sometime very soon there will not be enough space for one more condo, for one more high-rise village in the sky. Where would Toronto like the additional people to go? The answer is anywhere but their backyard. In this case we are Toronto's backyard, hence the Greenbelt.

Our backyard is a little further out and that's where the future growth will now be.

Toronto gets its own Central Park to

play in, at no cost. The rich farmland of the Niagara to Orangeville corridor gets to disappear under the pressure of future growth.

Farming in Halton will grind slowly to a stop, starved by high costs and low farm prices.

The Liberals will make the 416 happy at the expense of the 905, but heck the 905 never voted for them anyway.



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