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Milton Council Notes

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Proclamations - April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week. March is Youth Science Month. The Year 2005 is The Year of the Welcome Wagon. May 1-7 is Youth Week.

Youth Week - MMYAC (Milton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council) invites teens to participate in a full week of activities, including ball hockey, two band shows, drop-in night, pool party, outdoor dance, and audio car show, April 29 – May 7. Details on the web, or call the Town, ext. 2754.

Road Reconstruction - A number of Tenders were awarded and By-laws passed for road reconstruction. Miles Street & Bowes Street, \$590,802.91 with road closures April 18 - July 15. Pearl Street, Court Street, Bruce Street, \$709,049.78 with road closures April 18 – July 15. Sixth Line Nassagaweya Culverts/Bridges, \$1,040,372.77 with road closure June 13- October 31.

FCM Conference - Mayor Gord Krantz and Regional/Local Councillor Ron Furik will represent the Town at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference June 3-6, 2005.

Committee Appointments - Paul Scherer appointed to a vacancy on the Downtown Business Improvement Area Board. Michael Cluett and Karen Muller appointed to the 150th Anniversary

Celebration Committee. Burning Permits - Open air burning is not permitted in urban Milton, and only permitted in rural areas with a burning permit. Effective May 1st there will be a \$25 annual charge. Existing permits will be extended until December 31st. Permits are available at the Central Fire Station on Steeles

Avenue.

Community Garden – Council approved a Community Garden on the Allendale property, adjacent to Childs Drive.

Greenbelt Plan - The Province passed the GBP on February 28th with few changes within Milton from the Draft Plan. Maps are available on the Provincial web site, or through Town Planning.

Defibrillator Program - Extending the Town's program in public spaces, defibrillator units are now installed at the Town's three Sports Centres and the Seniors' Activity Centre; another will be installed at Rotary Park prior to summer activities. Sponsorship for additional units would be welcome.

Ward Boundary Review - Council directed staff to undertake a formal ward boundary review for the 2009 elections.

Rural Community Forum - Halton Region will host a Rural Community Forum on April 20th, 6pm at the Halton Regional Museum. Topics for discussion include Safety & Security, Speeding & Illegal Parking, Draft Tree By-law, Traffic & Road Maintenance, and Communication with Rural Residents.

BMX Open House - The Town will hold a Community Open House to present the proposed layout & designs for an outdoor BMX Freestyle facility to be constructed in Lions Sport Park. The session will be held April 21, 7-8:30pm in the Lions Hall, Memorial Arena on Thompson Road. Public Meetings - Council held a number of

Public Meetings on development applications and zoning by-laws. Once all comments have been received, reports will be brought forward for consideration. If you wish to comment or would like further information, contact the Town's Planning Department. Public Meetings included: Draft Plan of Subdivision East of Thompson Road, South of Derry Road for 558 units. Zoning By-law to permit a motor vehicle dealership at 1195 Steeles Avenue West. Zoning Amendment regarding veterinary clinics in the rural area. Temporary Use By-law to permit a golf driving range at First Line & Britannia Road. Draft Plan of Subdivision at Fourth Line & Derry Road for 518 units & an Apartment building with 208 units.

April 18 Public Meetings – Temporary Zoning Amendment to permit a Garden Suite at 3058 30 Sideroad. Official Plan & zoning By-law to permit a commercial development at the southwest corner of Derry Road & St. Maria Boulevard. If you wish to appear as a delegation at either meeting, please register with the Town Clerk, before 11am on the 18th.

Clean-Up Days - A number of initiatives are scheduled this spring. April 22, the Town, Chamber of Commerce, & DBIA holds the first 20-Minute Milton Makeover to 'stash some trash' beginning at 11 am. Bags & Gloves available through the Town (905-878-7252, ext.2165). On April 30 the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee holds its Annual Rural Road Clean Up. (Jean Woods, 905-854-2107 for garbage bags & vests). May 7th is Good Neighbours Community Day (905-878-4085.) The semi-annual Large Item Drop-off at Brookville Works Yard will be May 24-28.

Council Delegations – Council approved a policy to permit delegations to appear at both Standing Committee and Council meetings, with a 10-minute maximum.

Community Fund - New Guidelines were approved for the Milton Community Fund. An Information Session for interested groups is scheduled for April 26, with a May 16 deadline for Spring Applications. More information is available through the Town website, or Joy Anderson, ext. 2604.

Community Fund Grants - Council approved CSAC (Community Services Advisory Committee) recommendations from the 2004 Community Fund as follows: Milton District Hospital Foundation, \$59,900 for a blood gas analyzer. Brookville Minor Baseball, up to \$14,000 matching funds for a batting/pitching cage complex at Brookville Park. Milton Skating Club, \$3,174 travel costs for Skate Canada Convention. Karen Cseff, \$630 for Skate Canada Convention. Laurie McDonell, \$755 for Skate Canada Convention. Tracy Griffiths, \$812 for Professional Skaters' International Conference.

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.