

## Scotiabank throws down the gauntlet



Pictured here, from left to right, Donna McLaughlin director of development of the Milton District Hospital Foundation, and Julie Speck organizer of 'Blazing Saddles' receive a cheque for \$10,000 from Rosa Martins, manager of Scotiabank's Milton branches. Scotiabank has been in Milton for over 100 years and this is the second year that they have supported the Milton District Hospital Foundation. Says Rosa Martins "We encourage and challenge all other financial institutions in town to contribute to the MDHF, an organization worthy of all our support."

## Milton Council Notes

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**Recognition** - Ms. Lorraine Gibson received a Certificate of Recognition for her service on the Milton Public Library Board. Jim McQueen, Milton's Director of Corporate Services, was congratulated on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

**Road Closures** - Portions of Main Street East, Charles Street and Martin Street in the Historic Downtown will be closed on Friday July 22 from 4pm - 10pm for the Cruisin' Car Show event sponsored by Milton DBIA. Thompson Road from Derry Road to Louis St. Laurent will be closed from August 1st to September 26th for reconstruction.

**Parking/Stopping restrictions** - An All-way stop was approved at Bell School Line and 2 Sideroad. No Stopping Anytime was approved on both sides of 5 Sideroad east of Regional Road 25.

**Zoning Amendments** - Council approved a Temporary Zoning Amendment to permit a Garden Suite at 8469 First Line Nassagaweya.

**Public Meetings** - Council held a number of Public Meetings on proposed zoning amendments: to zone lands at the North/West corner of Steeles Ave. & James Snow Pkwy. for Auto Commercial. To introduce site-specific provisions relating to redevelopment of Milton Mall. Once all comments have been received, reports will be brought forward for Council's consideration. If you wish to comment or would like further information, contact the Town's Planning Department.

**July 18th Public Meetings** - Rezoning application for 53-57 Steeles Avenue at Bronte Street to permit a business park, car/truck facility. Proposed Official Plan/Zoning By-law amendments resulting from Provincial Legislation, Bill 124.

**Town Hall** - The Ventin Group was selected as the architect for design and construction administration of the Town Hall expansion project, not to exceed \$850,000.

**Federal Gas Tax** - Milton will receive \$2,556,615.71 over the next five years under the proposed allocation from the Federal Government. Council approved requesting reconsideration of the distribution method to better reflect the current population growth, which could represent additional funding of \$1,820,000.

**Notices of Motion** - Consideration of Three-Way Stop signage at Coxe Blvd./Laurier Avenue and Coxe Blvd./Childs Drive was referred to staff for a report in the fall. Staff was requested to report on the feasibility of updating the current fireworks bylaw including storage requirements, vendor licensing, and annual fireworks bylaw notification to the public. Upon the request of Heritage Milton, staff was requested to consider the feasibility of a bylaw prohibiting injury or destruction of trees in urban Milton, including a process to designate specific trees as heritage features.

**Committee Appointments** - Shannon White is appointed to the Milton Public Library Board, filling the vacancy of Lorraine Gibson. Daniel Ramlogan is appointed to the Community Services Advisory Committee. Ellen Brighton is appointed to the Milton Trails Advisory Committee.

**Hydro Appointments** - Kenneth Liddon and Ian Jarvis were re-appointed to the Milton Hydro Board of Directors, September 30, 2004 to September 30, 2007.

**Presentations** - Kathlene Campbell-Conlon, Matt Kerwin and Killian Hobbs presented a report on behalf of MMYAC (Milton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council) recapping the activities and events of Youth Week.

**Street Naming Policy** - Council approved a recommendation supported by Heritage Milton to include additional categories for new street names, including former elected and appointed officials and current war veterans.

**Naming of Town Facilities** - A number of administrative offices are being relocated to 555 Industrial Drive to be known as Town Hall Annex 555, while the current Town Hall will be known as Town Hall Victoria Park.

**Eco-Tech Village** - Council supported proceeding with the Eco-Tech Village pilot project within the Sherwood Survey Secondary Plan including potential construction of several model green homes, Eco-Lawn grass, wind feasibility study and net-zero energy homes.

**Hydro Corridors** - Milton will advise the Province that it has a continuing interest in all publicly owned Hydro Corridor lands within the Town on Milton for possible public uses including a future cemetery and storm water management use.

**Ninth Line Corridor** - Council received and endorsed the final report on the Ninth Line Corridor and Land Use Study to be considered in future Official Plans, with one section to be further examined.

**Retail Study** - Council approved a moratorium on all commercial applications pending completion of the Retail Market Study in support of Destiny Milton 2 and the related Official Plan 5-Year Review.

**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](http://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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