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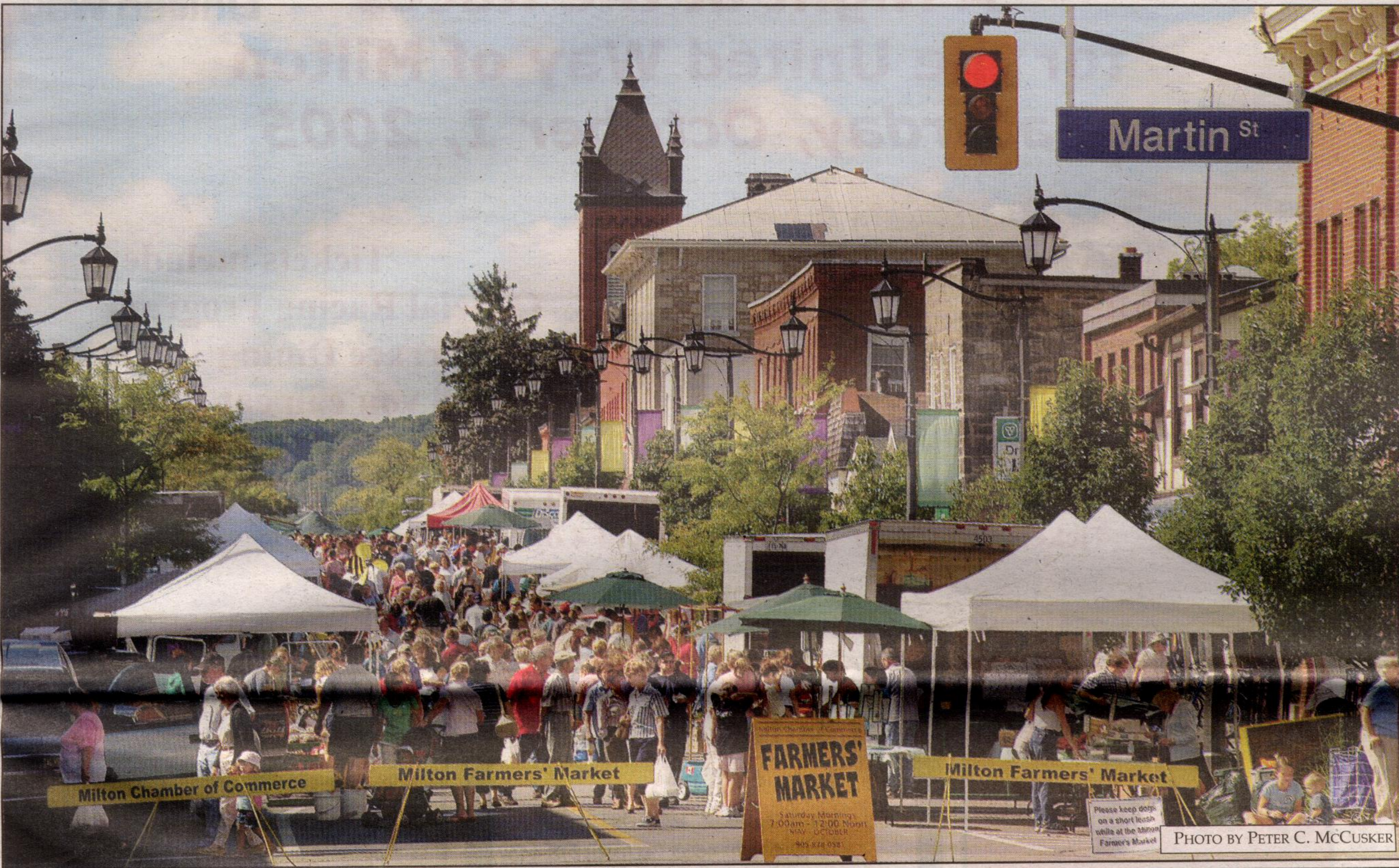
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## Regions banding together to create viable Ag industry

GTA Agricultural Action Plan unveiled

BY BERNADETTE WARD

With strength in numbers, a coalition of politicians and agricultural representatives from across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) hope to accomplish what individual regions may not be able to do – ensure a viable and sustainable agricultural industry.

In keeping with this goal, the unveiling of the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Plan took place at Chesslawn Vineyards and Winery in Bolton on September 6 with representatives from York, Halton, Peel, Durham and Toronto as well as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Leona Dombrowsky.

“We all know that the only way we’re going to solve the problems that we face jointly is by working together,” said Gerretsen.

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## Halton Region ready to participate in coordinated relief efforts

In correspondence issued to heads of Council across Ontario, Julian Fantino, Commissioner of Emergency Management for the Province, advised that any relief efforts to address the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina will be coordinated by his office.

As of yesterday, Ontario has not been asked for any type of assistance from the United States. Should the need arise, Halton Region will participate as requested by Commissioner Fantino.

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