New clause needed for electronic signs

Town to amend sign bylaw...again

The Town of Halton Hills will amend the town's sign bylaw yet again.

This time, the clause on electronic signs will be amended to allow signs with messages that remain stationary for four hours.

The current sign bylaw prohibits electronic message centres, except signs that have intermittent time, date and temperature information in 10-second intervals.

However in March, Herma Buchanan of Vision Travel requested an electronic sign at her Guelph St. location, in the back facing Tim Horton's drive-thru.

The town's enforcement department, however, contended that electronic signs are a distraction to drivers compromising safety, as well reducing the aesthetic quality of streetscapes.

A compromise was reached through the efforts of Acton councillor Jon Hurst, who said the four-hour interval solves the distraction factor and gives the business the opportunity to change its sign at least three times a day.

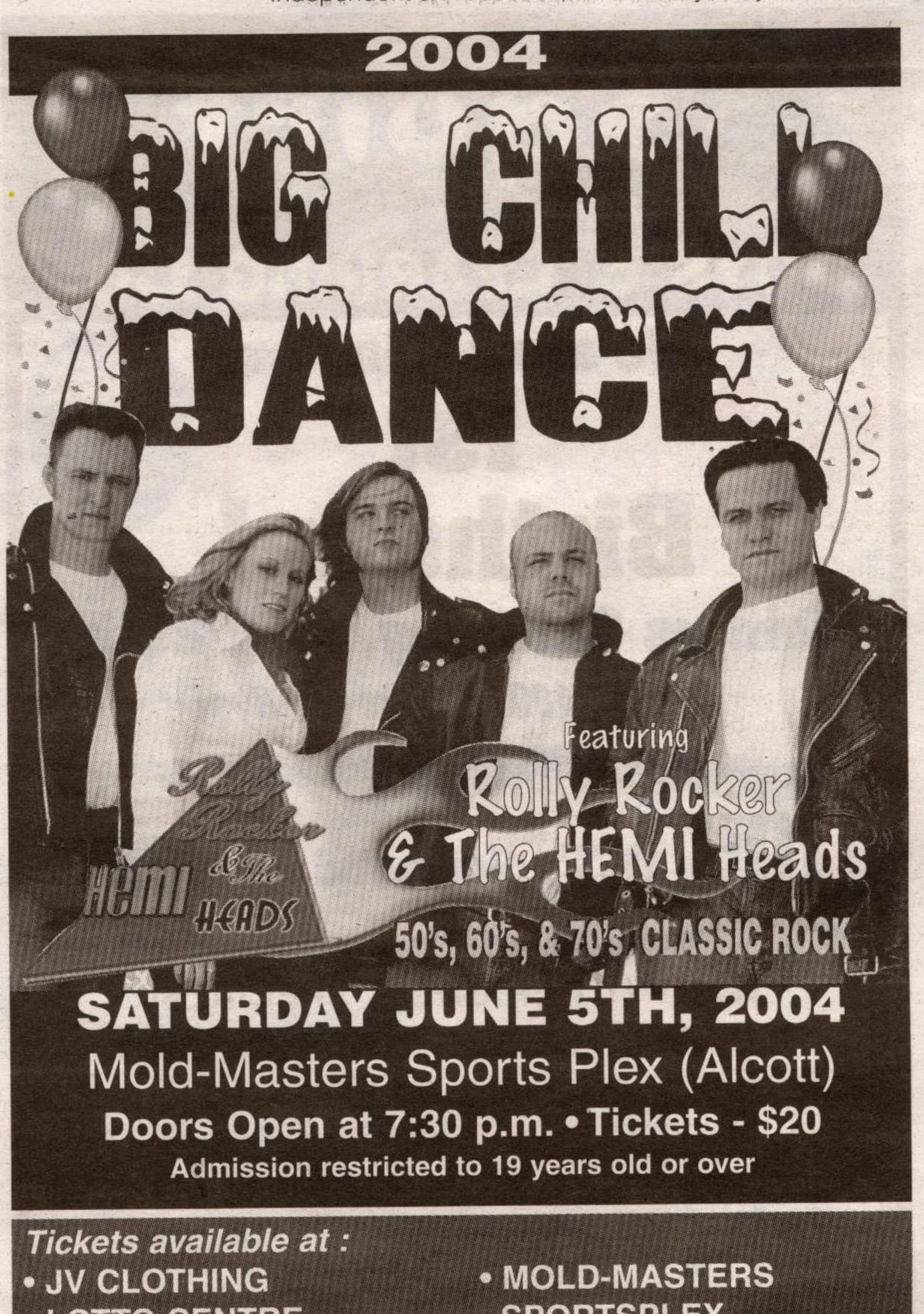
Before the amendment is approved, the public will be allowed to comment.

-By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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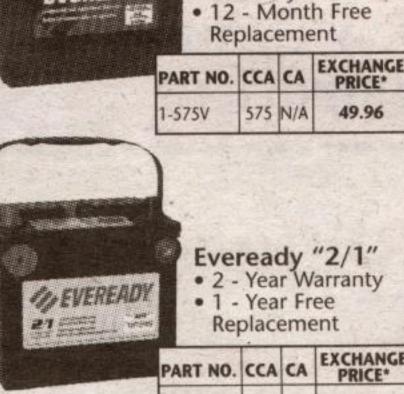




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