

# Town reviews plans for construction of new public high school

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The Town of Milton is examining plans to rezone lands on Bronte Street South to make way for a new Halton District School Board (HDSB) high school.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment would allocate part of the grounds on the west side of Bronte Street South, between Britannia Road and Louis St. Laurent Avenue, for the erection of a new public secondary school.

The properties are currently zoned as future development (FD) and natural heritage system (NHS) areas, which do not permit

the proposed development.

The zoning amendment application follows the requirements of the Planning Act and is being dealt with accordingly.

A planning and development report on the matter was received by the committee of the whole Monday. Town staff will now prepare a technical report with recommendations for future consideration. This will come after a consultation and review of the application has been completed.

It will address any issues raised through the consultation and review procedure.

Staff will be reviewing site access and vehicle circulation, including bus and vehicle drop-off arrangements, grading transitions to the adjacent lands, stormwater management and drainage, parking and urban design.

The HDSB has secured funding for the secondary school, which is scheduled to open in September 2020.

In order to meet construction targets, the board has begun the expropriation process for the lands for the school.

The proposed school site includes lands from three landowners, a holdout property at 1390 Bronte

St. S. and parts of the adjoining lands, for which two separate plans of subdivision and associated zoning bylaw amendment applications have been submitted.

An additional holdout property, located at 1456 Bronte St. S., isn't part of the school site, but will be neighbouring the secondary school site.

A planning application has not been received for this property, according to a town report.

The lands for the school are a designated institutional area in the Boyne Survey

Secondary Plan and

form part of block one within the scheme.

While the Subwatershed Impact Study for block one in Boyne is still under review, the planning and development report states it is staff's understanding that most of the remaining issues are now resolved or close to.

A resubmission of the Subwatershed Impact Study is expected in the near future.

The school building is proposed to be three storeys and will have surface parking extending along the street frontage and northern property line.

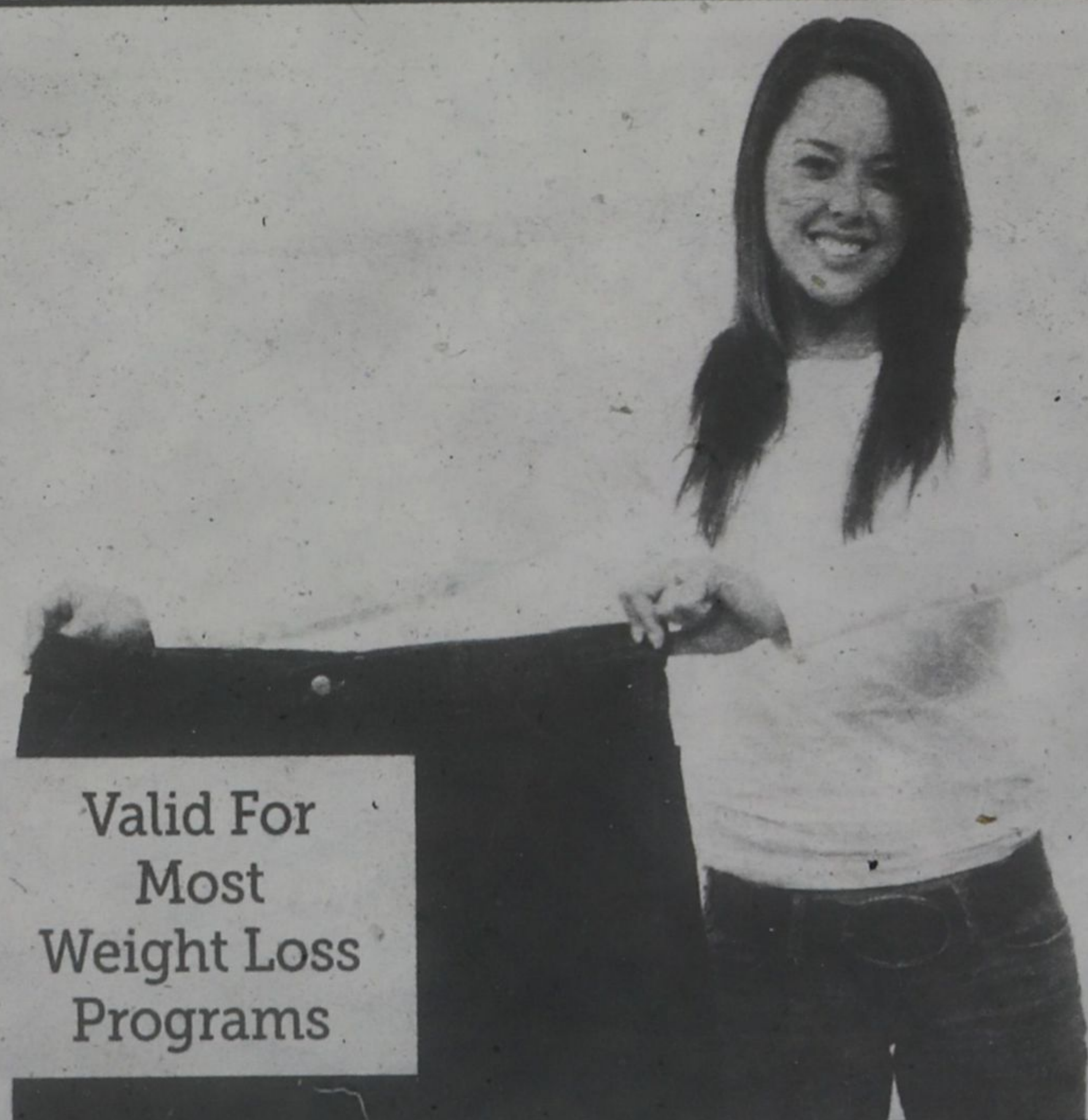
Separate drop-off areas

are planned for buses and cars and a track and sports field are being plotted at the rear of the property, next to a future stormwater management pond.

Should the application get the green light, site plan approval will be required prior to the start of development for the secondary school.

While a full review of the applicable planning policies will be conducted as part of the application review, a high school is a permitted use in the institutional area and town staff is satisfied that an Official Plan amendment is not required.

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