

# Town close to adopting a Transportation Master Plan

*Improvements planned for roads, public transit, active transportation*

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It appears the Town of Milton's Transportation Master Plan will get the green light to map out short and long-term improvements to its roads and public transit.

On March 19, Milton council's committee of the whole endorsed the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in principle, pending final approval by the full council at a public meeting on April 9.

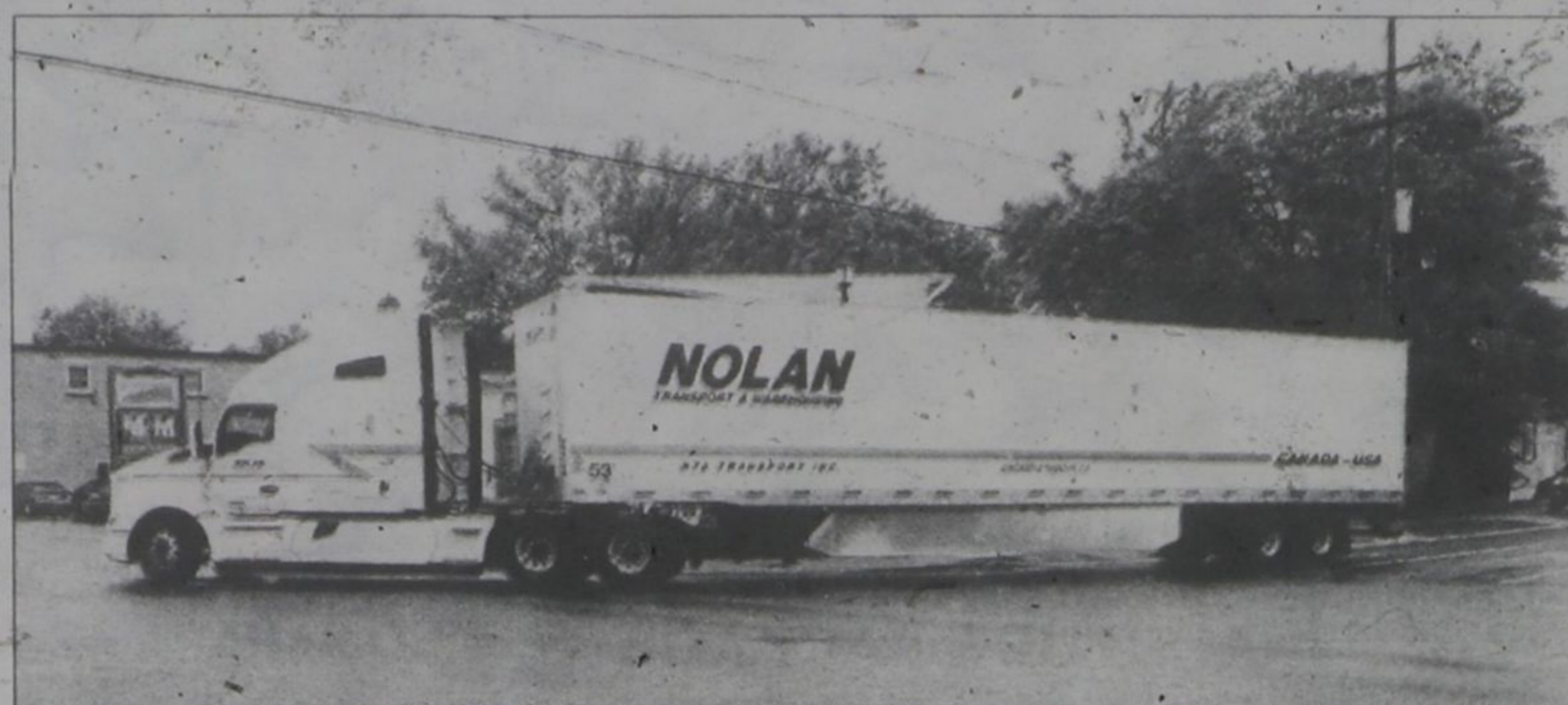
Once approved, a 30-day public review would begin April 10, in accordance with the requirements for a municipal class environmental assessment.

The TMP sets a long-term vision for transportation within Milton, providing strategies to balance all modes of transportation - walking, cycling, public transit and vehicular traffic.

The town says the TMP's objectives include viable transportation choices, travel that is designed for all users, an integrated network of transportation routes, safe and efficient travel options, and connections within and outside Milton.

The plan's strategies address active transportation, transit, road networks, goods movement and transportation demand management. The TMP also identifies conceptual road connections for the next urban expansion on the Sustainable Halton lands.

The TMP report notes several significant potential facilities have been identified, such as an ex-



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panded storage and maintenance facility for transit vehicles, for which the cost is expected to be developed later this year.

In addition to the capital projects and operating cost changes identified in the master plan, other requirements are noted related to population growth and the renewal of existing transportation infrastructure

and services.

Growth-related costs include the infrastructure previously forecast by the town to complete areas such as the Boyne Secondary Plan, potential parking facilities, as well as the costs associated with the town assuming responsibility for the maintenance of local roads that will be built by land developers.

"The TMP is intended to provide practical guidance to achieve a balanced transportation system for our growing community. It will provide input into the next Official Plan review and provide direction on policies that can serve to better manage congestion," states a Town of Milton press release.

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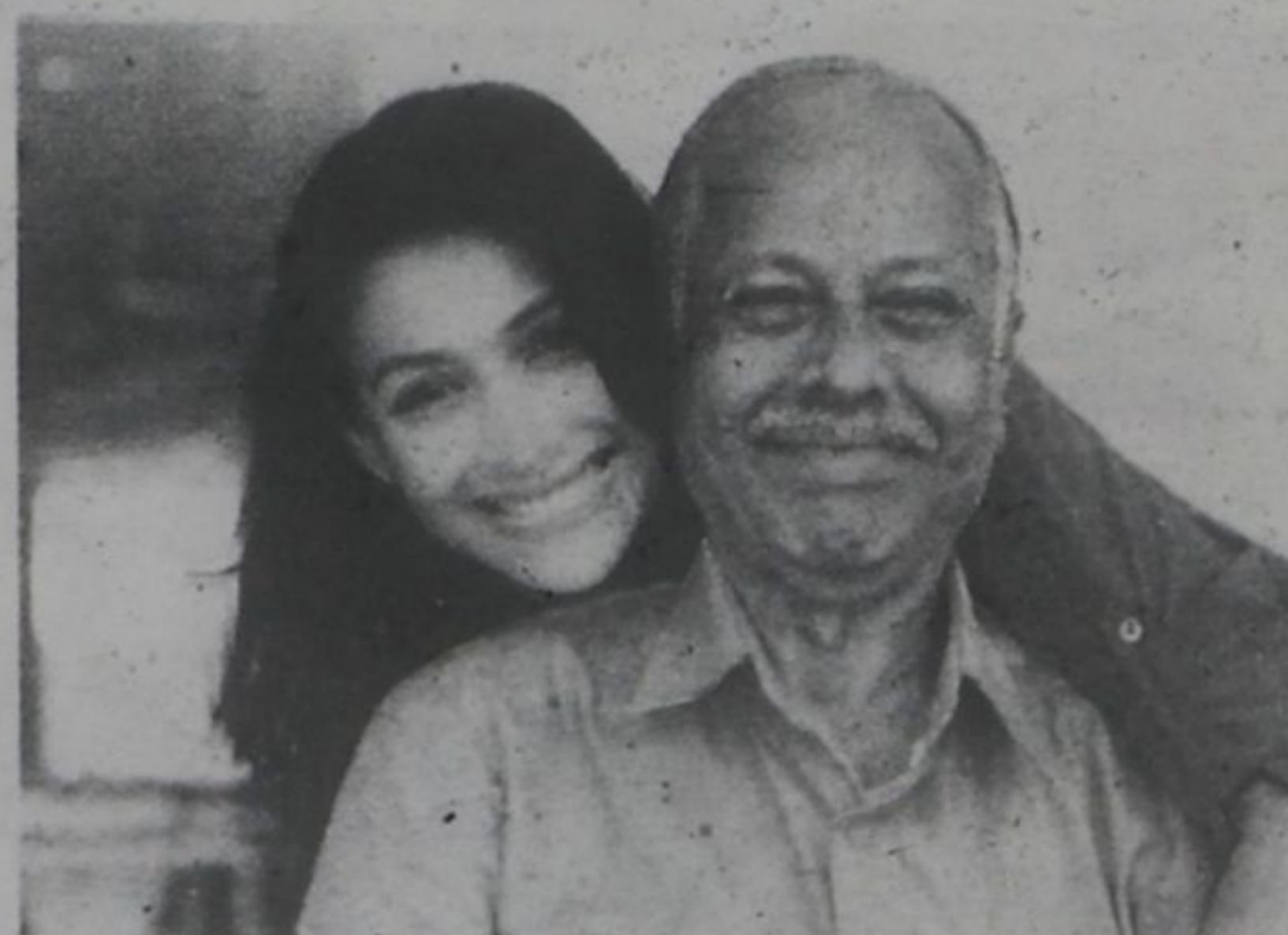
sion-making but it does not address site-specific issues, detailed design or construction," noted the press release.

However, some projects, such as road/lane building or expansion are listed in the TMP along with estimated capital and operating costs.

The town says road network improvements recommended in the TMP are largely based on when future development occurs. Some roads will be constructed by land developers as greenfield (undeveloped) sites evolve; other roads will be constructed by the town, supported by development charges in accordance with provincial legislation.

The TMP draft plan has identified some road improvement projects as far out as 2031, with two alternative charts consisting of six projects each with some

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