

# Updating town's zoning by-law work on plan for downtown



BY-LAWS, WATER DEBENTURES and assessment are part of a summer's work for Kitty Pickering and Rob Ellerby. They are business administration students working in the clerk's office in town hall, organizing and reviewing a number of municipal details.

By Pat Ford  
It may have seemed, under regional government, that Milton just opened its mouth and swallowed parts of Oakville, Burlington, Esquesing and all of Nassagaweya, but the digestion has been far from simple. All the administrative details involved in running what used to be a town of 8,000 have to be reviewed and incorporated with those which were formerly applicable to the other 10,000 people who are now part of this new creation.

Kitty Pickering and Rob Ellerby are spending their summer by doing just such general classification and indexing. They are both business administration students - Kitty at Conestoga Community College, majoring in marketing, and Rob at Sheridan majoring in accounting.

In the town clerk's office they have just finished classifying, cross-referencing and indexing the multitude of

amendments which have been passed or proposed to the zoning by-law. Two future business administrators, at least, will know how to straighten out records.

Checks assessment  
Their next job will be a review of personnel policy, and Rob will be working on the Nassagaweya assessment appeal, revising and equalizing the assessment bases for the old town of Milton and Nassagaweya.

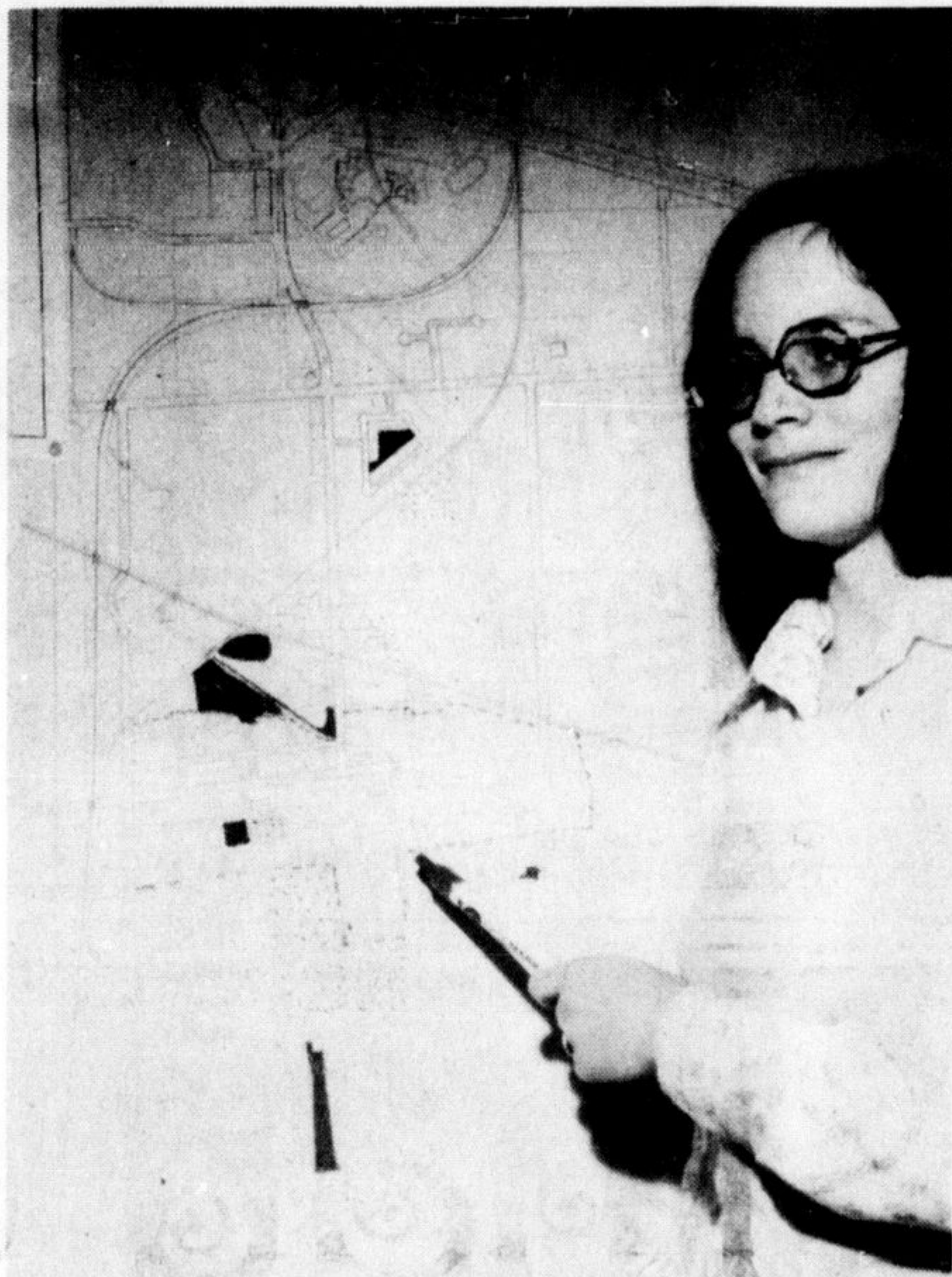
Caroline Floroff, a Ryerson urban planning student, is working in the planning department, trying to find viable alternatives to the present plan for Milton's downtown core. With specific statistics she hopes the Chamber of Commerce will be able to provide, and some public input, she will submit a report and a suggested plan in September. Her work will then be incorporated into the official town plan which must be worked into the regional plan due in 1977.

Caroline already has some ideas about what will bring a dying downtown back to life, having worked two summers ago on the Diet for Development program which examined the central business district of Oakville. She has picked out some small but important details about Milton during her first week at work. There are not enough pedestrian crosswalks, for example, and the lack of a distinct parking and traffic policy doesn't make downtown shopping any more pleasant. One thing she wants to investigate is why the old Farmers' Building which presently houses the shoe repair shop is sitting almost empty.

Business expansion  
Town planner Bob Zsadanyi has also set Caroline to work on some current problems involving local businesses who want to expand according to future zoning plans, or are seeking zoning amendments.

Caroline is interested in suggestions as to what might make a suitable focal point for downtown Milton. One consideration is the possibility of a year-round farmers' market, but before she can work on it or any other features she is collecting data on store ownership, square footage and commercial turnover. What the Chamber of Commerce can't supply, she will have to research herself.

—This is Police Week in Milton. The local precinct office on Hugh St. is open for public tours until Saturday and citizens are invited to ride in cruisers with patrolling officers.



A NEW DOWNTOWN for Milton is the subject of a summer report being done by Caroline Floroff, a student working with the planning department. She will study the downtown core marked by the dotted line on her map and suggest alternatives for the town plan.

(Photos by P. Ford)

## Launch unique survey of Niagara Escarpment

A unique inventory of the assets and liabilities of the Niagara Escarpment from a recreational and environmental viewpoint is being undertaken as a co-operative project of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and General Foods, Limited.

Announcement of the launching of the four-month Features and Conditions Survey (FACS) was made jointly today by Robert S. Hurlbut, President of General Foods, Limited, Toronto and George R. McCague, Chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Georgetown.

"We are particularly pleased with the co-operation of General Foods in this regard," said Mr. McCague, "because we believe there are many areas where the private and public sectors can work together to maintain the valuable heritage of the Escarpment."

Important resource  
Mr. Hurlbut noted that, over the past few years, General Foods had undertaken a series of summer ecological projects in co-operation with various levels of government. Mr. Hurlbut said: "We hope the project will help focus public attention on the im-

provement, conservation and public use of a unique and important natural resource."

The FACS project will be supervised by the Commission's senior staff and carried out by graduate and senior under-graduate students.

These young men and women will be organized into small, mobile survey crews and assigned to each of the following areas: Niagara to Hamilton; Hamilton to Georgetown; Georgetown to Primrose; Primrose to Thornbury; Thornbury to Owen Sound. Those being recruited include graduates and senior students in geography, architecture, landscape architecture, agricultural economics, land-use planning and related disciplines.

Good and bad sides  
Commission Director J. W. Gilbert stressed that the survey will involve both positive and negative aesthetic features along the Escarpment.

For example, it will catalog not only abandoned pits, derelict buildings, unused dumps and eroded areas but also natural attractions (waterfalls, stands of trees, rock formations, and habitats for flowers, animals and birds), sites of historic inter-

est and so on.

"Such an inventory is an essential pre-requisite for mounting any program for protecting, enhancing or rehabilitating the Escarpment environment," he said.

The goal of the Commission is "to maintain the Niagara Escarpment as a continuous natural environment while seeking to accommodate demands compatible with that environment."

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