

Industries take hard look

Need amendment 7 approved to handle new development

By Bob Burt
Milton will be in an attractive position to bring in new industries, if and when amendment seven is passed and the town receives the go-ahead for the new 1,400-acre industrial park north of Highway 401, according to Regional Business Development Officer Bill Marshall.

In a recent interview Marshall said many industrialists are taking hard looks at what Milton has to offer corporations who are considering a move.

He said Milton is rapidly reaching the point where it will need the additional in-

dustrial acreage that could be provided when the industrial amendment finally receives all of the necessary approvals.

"With the proper controls and proper development, Milton could provide an attractive alternative to Toronto. Unfortunately the growth in manufacturing isn't what it was for the past 15 years."

While there are many people considering what Milton has to offer and looking upon the town favorably, Marshall conceded that the price of the land could be a potential deterrent for development if the cost runs

to high.

Marshall noted that the town had applied a high levy on the land and suggested while it is nice to have the money for town coffers, if the price of the land runs too high it could come back to haunt the town.

Marshall said the zoning and development of the park is a local prerogative and he claims that the job of channeling the amendment to change the land use has been a mammoth task.

He said he would be involved in helping the town bring it on stream, promoting the park in the industrial community and addressing de-

tailed plans for the design of the development.

The amendment has been before the provincial Ministry of Housing for many months now and several key ministries have yet to give it their blessing.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon had hoped to have Ministry of Environment approval by now.

Marshall notes the attractive way that Maplehurst has finished one corner of the Highway 25-401 interchange.

"While it isn't always an advantage to have a penal institution nearby, it isn't a bad looking corner. It will be very

important that the development is done nicely. It has to be done right."

Marshall acknowledged there did not appear to be signs of dramatic improvements in Ontario's economy, but predicted a slow but steadier growth. However, he suggested there was always the possibility of a recession in the United States that would have its impact on Canada and Ontario.

He claims the restrictions of the Anti-Inflation Board have probably made companies more efficient and less wasteful.

But in the terms of new investment, the removal of the AIB guidelines has to be considered a big plus in Marshall's book. "The AIB has acted as a major deterrent for companies from the States looking to invest or relocate."

Marshall notes that enquiries are received almost every day from companies looking for a new place to locate.

He said that while there are several small parcels of land being sold in the Milton area, the need for larger acreages is very evident.

Marshall is enthused about the activities in Milton. He points to the sales of land, the Standard Industries decision to move here and a host of other activities that are all signs of encouragement.

In Georgetown there is no industrial land to show prospective buyers, but landowners to the east of Georgetown are working on a proposal that would involve an additional 600 acres of land.

"The people on the planning board realize the need for industrial land to develop. Once the Focal Properties dispute is settled, there will obviously be more activity in Halton Hills," he said.

The co-operation from the various Chambers of Commerce has been a real boost for Marshall in his efforts to bring industry to Halton.

Councillors sorry to see Morrow go

Ric Morrow's announced departure from the office of regional chairman caught most councillors by surprise. In interviews with a number of councillors, most suggested they were sorry to see him go.

If Morrow failed to develop political allies with individuals he did manage to win the respect of the majority.

Morrow announced Wednesday that he wouldn't run for the regional chairman's job again nor would he seek a seat on local or regional council.

Asked for his reaction to the planned resignation Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill said he was "damned sorry to see him go. I don't think there's another man on that council that could keep the lid on and control that council the way he does."

"I wouldn't sit up there and take all the dirt and slam he's taken from some of those men. No sir, I wouldn't. It will take a real good man to fill his shoes."

Acton area councillor Pat McKenzie shared Hill's sorrow. "You don't have to agree with him but you have to respect him. He has done a good job and he's attempted to accomplish a lot of things that probably should have been done earlier."

Several councillors noted that Morrow never closed the door to a future comeback in politics and some suggest it could be at the provincial level rather than regional level when it comes.

Asked to comment on that possibility Halton Hills Councillor Mike Armstrong said there are political animals in the world. "I'm not saying he is one, but he likes to be in the top job and when he gets there he does a Helluva good job."

Armstrong said he respected Morrow's straight forward approach and the way he would come directly to the point.

"I'm very sorry to see him go, very sorry and I mean that sincerely. I wish he was

staying on," Armstrong said.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson suggested Morrow's departure should be looked upon as a rest as opposed to retirement. "I've always felt he was using the office to go on to something bigger and better and I am not sure that I am wrong."

Like Hill, Milton Mayor Don Gordon did not support Morrow's bid for office but now says he would have supported his re-election to the number one job in Halton politics.

"I'm surprised to hear he is quitting. I know he liked it and thought he had things worked out with Air Canada. I know he has a young family and if that is the reason for getting out, it is a logical one."

In spite of what Gordon calls a difference in priorities he claims Morrow is probably the best one available for the job.

As yet there are no announced candidates for the job but there is some speculation that Burlington Councillor David Coons might seek a term in the chairman's office.

Coons was touted as a logical successor to chairman Allan Masson and he surprised most councillors and observers when he did not run last time around.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said he was surprised about Morrow's decision to quit, but he also understands the pressures that the extra work can bring to bear on a

Crawford Lake given go-ahead

Ontario's Ministry of Housing has given the green light to development of an interpretive centre at Crawford Lake Conservation Area.

Plans for the centre were halted last spring when residents living in the vicinity of the park appealed a Niagara Escarpment Commission ruling granting the Halton Region Conservation Authority a development permit for construction of the building. The appeal was heard by the Ministry of Housing.

The decision favoring the centre was made on the basis that the development conformed with the existing official plan for the municipality

that it had been approved by both the Town of Milton and the NEC, and that it would reduce vandalism in the area. A Ministry spokesman said

Neighbors protesting the appeal had maintained development of the park would attract large crowds of people from the city, increasing vandalism on private property as well as in the park. They wanted the park left in its natural state.

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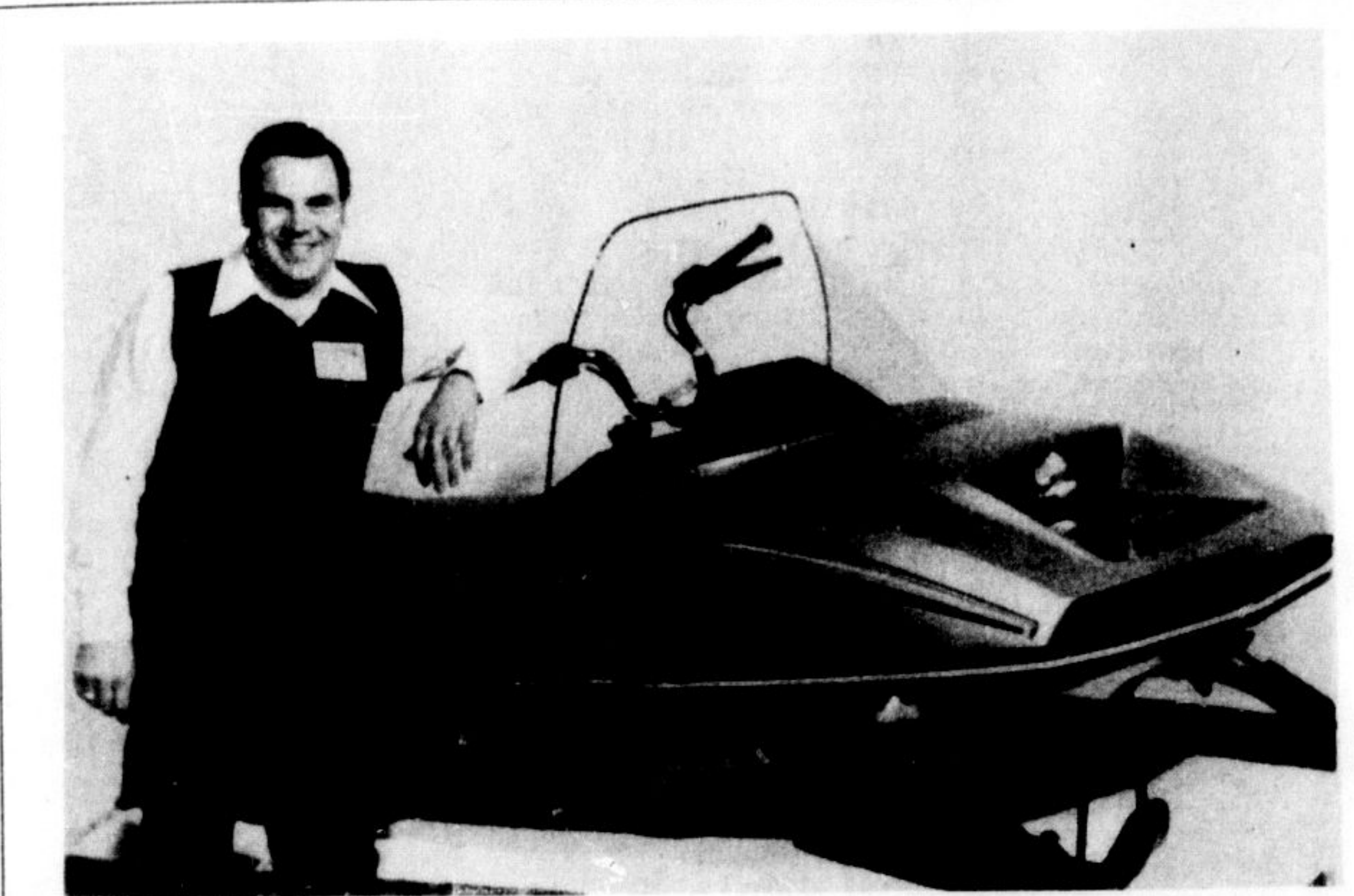
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John Deere Dealer rides 1979 snowmobiles in special model previewing

Fred Arnold of Arnold's Lawn & Garden Centre, Milton, returned from West Yellowstone, Montana, where he drove the 1979 John Deere Trailfire snowmobile. Nearly 300 John Deere dealers logged seven hours of actual riding experience during the three-day program. Dealers were split into two groups of 150 each. While one group rode sleds, the other group learned about such new machine features as a steel-pan chassis design pioneered by John

Deere. Low-alloy steel replaces soft metal up the center of the front pan and through the tunnel section. This innovation puts steel where it will protect the machine should the pan collide with stumps and rocks. Although steel is used, overall weight has been reduced to 364 pounds. That's 40 pounds lighter than the John Deere 1978 fan-cooled sled. The suspension system has a longer travel distance from top to bottom. And the seat has more cushioning.

Riding comfort and maneuverability are two features that impressed dealers during the riding sessions. The highlight of the program was a trail ride to the peak of Two Top Mountain in nearby Idaho. Altogether some 1,800 North American dealers and sales personnel will have driven the 35-mile route to experience the ride and handling of the new Trailfire snowmobile.

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Tourney Saturday

A mixed trebles tournament will be hosted by Milton Lawn Bowling Club at the Commercial St. greens this Saturday, and organizers are expecting about 60 bowlers from all over District 9. In regular Monday night

play, Betty Munro topped the women with Anna Cairns second and Ada Sinclair third. Men's high went to Scott Nykolak with Andy Frank second, Bill Marshall third.

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