

Tight money? Not here! Building is booming

by Linda Kirby
If money is tight, the construction business is hardly showing evidence of that predicament in Milton.

Building in both the housing and industrial sectors has surpassed last year's figures by leaps and bounds.

Residential development alone in the town has tripled that of 1978—with over \$34,000,000 worth of permits issued to date by the town's building department.

The greater part of the housing boom is taking place in the newest "subdivision city" at the corner of Highway 25 and Derry Rd.

Victoria Wood, developer of the site, has completed 690 houses as part of phase one of a five-step program and is going full steam ahead with the second stage.

A total of 455 houses is slated to be completed in phase two during the next year.

According to a spokesman for the Milton planning department, more than 200 of those houses have already been sold.

Milton's close proximity to Toronto and other area cities continues to draw house buyers at a brisk rate, according to developers.

Soon to be underway is the Alliance Ex-Urban and Goldfan Development, with 266 houses planned for its first phase.

Situated at Derry Rd. and Bronte St., the entire project will consist of 532 units to be built over a period of three years.

A 107-unit apartment complex on Millside Dr.

has been completed and Mafor Properties is now renting the units.

A second apartment building next door is underway as soon as required rezoning and site plan agreements are approved by the town. That complex will consist of 154 units.

Estate Hills Apartments on Main St. and Court S. N. was completed this year and most of the 12 units have been rented.

Approximately half of the 38 houses planned by Harding Estates off Wilson Dr. above Woodward Ave. have been sold. All units have been built.

In the early stages of development are Brookville Estates, Moffat Estates and Southwold Estates subdivisions in the rural districts of Milton.

Two school sites located in the Victoria Wood development and a third school site in the Alliance Ex-Urban site are planned for the early part of next year.

The past nine months have been busy with industrial development.

Standard Industries has completed modifications to the former Polysar building and is manufacturing rock wool insulation.

Construction of a new \$20 million Consumer Glass manufacturing plant is well underway on Chisholm Dr. and Canada Valve officially opened its nearby plant on Market Dr. one week ago.

Two industrial malls are being completed on Main St. E. and a third is planned for Steeles Ave.

near Bronte St.

Additional industrial complexes are going up on McGeachie Dr. and Wheelabrator Way.

P.L. Robertson Manufacturing on Bronte St. will represent one of the largest industrial expansions in the near future. Construction is to get underway soon on a large addition to the plant.

Milton's new post office will also begin soon. Plans call for the permit to be issued next month for the single storey, \$640,000 building at Brown and Main Streets. September 1980 is the

tentative date for opening the doors to the public.

Well underway and expected to be completed by winter is a new \$300,000 medical centre at the corner of Highway 25 and Laurier Ave.

The 11,156-square foot complex will include 11 suites for medical, dental and allied professional health services.

More changes are taking place along Highway 25, as work continues on the new \$1 million high school being built at Ernest C. Drury School. The school is expected to be completed next year.

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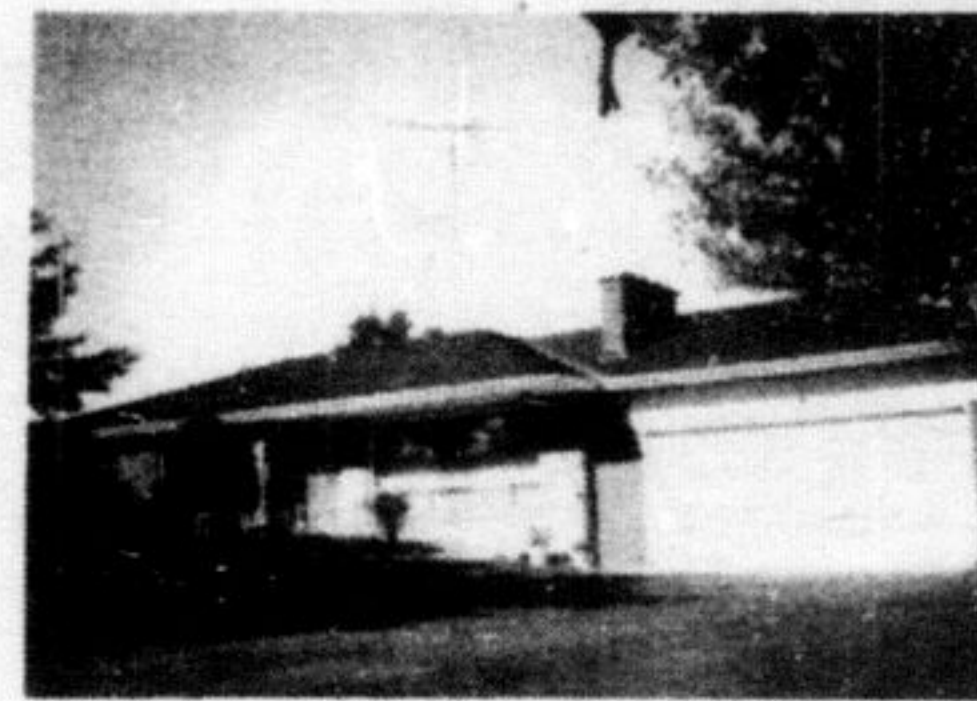


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