



Continuing the momentum. Recently elected Milton Chamber of Commerce president Bill Mercer hopes to carry on the momentum generated by his successor John Ritchie. As chamber president Mr. Mercer plans to become more involved in the community and evoke some changes in the operations of the chamber.

Chamber president becomes involved

by Jane Muller
Bill Mercer, the new President of Milton Chamber of Commerce, feels he has something to offer this community.

The 35-year-old former vice-president was acclaimed as president at the Chamber's February meeting.

He said his new position is "one way I can contribute to growth in the community by using my experience and background."

"I wanted to become involved in the community, and I think I have something to offer." An accountant, his background includes 10 years membership to the Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario. He has been a board member of this organization since 1978 and this year was named Vice-President.

Mr. Mercer's objective as Chamber president is to continue the momentum started by Past President John Ritchie and try to bring businesses together for their mutual benefit.

The father of two established his Main St. office in 1975 and became a chamber member at that time.

"Milton looked like it had a lot of potential," said Mr. Mercer, a Cape

Breton native, raised and educated in Toronto.

The new president is full of ideas for the chamber, but until he can discuss them with other members, no steps can be taken to fulfill his aspirations.

"I hope to carry out a drive this year to increase membership," he said. "If we can increase our income without significantly increasing membership fees there will be funds for additional projects."

Mr. Mercer will ask membership to consider

Appointment

Milton and Halton Regional Councillor Brad Clements has been appointed as Halton's representative to the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee.

two meetings a month instead of one, a business of the year award which could be divided into two or three categories, and possibly some revisions to the chamber by-laws.

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Special honor

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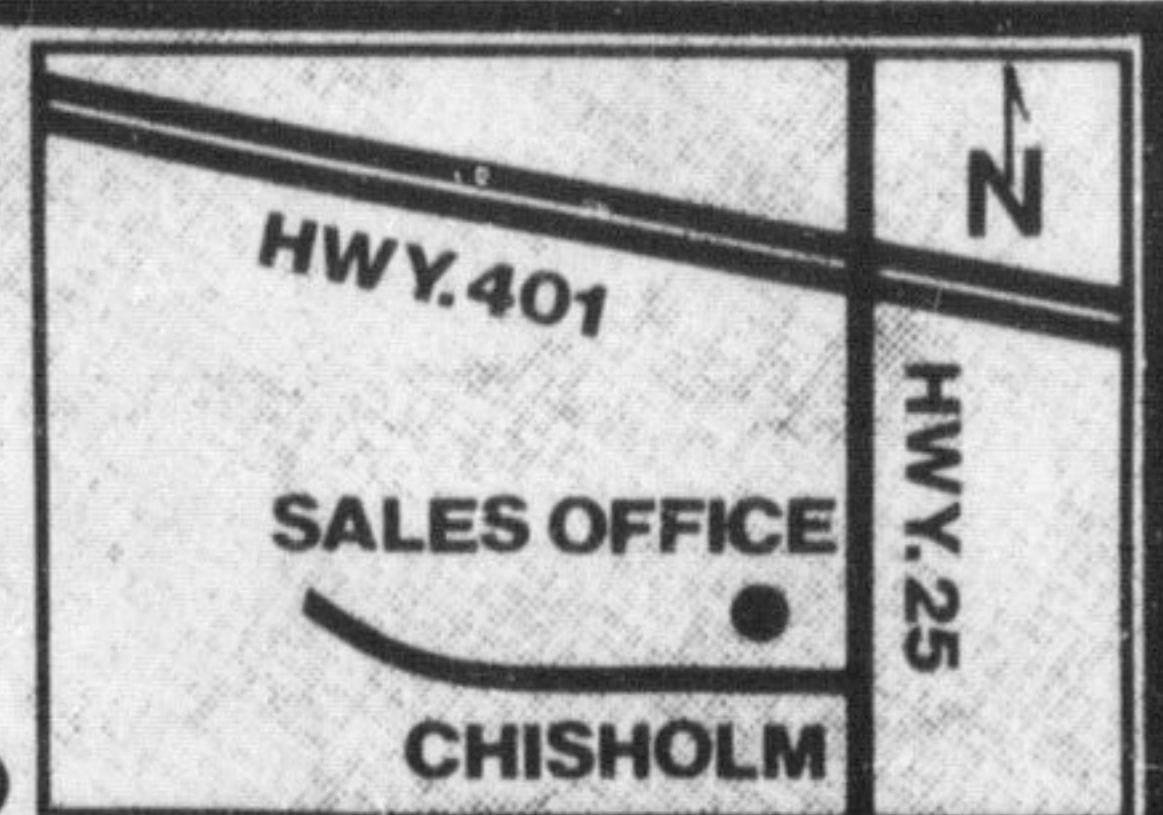
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