

Public meeting on road rebuilding next week

Bob Rook, a consultant with McCormick Rankin, recently walked town councillors through the proposed reconstruction of James, Victoria and Elizabeth streets.

The streets will be maintained at a narrower than average width, councillors heard, partly because of low traffic volumes and a concern for several large trees.

Residents might want to con-

sider removing a sidewalk from one side of Victoria Street, Mr. Rook said. He mentioned that the public could be presented with similar options for other stretches of roadway before plans are final.

A few unstable trees have been slated for removal during the project.

There will be a public information session at Town Hall on Wednesday, June 18 between 4

p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Region of Halton is coordinating the project because they are replacing area water mains. The Town of Milton is budgeting \$593,000 for their part of the project while Halton Region is planning to spend \$403,000 for sewers and \$306,000 on water mains.

Assurance of insurance

Councillors decided to stick with the Frank Cowan

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Company to handle the Town of Milton's insurance needs despite an annual cost of \$211,008.

Jim McQueen, Milton's

director of finance, said the only other choice was a small co-operative of Ontario municipalities which are largely self-insured.

While the initial premium required by the cooperative is lower than from the Cowan Company, any claims could generate additional assessments from members.

In the past two years these extra payments have largely eaten up any savings in premiums.

Mr. McQueen did say the municipal cooperative could become a lot bigger in the near future, adding several hundred municipalities.

The Cowan Company has been Milton's insurance carrier for more than 20 years.

Councillors heard that due to a substantial jump in claims the premium for this coming year has risen \$26,886 over the budget amount.

New road projects

Town council approved four projects to be undertaken as part of the second phase of the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program. All projects are asphalt overlay jobs.

Wilson Avenue from Main to Woodward, Market Drive from west of Martin Street to the railroad tracks, Laurier Avenue from the 16 Mile Creek to Ontario Street and Thompson Road from Derry to Laurier have all been approved.

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