



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

What's the point of expanding?

Dear Editor:
I have been talking to my neighbours and the Town staff trying to understand the proposed expansion of Milton.
After going through lots of numbers and information I was still unable to find the answer to the most important question of all.
How will this expansion make my family's life and those of my neighbours better than it is now? The proposal calls for adding 50,000 people and hundreds of businesses, widening roads and building pipes all the way down to Lake Ontario, but I still don't know how it will benefit the people that live in Milton today.
There are some obvious winners. The Champion will benefit because its market will be bigger. Politicians will have more responsibility. Large landowners will certainly make a great return on their investment. Even some local businesses will do well for a while (at least until we get big enough for Wal Mart and Home Depot to roll in). Yet, what about the current residents of Milton?

We have more amenities than most towns, a higher per capita income, lower unemployment, beautiful countryside, no traffic jams and we are only 20 minutes from several major malls. What do we have to gain? We do, after all, have a great deal to lose.
Our representatives on council should be there to improve and protect the quality of our lives. How, in simple terms, will this plan do that?

Bob Burchett
Milton

We're all hurt by education cuts

Dear Editor:
The Halton District School Board is currently making numerous program and staffing-related decisions that will gravely impact students next year.
The board has stated that because of a lack of funds, certain programs must go. This is not completely true. The board has some flexibility and could move funds around within the Ministry of Education's Funding Model. It is choosing not to do this.

The board's recommendations are as follows:
• that all grades 7 and 8 guidance counsellors be removed
• that the number of special education resource teachers be reduced by 23 per cent
• that the late French immersion program be phased out over the next few years
• that intermediate design and technology and family studies programs be changed for next September.
• that the number of English as a second language teachers be reduced by 50 per cent.
Children are being lost in this decision-making. All of these programs are valuable for ensuring student success and their preparation for their future roles within our community.
The loss of these programs affect all the students within the system, their parents and the community at large. Our schools will be different places for children in September. I fear that they will not be better places, however.

Jerry DeQuetteville
Halton Elementary Teachers' Association

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- When we are finished for the day on your street, turn on the cold water tap in your basement and let the water run until clear. This may create air in your system, and if so, go the highest point in your home and turn the cold water tap on and let it run until the air is out of the line.

To keep informed of our progress, check the ads in this newspaper again and look for our blue letter in your mailbox for the dates we'll be working on your street.

Questions: Please call 878-8113, ext. 7704, 7705 or 7706. Regional staff will be available to answer your questions.

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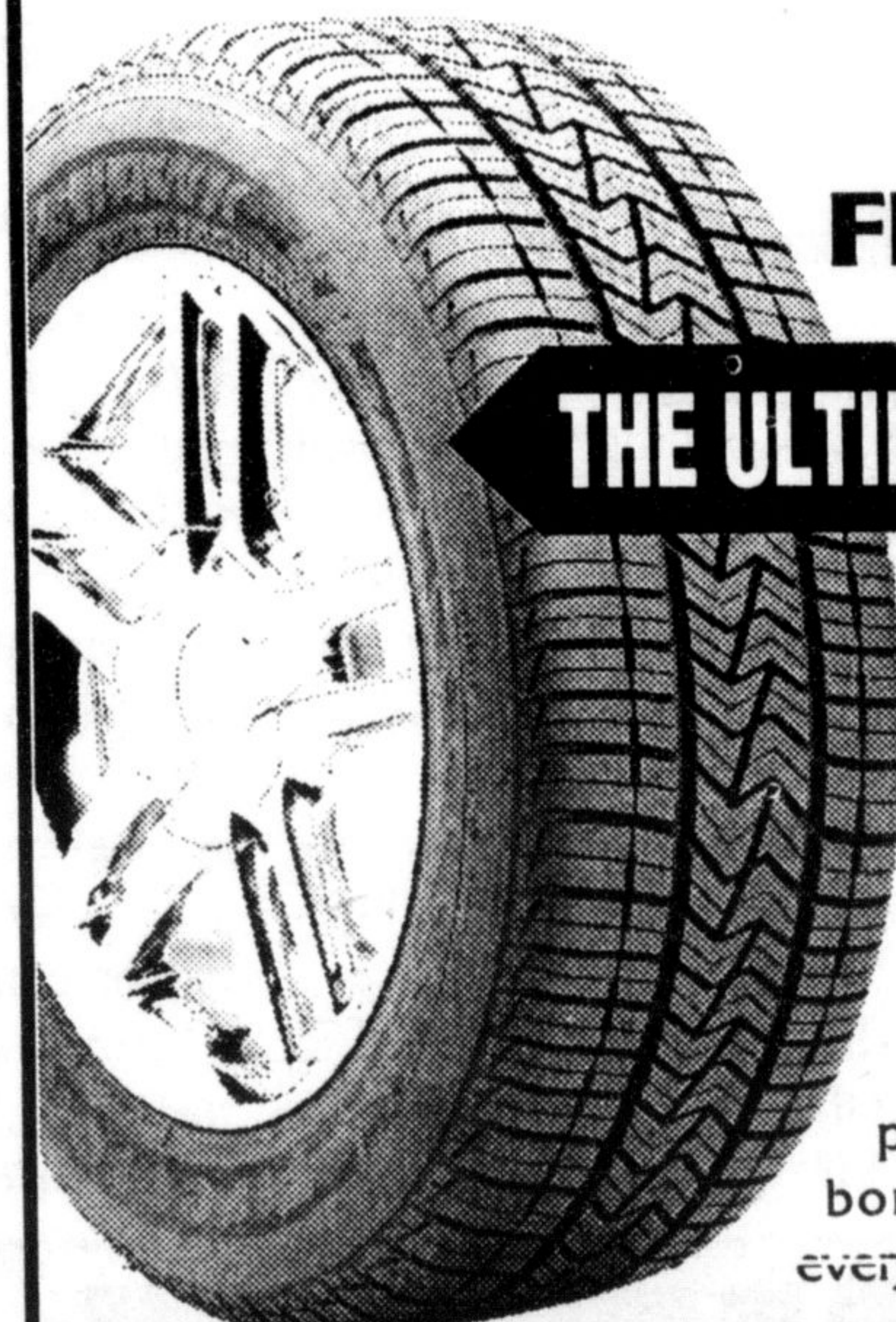
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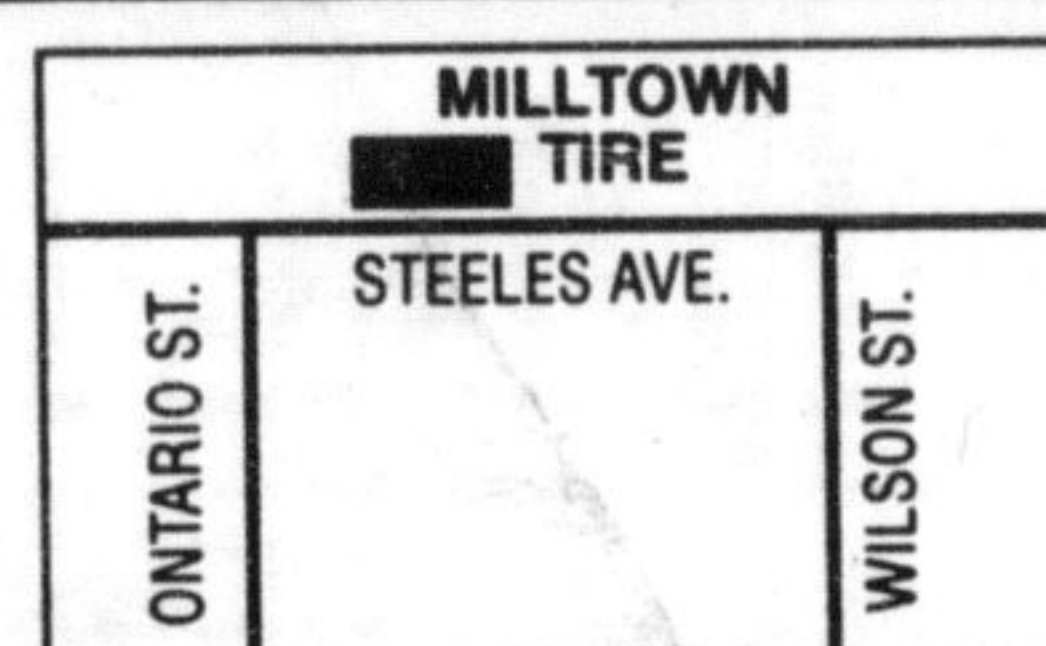


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