

Weekend Champion



ZAK'S PHARMACY
Milton's Independent Pharmacy

- Free Delivery
- 10% Seniors Discount
- All Drug Plans Accepted
- Written Drug Information Available

"At Zak's We Care About Your Health"

70 Main St. E. 875-2424

A Metroland Community Newspaper Vol. 139 No. 34 Friday, June 26, 1998 36 Pages 75¢ (GST included)

Dramatic boom could begin as early as spring

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion

Shovels could be in the ground by as early as next spring, according to Milton Mayor Gord Krantz.

Wednesday Halton regional council unanimously approved the financial plan for construction of the so-called 'big pipe' solution to Milton's water problems.

However, according to Mr. Krantz council approval was merely a formality.

Formality or not, it clears the way for dramatic expansion in Milton after a 15-year residential development freeze.

The community could grow from 35,000 to 85,000 people or more over the next two decades, fueled by water and sewage disposal pipes from Lake Ontario.

"Councillors didn't have a choice. They had to support it," said Mr. Krantz. "If they didn't support it, the issue would have come before the Ontario Municipal Board in a matter of weeks."

During the council debate Mr. Krantz pointed to an attempt by Oakville to limit growth 20 years ago, and the ensuing loss of control over expansion when the board ruled against the municipality.

Mr. Krantz said the plan provides very little risk for the current property taxpayers in that the big-ticket items are already covered.

During the debate some councillors expressed concerns that projections for commercial and industrial growth and accompanying new property tax revenue were unrealistic.

Mr. Krantz downplayed that, saying reservations surrounding the anticipated pace of industrial-commercial growth along the Highway 401 corridor are overblown, given the brisk growth there in only the last five years.

Financial plans within HUSP call for five million square feet of industrial-commercial building, while Milton alone has managed about two million square feet since 1993, he pointed out.

During debate on the issue Mr. Krantz deflected comments by Burlington Councillor Jack Dennison, who suggested

• see 'BIG PIPE' on page 25



Gord Krantz



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Horse play

Rehearsing for their graduation play at Rainbow Village this past week were (from left) Hayley Shaw, Marina Roncato and Ashley Fabianits, who were the king's horsemen in Humpty Dumpty Had A Great Fall.

Teen cyclist assaults women

Halton Regional Police are warning citizens to watch out for a teenaged cyclist who sexually assaulted two women near Laurier Avenue and Bronte Street.

The women aged 19 and 32 years, one walking westbound on Laurier Avenue Monday and the other walking northbound on Bronte Street Tuesday, were grabbed by a youth riding a mountain bike.

Both incidents occurred between 8 and 9:30 p.m., said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon of Halton Regional Police.

The suspect is described as 16-years-old with brown hair and hazel eyes. He is five-foot-eight to five-foot-10 with a husky build.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Constable Andrea Gaynor at 878-5511, ext. 2418.

INSIDE

Opinion Page
6

Sports
28 - 35

Canada Day section
17 - 20

MOUNTAINVIEW VETERINARY SERVICES

327 Bronte St. S.
Milton L9T 4A4

Dr. Jo-Ann McKinnon
875-1322

What Do You Want Your Car To Look Like?

Free Courtesy Car

OR

GALLINGER COLLISION & REFINISHING CENTRE

655 Main St. E., Milton 875-3673 ext. 238

A HEALTHY INCOME WITH MORINDA

Tahitian NONI

MORINDA
A Treasure from Paradise...

For Information Call: Office: (905) 876-2035 • Fax: (905) 875-3747