

He's looking for more results

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tem could produce significant savings in labour costs and equipment.

An alternative model would have one department contracting for services from the other three Halton departments.

Chief Gould said under such a plan it would make sense that Oakville be the lead department because administration facilities already exist there.

In the area of municipal planning Halton Region will do most of the large-scale jobs, including dealing with the province, growth management, transit and staff development. Local planning will deal with development approvals, zoning, site plans, industrial and commercial planning.

"We will be decentralizing what was a more centralized function," said team leader Karen Chan. "It's not cheaper but it's better and more customer friendly."

Ms Chan said the new system would not cost any more than the current one but it would reduce duplica-

tion, save time, improve quality and co-ordination and maximize expertise and resources.

She said some employees could be shifted under the plan but more likely they would simply be loaned to municipalities requiring their services.

There is an expectation that various studies would be completed more efficiently in the future, thereby saving money.

The HASR committee recommended that Pegasus, the north-south transit link, should be scrapped. Halton council has to make the actual decision. The committee asked that a report on how many users are students or seniors be produced in time for council's consideration.

The committee heard there are only about five riders a day using the service, meaning that they were each being subsidized as much as \$20,000 a year.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor said council could buy each rider their own car for that price. He also added the driving force of the original program, service for the disabled, is no longer part of the mix.

"This isn't a good use of taxpayers money," said Mr. Taylor.

Ending the service requires a 20-day notice to the operator. Users of it should be given some time to find alternatives, committee members heard.

"This is the kind of story that people read about in the papers and just shake their heads," said Mr. MacIsaac. "We started the program for one reason and it's just hanging on for another."

Halton Chair Joyce Savoline expressed her support for the review process despite its lack of speed.

"The process is not being driven by outside agencies or municipalities," she said. "I can't deny these things are slow but there has been progress. We need to pay less attention to what's happening externally and spend more time improving what we have here."

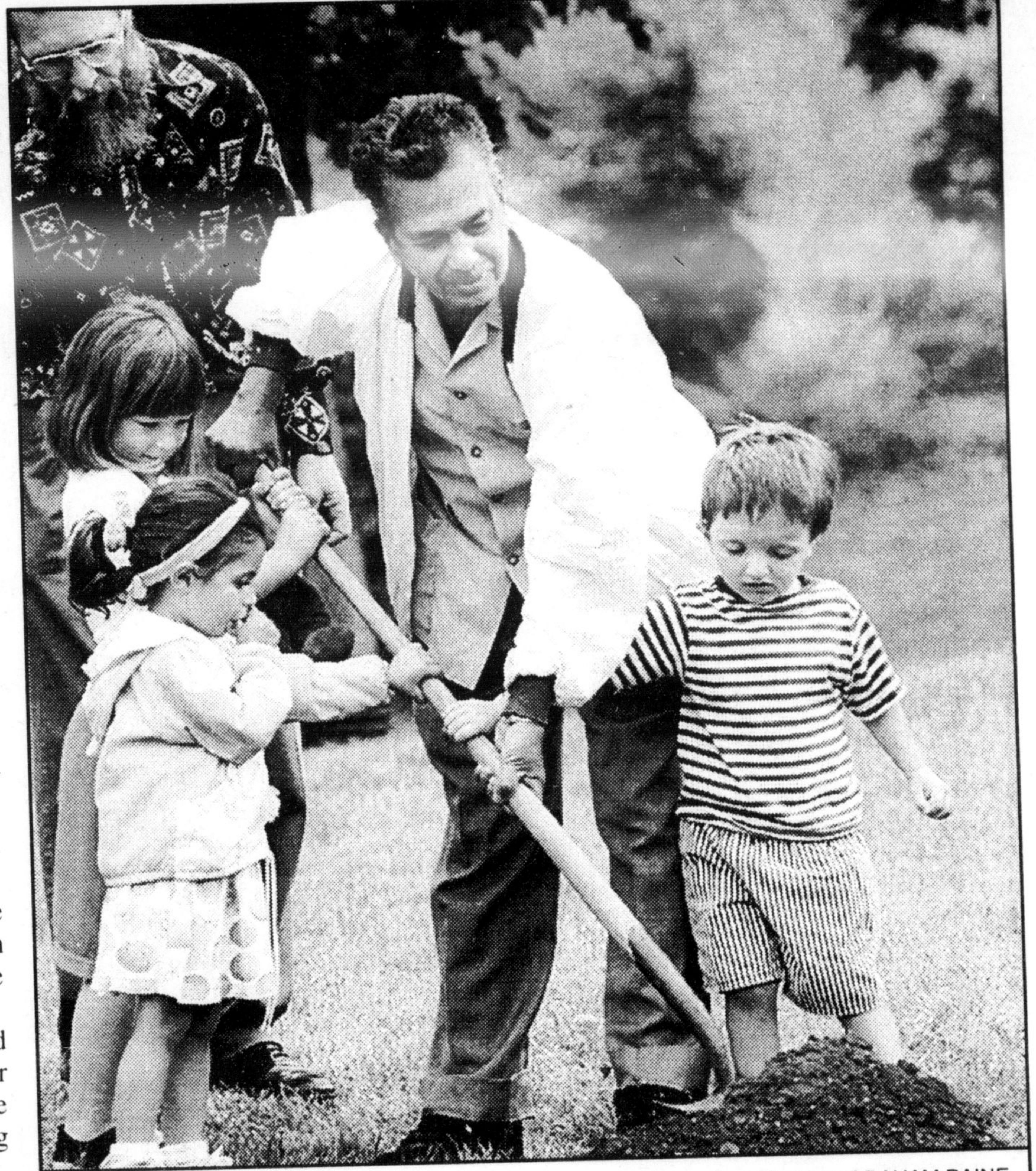
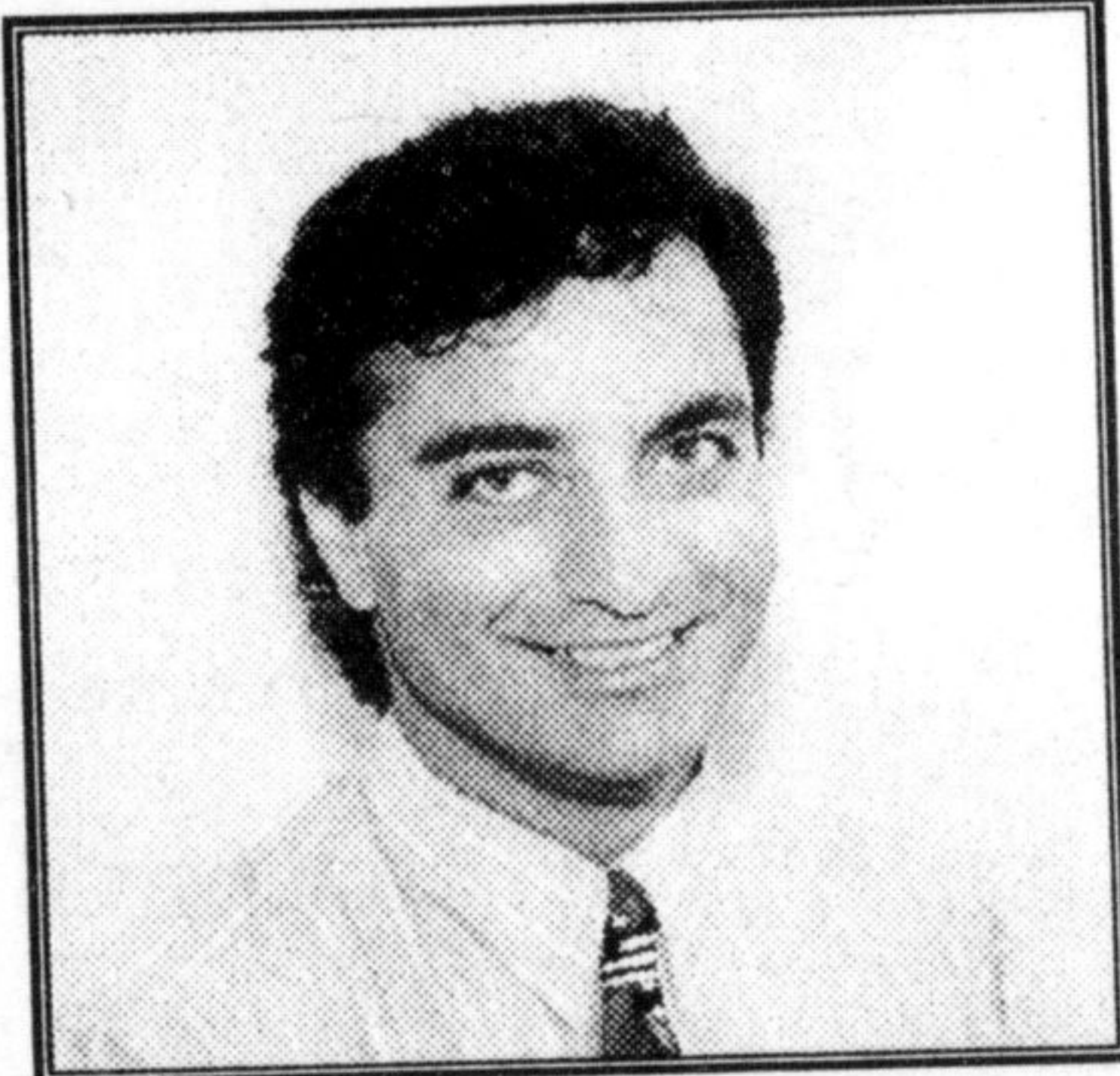


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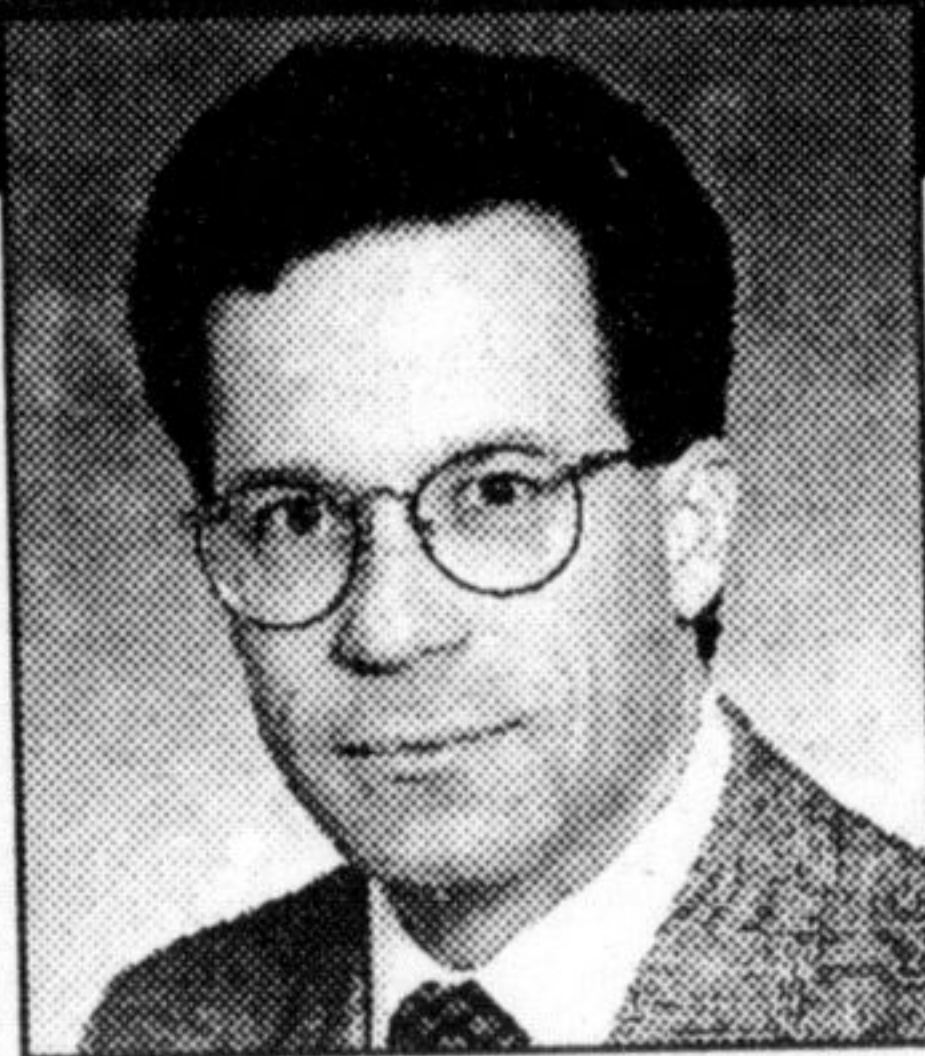
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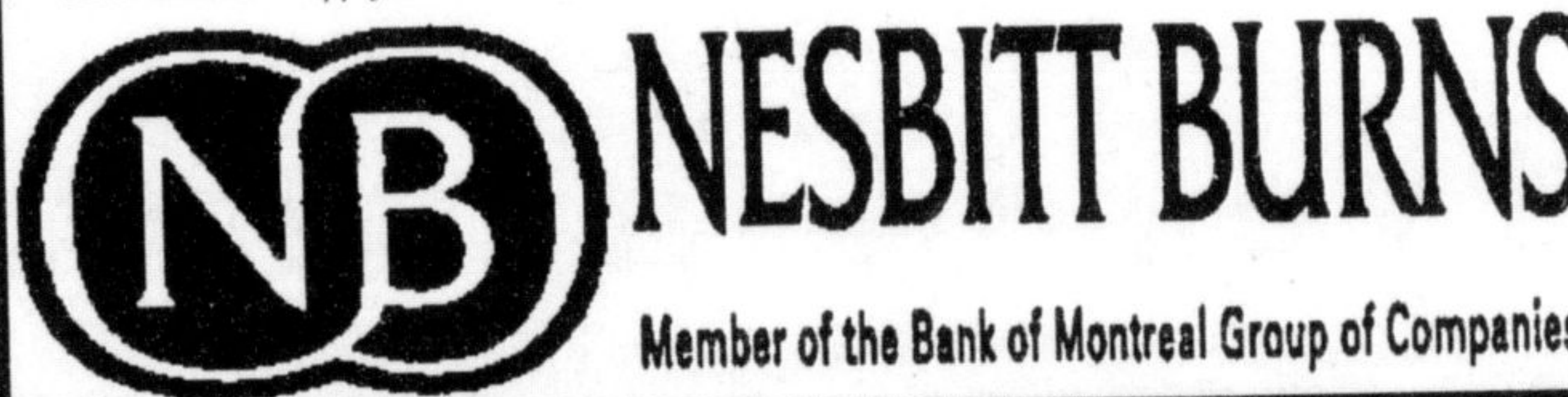
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