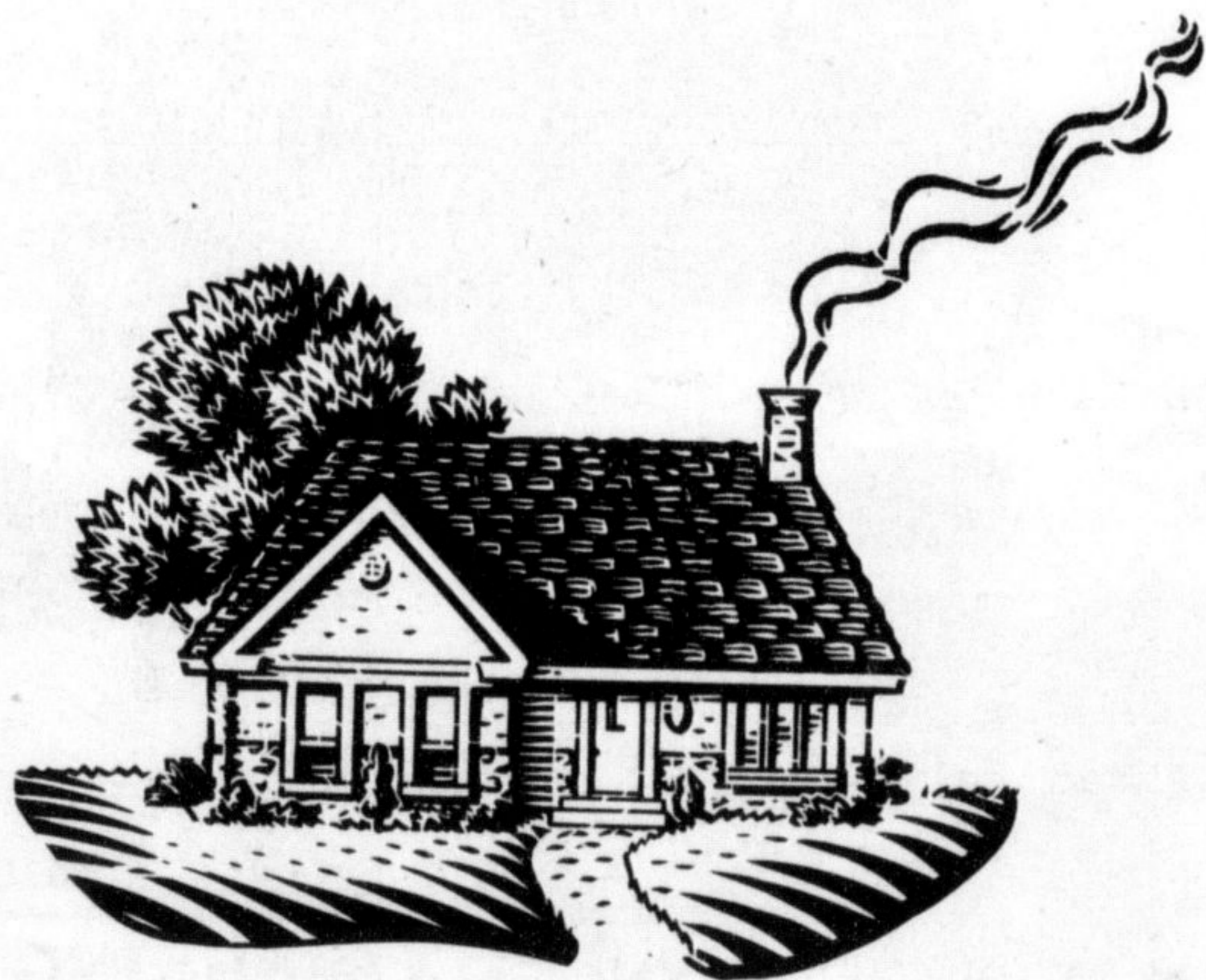


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# Line in the sand is to be drawn for local speeders

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Town council is speeding up a plan to slow down aggressive drivers.

In as little as a month, four community safety zones will be up and running in Milton after a committee decision to defer the issue was overturned at council recently.

Soon, Woodward Avenue from Briar to Joyce, Wilson Drive to McKenzie, Campbellville Avenue east of Guelph Line to Wheelihan Way and Martin Street from Main to Woodward Avenue will become the town's pilot community safety zones.

The subject was revived by Councillor Wally Hunter, who said it was council's responsibility to get the show on the road.

"This item is an area which I didn't think should have been deferred," he said. "We should get on with it expeditiously."

At an earlier community services committee meeting, a wrangle over which areas should become safety zones led to a temporary canning of the matter.

Changes to the Highway Traffic Act mean municipalities may declare certain areas community safety zones as a tool to curb aggressive driving.

Under the new rules, speeding fines can be doubled in these zones, although demerit points remain unchanged.

Though staff had originally suggested that Lower Base Line be considered as a safety zone, Martin

Street would make more sense, Mr. Hunter told council.

"Logic dictates that we have a lot of school children there. I think that should be our primary focus," he said. "I'm not saying that there aren't other areas to consider but this is a test area — now is the opportunity to address it."

Councillor John Challinor suggested that Ontario street from Main to Laurier Avenue be a safety zone.

Senior's homes, schools and chronic speeding are all hallmarks of that strip, he said.

Ontario Street is too large a road to be considered for a safety zone, responded Mr. Hunter.

"I don't want to complicate the issue, that's what happened at committee," he said. "Ontario Street is a four lane highway. From my understanding, the intent of the Province was not for major thoroughfares."

Councillor Rick Malboeuf also objected to turning Ontario Street into a test zone. "Police do not have a problem with Ontario Street," he said. "There are no accidents on that road."

Other councillors agreed by voting down the suggestion.

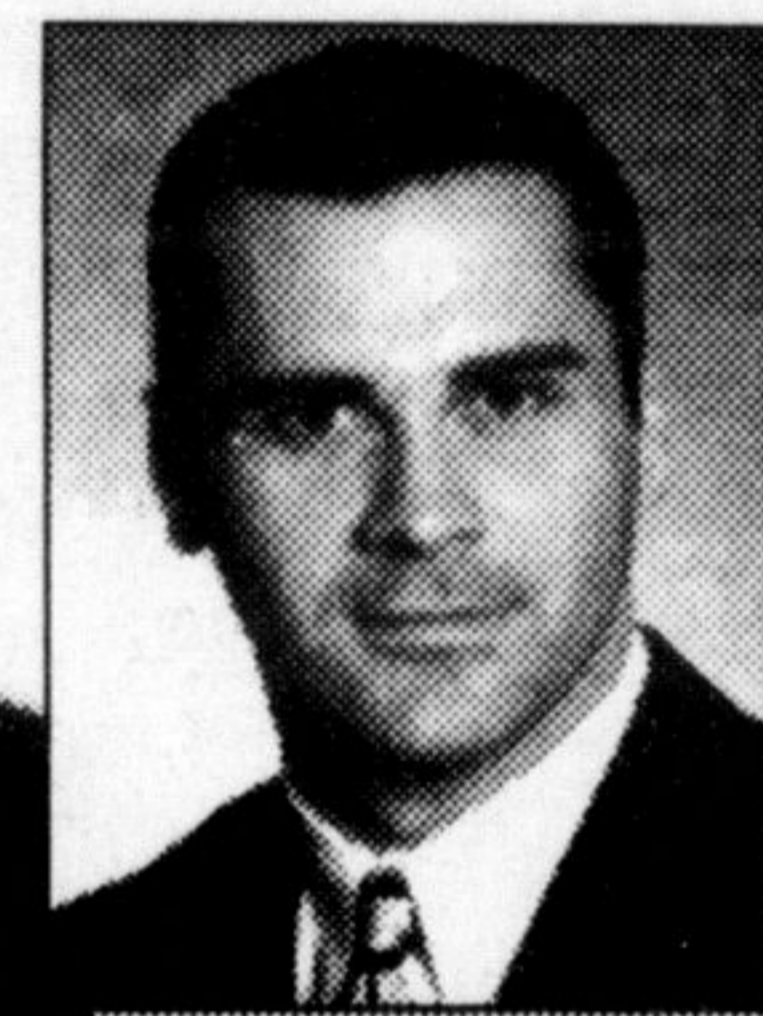
Also voted down was a pitch by Councillor Ron Furik to continue deferring the item. Staff should have enough time to select the most appropriate areas, he said. "We're all over the map with personal areas," said Mr. Furik. "There's no question in my mind that Martin Street should be in there, but what is the hurry?"

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