By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

A natural gas leak shut down Mill Street from Martin to James just before noon yesterday.

The leak forced the evacuation of the Dickens Restaurant and Sargent Farms, as well as three homes on the northwest side of the street, said Milton Fire Department spokesman Mark Cross.

Evacuation was judged essential due to the nature of the leak.

"Our concern is that it is flowing underground," he said.

In normal conditions, natural gas will rise into the atmosphere and dissipate.

But when the gas is leaking underground, it creates a risk of explosion.

"You could have a big boom," said Captain Cross.

At press time, work by Halton Region employees at the entrance to Rotary could be lifted, he said.

Department Fire Milton spokesman Mark Cross.

Park was being fingered as the cause of the leak. "Halton Region were digging here," said Mr.

Cross from the scene. "They've pulled a line while they were digging that trench."

The leak was discovered after the flow of gas began buckling the pavement.

"The pavement blistered because of the pressure," said Mr. Cross. "It started leaking in two or three places."

Fire, police and ambulance workers jammed the scene, as Union Gas employees managed to pinch off the leak.

With the leak closed off, fire department officials began testing nearby homes and businesses with detection equipment.

"We're going to have to get in there and make sure there's no gas in low-lying areas," said Captain Cross.

If any gas is detected, the buildings would be ventilated before the evacuation order

# Drury donnybrook erupts one more time

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Despite his opposition, the vote was called, during which five councillors raised their hands in favour of the reconsideration.

They did not include Councillor Ron Furik, who had earlier declared a conflict of interest.

Those five votes were not enough to push the motion through, said Town Clerk Helen Lisi.

"It is my opinion that the motion to reconsider did not carry," she said.

That conclusion was angrily challenged by Mr. Malboeuf, resulting in the third controversy of the evening.

Five out of seven councillors who could vote did so in favour of the reconsideration. That comes out to a 71 per cent majority, argued an irate-sounding Mr. Malboeuf.

The motion was defeated fairly, said Mr. Challinor.

"This is ridiculous. Let's push it until we get what we want," he snapped. "The clerk said.

is right."

Contacted the following day, Ms Lisi said she was attempting to get a videotape from the local cable station showing what really happened during the vote.

Ms Lisi said she is also hoping to bring the issue back to the July 5 council meeting, potentially allowing councillors to have another stab at voting.

"That's just to give everyone a comfort level," she said. "That way it will give each member of council and the applicant (the developers) a fair shake."

Some of the confusion may have come from the fact that the chair, Mr. Melanson, didn't vote, said Ms Lisi.

"It was done rather quickly. The chair was able to vote. He didn't," she recounted. "No raised hand indicates the vote is in the negative."

After the meeting, H.D. Investments majority owner Dave de Sylva allowed that his company may appeal council's actions

"Anything is possible at this point," he

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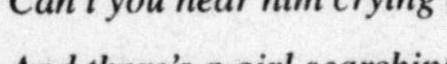
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