Public can have say on cultural centre

Residents with creative ideas are invited to attend a meeting on a proposed Milton cultural centre Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

It'll take place at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr.

The open forum discussion will follow a 7 p.m. annual general meeting of Arts Milton.

Town-hired consultants EDA Collaborative Inc. will be on hand to listen to ideas, concerns and suggestions from residents on the creation of a local cultural centre.

"It's a bit of a brainstorming session," said Laura Jeffrey, Arts Milton president. "We're hoping people will come out and bring their ideas."

Next week's meeting is the first of several the consultants hope to have with residents before presenting a report to town council in December.

"They'll be talking to a whole lot of people. This is just the beginning," said Ms Jeffrey. "It's going to be a lively discussion because people have their own ideas."

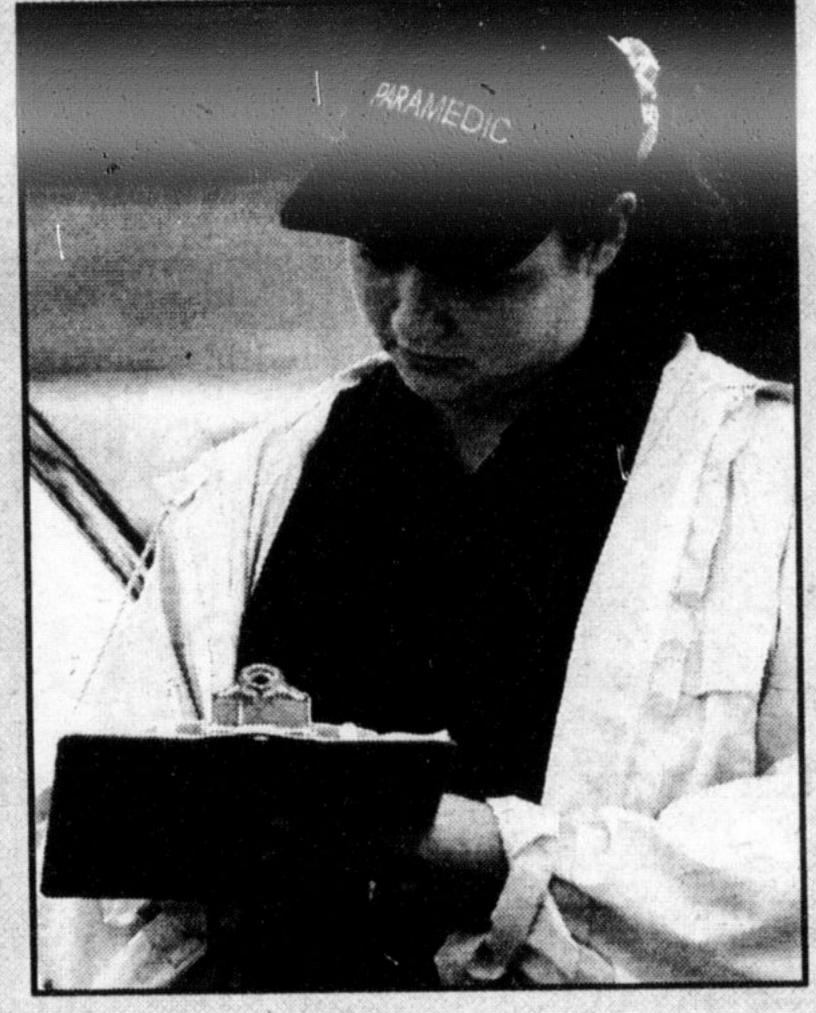
The idea of a homegrown cultural centre has stirred the imaginations of residents, she added.

"A lot of folks are interested in this," she said. "I think it's terribly exciting."

Residents are also invited to attend the earlier portion of the meeting, as Arts Milton hopes to expand its board of directors from seven to 12 members.

"We're looking for people who are interested in taking this on," said Ms Jeffrey.





Preparation

The sixth annual Emergency Medical Services Driving Rodeo was held recently at Milton's Country Heritage Park where all aspects of paramedic and emergency services were tested. Above, rodeo designer Dave Castell of the Ministry of Health runs through a course while (right) paramedic Ann Wilson keeps score.

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