

✓ Yo, Rocky

Milton's Jason Wiens gets his t-shirt signed by big screen star Sylvester Stallone at the Molson Indy pit row over the weekend. The writer/producer/actor was at the Indy filming his new racing movie Champs.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE



✓ College campus site may come to Milton soon

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Higher education has become a high aspiration of the Town. A move to attract a college facility to Milton was endorsed by Milton's administration and planning committee recently.

"Milton is ready to establish a community college," said CAO Mario Belvedere, who has aggressively pursued the opportunity. "This community can support a community college within our boundaries."

Though the invitation is open to any college, Sheridan has been particularly targeted for either a stand alone campus or satellite facility, possibly on a parcel of land east of Bishop Reding Secondary School on Main Street.

That site is already zoned institutional, and has the estimated 20 acres needed for a college facility. It's also within a five-minute walk of the Milton GO Station.

Talks underway with landowner

Informal talks have been initiated with the owner of that land. A Milton college site has been eagerly embraced by a Post-Secondary Sub-committee of the Milton Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC), led by former Chamber of Commerce president George Takaki.

And Henry Joseph and Scott Morgan Joint Research and Planning Services have been commissioned by the Town to draw up a feasibility study on the proposal.

The idea was embraced by Town Planning Director Mel Iovio. "It's a really good news report," he told committee. "We can certainly justify the need in Milton."

Part of that need stems from a change in education policy to eradicate OAC, formerly grade 13. That means in 2003, there will be a double bulge of graduating students looking to enter post-secondary education.

Logical and ideal site for campus

Proponents of the proposal believe Milton is particularly suited to accommodate the excess by virtue of being accessible by highway, GO Transit, and surrounded by populous Peel and Halton municipalities.

"It's a logical and ideal place for a campus," said Mr. Iovio. "And there are tremendous spin-offs from these types of facilities."

But to take advantage of the bulge, actual construction should be underway next fall. That makes for a short time line, but staff noted contact has already been established with Sheridan College president Sheldon Levy.

"The college is really interested, certainly Milton is very interested, as well as the new development community," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "I have a good feeling about this. We've been very aggressive about pursuing this and it has really taken on a life of its own."

Key to the project is cash allocated to Sheridan College from the Province's Superbuild fund. Use of the fund along with a private and public sector partnership could help get the proposal off the ground.

Demolition Derby accepting entries

The annual Demolition Derby will come to the Milton Fall Fair September 23 and 24.

Entry forms are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Halton Agriculture Society office, located at the Milton Fair Grounds.

Applications are also available at Speck Welding on Bronte Street North, and Moffat Scrap Iron on Guelph Line, north of Campbellville.

Each show will feature a complete full-sized car program along with a special class for compact four-cylinder powered vehicles.

About \$3,400 has been posted in purse money and awards for this year's competition.

Thrill Show Products of London, Ontario will operate the derbies. The winner of Saturday and Sunday's feature heat will be eligible to compete in the Championship Regional Demolition Derby on Thanksgiving weekend for more than \$7,000 in trophies and prize money.

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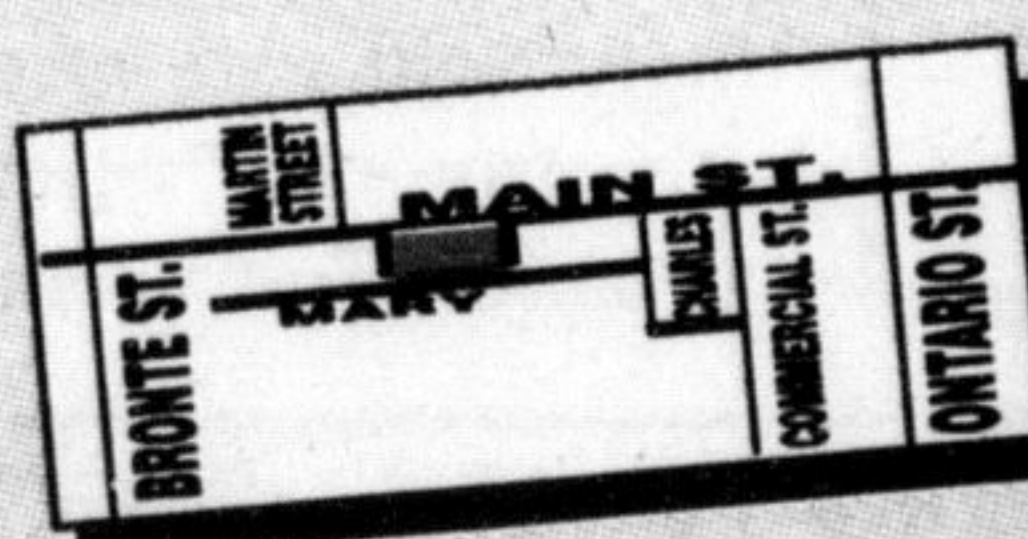
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