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## Out with the old...

The McDonald's restaurant on Martin Street was levelled Wednesday. The Milton fast food outlet, built in the late '70s, is undergoing a complete modernization — with construction of a larger restaurant complete with a 600-square-foot children's play area, enhanced drive-through and refurbished golden arches.

Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

## Despite difficulties, pond restoration expected to be completed on schedule

By IRENE GENTLE  
The Champion

As the calendar drifts leisurely toward mid-September, there's both more money and less time available to complete a long-awaited Mill Pond restoration project.

A recent memo released at Town Hall noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has provided an additional \$20,000 of funding for the clean-up.

That's on top of \$90,000 the MNR previously pledged to the restoration.

But difficulties in disposing the sediment dredged from the pond seriously delayed the initiative, which was meant to kick off in July.

**"Now that they're moving, and moving faster than we expected, I don't think that'll be a problem."**

PETER LINN

Despite this, the work is expected to wrap up on schedule in November, said Peter Linn, manager of engineering and operations for the Town.

The sometimes controversial project aims to dredge the pond of about 30,000 cubic metres of sediment in order to eradicate the roots of the in-

sive weed European Milfoil.

It's similar to Purple Loosestrife in that once it gets a hold, it tends to choke out other plant species.

But due to heavy metals found in the sediment, disposal can only take place at landfill sites.

In accordance with ministry directives, Mill Pond sediment will be laid to rest at closed landfill sites in Georgetown and Dundas.

With the sites now secured, hauling began Tuesday by CRA Contractors Limited, and was moving along fast and furiously.

"They're just using more trucks to haul the material," said Mr. Linn. "They've already almost filled the first dump site and we expected that would take a week."

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