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# Halton still one of safest places in country: chief

*But historically, Milton has highest crime rate per capita in the region*

By **FANNIE SUNSHINE**

The Champion

Compared to other communities in the country, Halton ranks as one of the safest, said Halton Regional Police Chief Ean Algar at a breakfast hosted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce Friday.

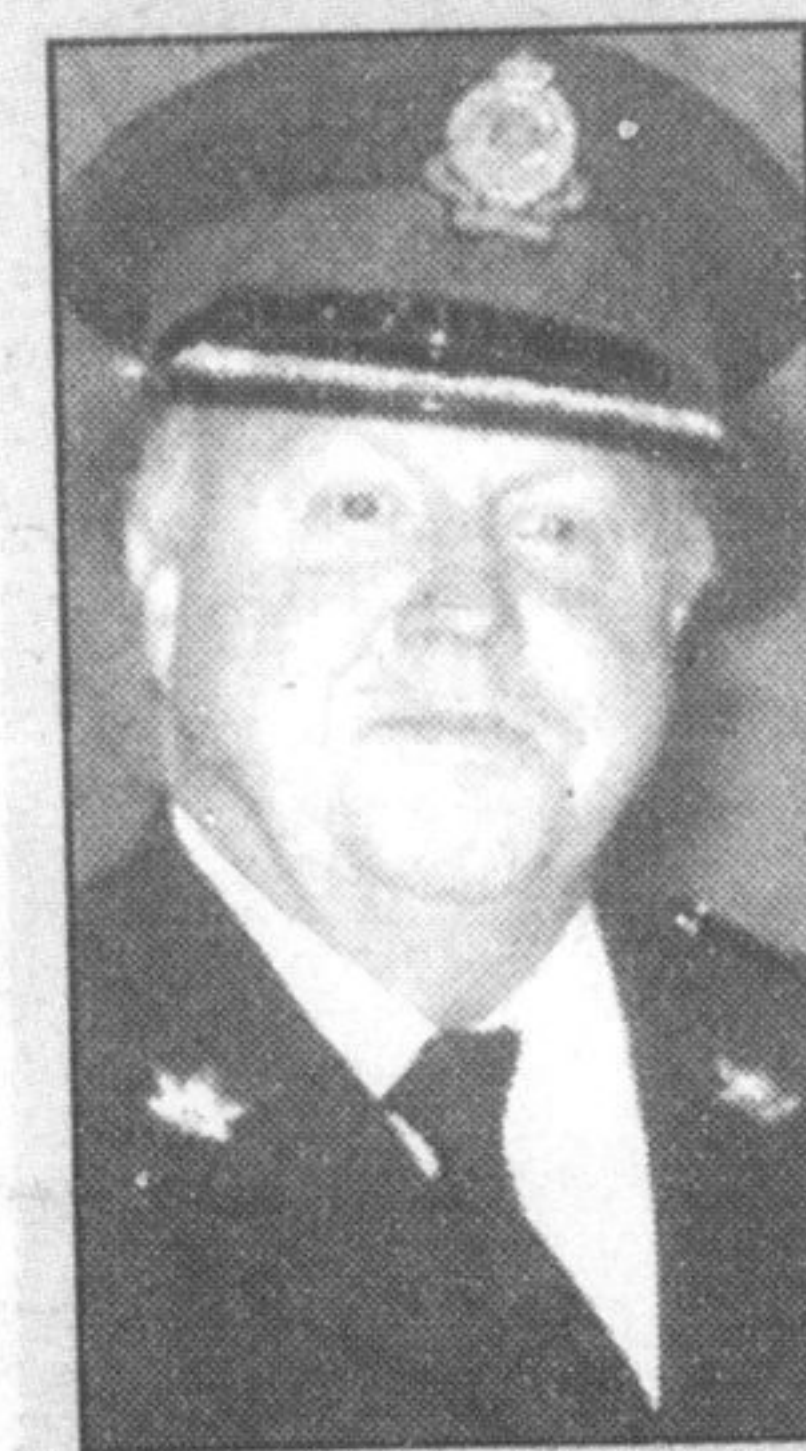
"It's a combination of things that makes this a wonderful community," he said. "Our crime rate is below the national average. The national crime rate is 7,700 (crimes) per 100,000 community residents. In 1999, we were at 4,200. We've fallen 37 per cent since 1991."

In 2001, there has been an increase in criminal activity, Chief Algar said.

"We've had 3,000 more calls this year than last, from complaining of dog barking to neighbour disputes. There's been an increase in violent crime in the region, which includes homicide, robbery, assaults and domestic assaults. Our (regional) homicide rate is below the national average of six to 10 (per year) — this year we've had three."

Historically, Milton has had the highest crime rate per capita in the region.

"Maplehurst and Mohawk impact the crime rate," he said. "We usually respond to 400 calls per year at Maplehurst, most of which have to do with assaults and drug issues. Traffic has been a concern throughout the community. We've purchased laser radar guns to help with speeding and we've issued 1,000 tickets this



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year (for road offences)."

Three officers are assigned especially to patrol the Mohawk area, he added.

Two alleged marijuana growers were arrested in town this year and an arrest was made in the town's only homicide this year.

"Milton has no cases for massage parlors, night club or rave incidents."

The terrorism attacks in the United States last month have affected people from all countries and all walks of life, Chief Algar said.

"It's been a new challenge for police because we have limited knowledge of terrorism," he said, adding police and other officials such as fire and public health workers have discussed emergency plans. "Canada has not been as vulnerable to terrorism as other parts of the world because we are not a super power."

Some people have been targeted for racial attacks simply because of their skin colour or origin, Chief Algar added.

"We live, work and play in a community that we care for and that cares for us. We live in a good community and country — let's keep it that way."



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### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A CREMATORIUM IN THE TOWN OF MILTON

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Milton will hold a Public Meeting on:

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton

to receive information and public input on a request for approval to establish a crematorium pursuant to Section 4 of the Cemeteries Act (Revised). A municipality that receives a request for an approval required by the Cemeteries Act (Revised) may hold public hearings to determine if the approval is in the public interest.

The property affected by request is known municipally as 200 Ontario Street South and is legally described as Part of Lot 12 and 13, Concession 2, (geographic Township of Trafalgar) Town of Milton.

The applicant has requested Town of Milton approval to establish a crematorium on lands within an Open Space Cemetery (OSG) Zone. The Town of Milton Zoning By-law 61-85, as amended, permits a crematorium use within the OSG Zone.

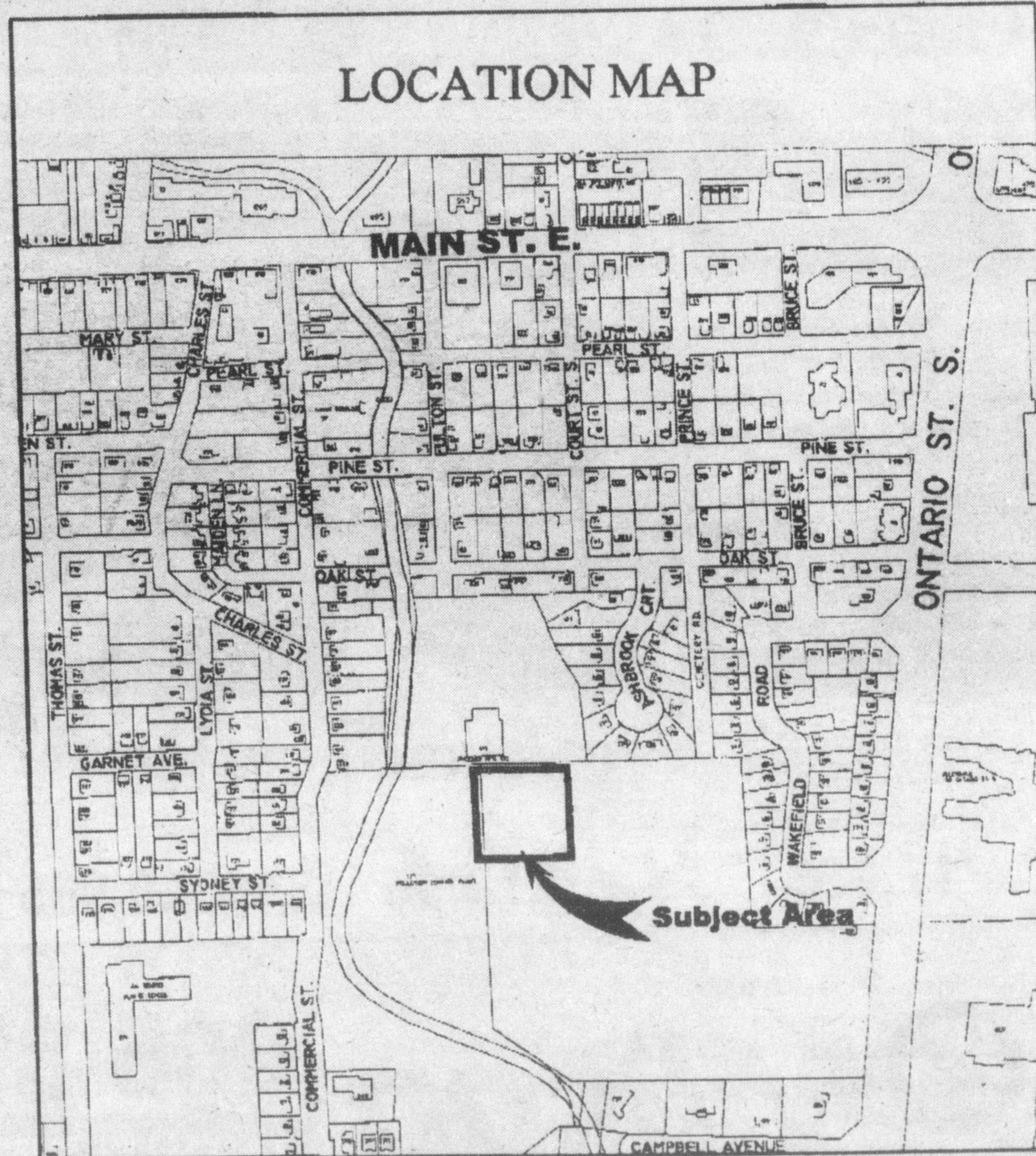
A key map illustrating the area affected by this application is attached to this notice.

This property is currently the subject of a site plan application pursuant to the Planning Act.

Any interested person may make a written submission, prior to the public meeting, and should direct the submission to the Director of Planning and Development.

ANY PERSON MAY attend the public meeting to obtain information and make a verbal presentation and/or written submission, to identify issues of concern and/or express views in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed crematorium. A copy of an Information Report prepared by the Planning and Development Department, outlining the application in more detail and any other background information will be available on the Friday immediately prior to the public meeting, a copy of which may be reviewed or obtained by contacting the Planning and Development Department, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street.

The public meeting is an information meeting and staff will not be making a recommendation on whether to approve or refuse the application at this Public Meeting. Decision on the application will be made at a future date when a full review of the application is completed by the Town's Planning and Development Department. At that time, a Report with recommendations will be brought forward for consideration and decision by Milton Council.



Persons who sign the register at the public meeting, or who request to be notified in writing to the Town of Milton Planning and Development Department, will receive notification of when the matter is to come before Council for final consideration.