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Commemorative plaque to be replaced at Milton park

Plaque celebrates Holland's liberation

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Milton and District Horticultural Society will make a tangible tribute to this year's period of remembrance.

It'll actually be made shortly after Remembrance Day, but will be no less significant to the Dutch Canadians still residing locally.

At press time yesterday, group members were awaiting word from town council on when they'd be able to officially replace a plaque at Chris Hadfield Park — commemorating the 35th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by the Canadian Armed Forces.

The original plaque, along with a silver maple tree and 100 tulips, was installed May 5, 1980 to mark the anniversary — but over the years it disappeared and now only the tree remains.

"Ben Reis (a member of the club at the time) first brought it to our attention back in the spring," explained Kay Bounsall, president of the local horticulture society. "I'm not sure just when it (plaque) went missing, but it's been quite a few years. As for the garden, I guess it just wasn't kept up."

With Chris Hadfield Park now a popular destination for area residents and out-of-towners alike, Ms

Bounsall and company felt it was important to restore this part of Milton's heritage.

And what better time to do so than around Remembrance Day?

The plaque, and 50-pound granite stone it's attached to, will soon return to its resting place under the maple tree with the inscription '1945-1980: Donated by Dutch/Canadians of Milton and District in Grateful Memory of the Liberation of the Netherlands'.

Said Ms Bounsall, "We felt pretty strongly that this should be acknowledged. The Milton Millennium plaque and one other will be installed at the same time, within the next couple of weeks. We've got to do it soon before there's frost on the ground."

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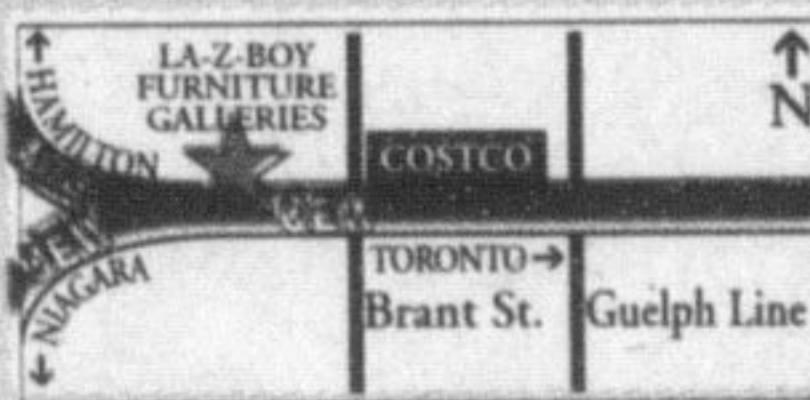
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Region seeking funds for affordable housing

Halton's health and social services committee is calling on the Province to match federal funding for the proposed Federal Affordable Housing Rental Program.

The program would see \$680 million across Canada dedicated to dealing with housing issues. Ontario's share would be \$244 million. "We need to get the Province and federal governments involved in get-

ting credible, affordable housing," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline. "Housing truly is an invisible issue and we need to draw the Province's attention to it."

Also endorsed by the committee was a request for municipalities to be included in the design and delivery of the program.

Regional council will address the issue Wednesday.

The Canadian Champion

Carrier of the Month



Hello, my name is Ashlee Jamieson. I started the paper in August and it is all right. Friday is very hard. With the money I earned I bought clothes and I am hoping to get a Nintendo 64 at the end of this month. My little sister helps me all the time, so I split the money with her. She is nine and I am twelve. Thank You!

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