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**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
AND RECONSTRUCTION**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300(1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M.45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Town of Milton, at its meeting to be held in Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, on February 25, 2002, beginning at 7:30 pm will consider the passing of by-laws for the temporary closing and reconstruction of the following roads:

1. ANNE BOULEVARD FROM MEADOWBROOK DRIVE TO BELL STREET
2. ROBINWOOD CRESCENT
3. HARROP DRIVE NORTH OF STEELES AVENUE
4. MAIN STREET EAST FROM JAMES STREET TO COMMERCIAL STREET

Plans detailing these projects are available for viewing during normal business hours at Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Community Services Department.

Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws, and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department in writing, no later than Wednesday, February 20, 2002.

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Ministry says letterhead okay; no policy violated

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

Councillor John Challinor was well within his rights to use the letterhead he did in seeking donations for the Friends of E.C. Drury Park (Friends), says the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Allegations of abuse of position were made by Councillor Rick Malboeuf last week after Mr. Challinor circulated a flyer through The Champion soliciting funds for Friends.

The letterhead on the flyer included Mr. Challinor's position as councillor, the Town's corporate name and Town Hall address, which Mr. Malboeuf said was inappropriate.

But it doesn't raise any red flags for the ministry, said Peter-John Sidebottom, acting director of the municipal governance instructors branch.

"The rules of conduct we have relate only to conflict of interest and that only relates to very specific circumstances where there's a decision before council that the member of council or a relative have a financial interest in," Mr. Sidebottom said.

This information came as no sur-

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prise to Mr. Challinor, who said he was merely attempting to aid the group in retiring a \$25,000 debt they incurred during an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) challenge concerning a housing development on lands behind the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.

"It's a dead issue. It never was a live one in my opinion," Mr. Challinor said.

The Champion contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing after Mr. Malboeuf attempted to raise the issue under new business at town council Monday night, but was ruled out-of-order by the majority of councillors.

"This has nothing whatsoever to do with council," Mayor Gord Krantz said, adding Mr. Malboeuf should contact the ministry if he wished to continue with the issue. "I for one don't want to tell any one of you (councillors) what to do in your private life."

Responding to the out-of-order

ruling, Mr. Malboeuf forwarded his speaking notes to The Champion, which outlined further concerns about the appropriateness of the E.C. Drury School Advisory Council offering tax receipts for donations received to pay down the Friends debt.

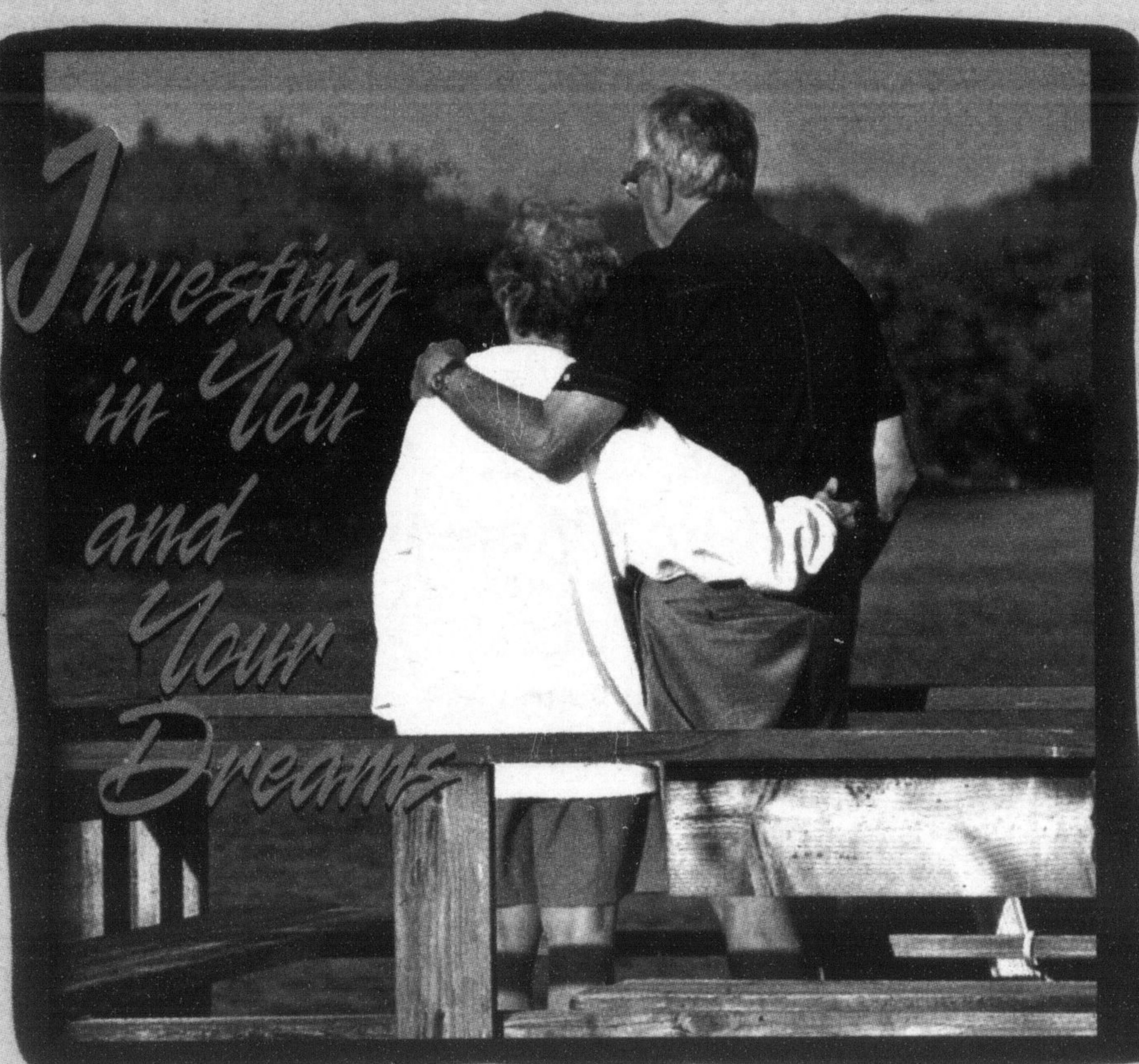
However, the debt belongs to the advisory council as well, explained Judy Hutton, advisory council treasurer.

"We were party to the (OMB) action through Friends. We joined their action just prior to the court appearance," said Ms Hutton, adding the two groups used the same solicitor.

"The bills are going to the name of Friends — we just all agreed we were comfortable with that. We've each done our own fundraisings and we've done some joint fundraisings."

Colette Gentes-Hawn, spokesperson for Canada Customs and Revenue, which grants charitable status, told The Champion she was unsure if the activity was inappropriate without conducting a full investigation.

"You have to consider the whole issue," she said, adding Canada Customs and Revenue investigates all information it receives.

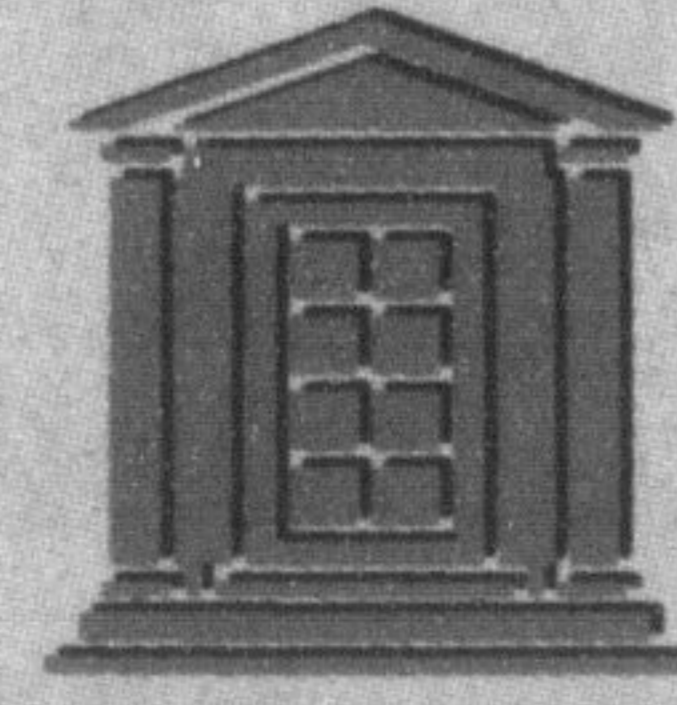


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