

Local retail space becoming precious commodity

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best interest to produce our own study, including input from everybody. That makes it hard to argue with the results," said Mr. Mann.

Milton's retail/commercial hierarchy gives primary consideration to the Central Business District (Main Street from Bronte Street to Thompson Road), with secondary commercial developments (mainly plazas) to service neighbourhood needs.

While the study lays incomplete, people looking to relocate their business or start up new businesses in Milton are left waiting and struggling to find the space they need.

James Snow, for example, has been searching for months to find an adequate location to open a State Farm Insurance office.

"There's not a great deal of vacancy. With the (local) economy doing well over the last short number of years, it's filled up what (office space) was around," Mr. Snow told The Champion.

"I'm looking to be toward the east or south-east area

of town — where the residential development is taking place."

While the results of the study will open up doors for further commercial development, several properties have already been identified.

The property on the south-west corner of the Main Street and Thompson Road intersection has been approved for a new food store and a large retail format store (not a department store) up to 180,000 square feet but no developer or tenants have been firmed up at this point, but "there have been some discussions," said Mr. Mann.

As far as the newly-expanded area of urban Milton goes, a 150,000 square feet commercial development is slated for the intersection of Third Line and Louis St. Laurent Boulevard (between Derry and Britannia roads) — with Longo's grocery store signed as the anchor tenant.

Should the retail market analysis also identify such a desire, 'big box' stores will be considered for James Snow Parkway, along Hwy. 401.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Potential developers are eager to scoop up prime retail space like this, at the south-west corner of Main Street and Thompson Road.



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ESQUESING LINE FROM LAWSON ROAD TO NO. 5 SIDEROAD
(July 2, 2002 to August 9, 2002)

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

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**MAIN STREET EAST FROM THOMPSON ROAD TO JAMES
SNOW PARKWAY**
(April 15, 2002 to April 21, 2002)

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TAX NOTICE

Ratepayers of the Town of Milton are reminded that the 1st installment of the interim Tax Bill is due on February 28, 2002.

If you require information about taxes, please contact the Corporate Services Tax Department at (905) 878-7252, ext. 2193, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Tax payments must be received in the Corporate Services Office on or before the due date to avoid penalty. Late payment charge of 1 1/4% will be charged on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month in which the default continues.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure that the taxes are paid by the due date, even in the event that the bill is not received as mailed.

Taxes may be paid:

- By mail to the Corporate Services Tax Department, 43 Brown St., Milton, ON L9T 5H2
Cheques post-dated to the due date are acceptable and encouraged.
- By phone if you bank with Canada Trust, TD Bank, CIBC, Royal Bank, or Bank of Montreal. Please call them for details.
- By using the mail deposit box to the left of the glass doors at Town Hall.
- Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Corporate Services Tax Department, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton. (Cheque or money orders preferred rather than cash) Direct Debit now accepted.
- Please contact our office for details regarding the "New" pre-authorized tax payment program.