

Milton Heights residents concerned about proposed road re-alignments in their area

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The Champion

Area residents voiced concern March 26 about the impacts of the possible re-alignment of Tremaine Road and Steeles Avenue.

Re-alignment options are under consideration as part of the Town's Sherwood Survey Master Transportation/Transit Plan — a plan that accompanies phase two of Milton's urban expansion.

"Nothing has been decided at this time. We are here to show you (public) the options and hear your comments," Milton's Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said during the public meeting at Milton District High School. "As the population grows, better access to town will be necessary."

All three re-alignment options for Tremaine Road include moving the No. 5 Sideroad connection east to Dublin Line — with two different eastward starting points. Starting points include Steeles Avenue and about 500 metres south of Steeles Avenue (which includes two re-alignment options with different eastward slopes).

Connections to Hwy. 401 off Tremaine Road are also on the table.

Possible Steeles Avenue re-alignments consist of dipping the roadway south between Industrial Drive and the existing Tremaine Road and swinging the roadway north from Peru Road to the re-aligned Tremaine Road.

Also under consideration is moving the traffic focus off Steeles Avenue to Market Drive, extending Market Drive to the re-aligned Tremaine Road, or connecting Market Drive to Peru Road and channeling traffic down to either the re-aligned or existing Tremaine Road.

Leaving the road structure as-is is another option. If re-alignments are made, the existing roads would remain as-is to service residents living along those roadways.

During the meeting, residents — many of them from Milton Heights — expressed worry about the impact of re-alignment on

their property, as well as traffic congestion surrounding Kelso Conservation Area.

"What about the traffic of all the people going there (Keels/Glen Eden) in the winter time? They're going to come down No. 5 Sideroad right through Milton Heights (if a Hwy. 401 connection is made at Tremaine Road)," questioned a Milton Heights resident, backed by several others. "You're going to have an amazing amount of traffic coming through there. You don't seem to care about that."

But access to the conservation area lays outside the scope of the study, responded

Angela Iannuzziello of Entra Consultants, hired by the Town.


"We're not taking a look at any different access to Kelso in the work we're doing," she told the crowd. "But that is a good point. We'll have a look at that."

Several other area residents expressed concern over what would happen to their property, stating some road re-alignment options run through their land.

"That's something we'll have to talk about later, once an option has been chosen," said Mr. Iovio. "It's a little premature to say what'll happen just yet."

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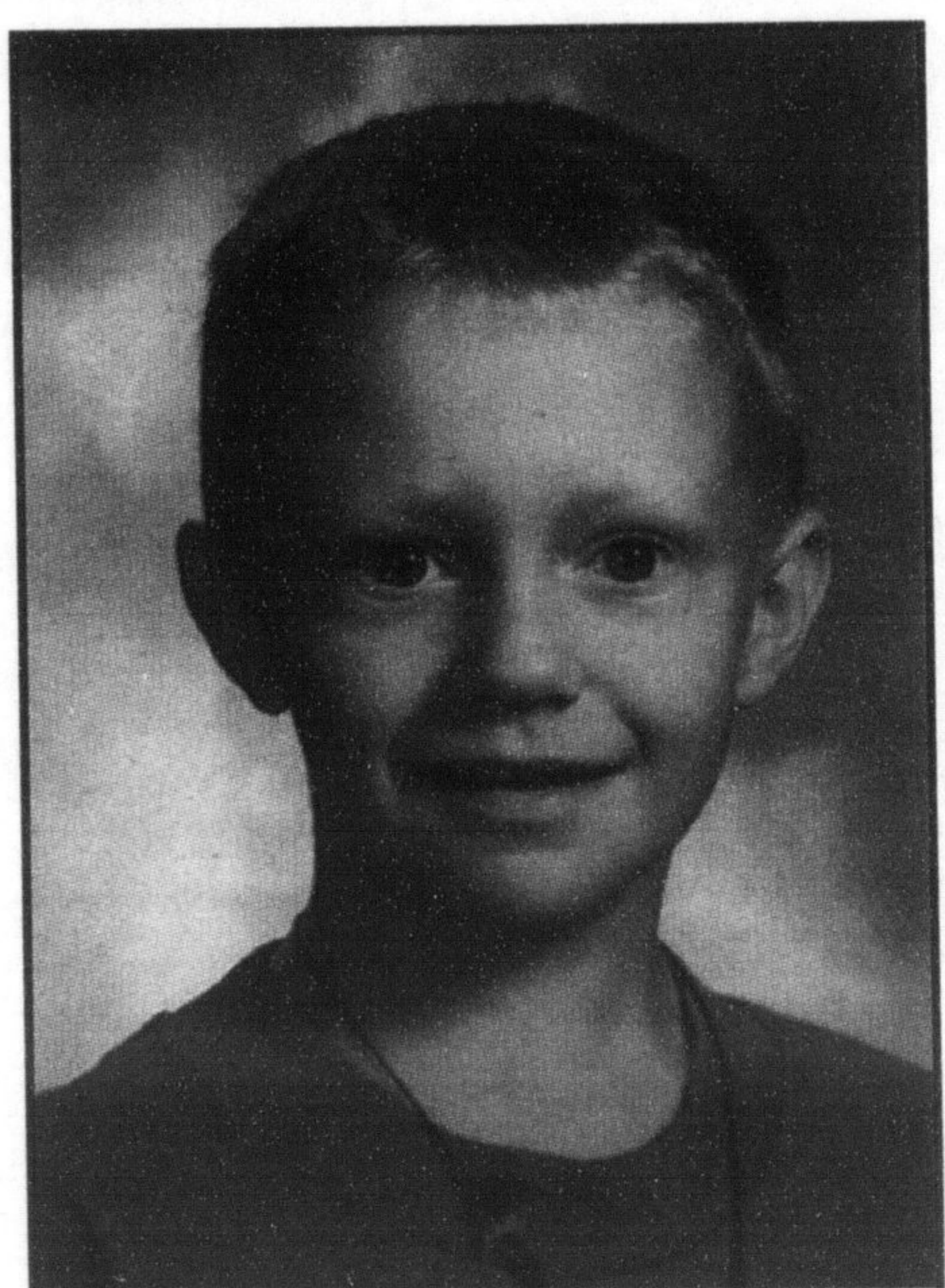
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