Showease Milton

... more than a Home & Leisure Show!

Milton Memorial Arena, Thompson Road

Friday, May 24 - 10am to 9pm Sat., May 25 - 10am to 7pm Sunday, May 26 - Noon to 5pm

Events for the entire family!
Hot Air Balloon
Rides, Country Style
Family Chicken
BBQ,
Giveaways, Lots of
Prizes and more!!

- Hourly Prize Draws
- WIN a Landscaping Package (Courtesy of Landscape Garten/Taylor Nursery)
- WIN a Fitness Package (Courtesy of Goodlife Fitness)
- Meet Miss Canada (Friday at the Goodlife Booth)
- Free Seniors' Day Friday
- Free Daycare Sat. & Sun.
 (Courtesy of Safe & Sound)
- \$2 Charity Hot Air Balloon Rides
 (Courtesy of McCuaig Insurance,
 Weather permitting)
- •Y108 Special Events Cruiser

Win an all-inclusive trip-for-2 to Allegro Flamenco Bavaro in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

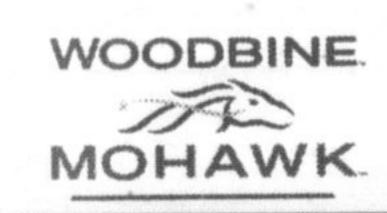
(Courtesy of Travel Choice American Express Travel Services, some conditions may apply)

For details about Showcase (and your FREE admission voucher) check out the brochure you got by mail this week or call the Milton Chamber of Commerce at 905-878-0581

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Increases tough to bear, say groups

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next year. A \$25 administration fee also applies.

"This is hitting us hard. When you look at the grand scheme of things, a fee of \$125 for a year of activities is not a great deal compared to, say hockey. But we service many families which that is the kind of fee they can ill afford."

Milton District Scouts President Ron Saila echoed Ms Sellors' comments, offering optimism for the future.

"Maybe in three years, the government will have a different opinion," he said of school board funding.

Other municipalities affected by the reciprocal agreement are handling fees for Scouts and Guides differently. Neither Halton Hills nor Oakville will phase in the

user fees for these groups, leaving them to pay full price in September. Burlington is currently considering some form of a phase in.

Additional financial support will be made available to groups experiencing hardships as a result of the fee hike through the Support to Organizations program offered by the Town. Groups can apply for funding assistance.

"What happens more often than not is when you drive the price out of sight like what we're seeing, is those buildings will sit idle," warned Mayor Gord Krantz. "Isn't that a shame. These structures were built for the public to use."

Councillor Wally Hunter, who also sits as chair of the committee, called the user fees unacceptable and recommended

rejecting the proposed reciprocal agree-

"My concern is that the school boards are being forced to change their service delivery method — paying (janitorial staff) three times what they should be paying to be in there on the weekend because they're not out-sourcing that service," the councillor said, referring to staff costs that drive the weekend rate up.

"Collective agreement (between the boards and janitorial staff) or not, this is something (out-sourcing) that would make better use of their building, versus them sitting vacant and generating no revenue."

Town council has yet to formally address the reciprocal use agreement, but is expected to do so tonight.

