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Correction

A story that appeared in the September 13 issue of The Champion contained incorrect information.

The lyrics for Marc Nelson's 9/11 tribute song are "just remember who you are and what you learned today", not "don't remember who you are and what you learned today" as printed.

The Champion apologizes for any inconvenience the error may have caused.

CH likely to go ahead with its Watershed Greenlands Strategy

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

Conservation Halton (CH) will likely still go ahead with the \$60,000 Watershed Greenlands Strategy despite the Region opting not to fund the project.

CH's executive committee approved the funding to be taken from the conservation authority's water capital reserve at its meeting September 12.

The recommendation will go before the board of directors meeting Thursday for final approval.

Last fall, CH developed a Greenlands Strategy in hopes of better protecting environmentally and ecologically-sensitive lands and natural ecosystems within the CH watershed.

A report was to have gone through to regional council this month seeking approval for the project funding. However, because Halton Region is currently working on its own Water Greenlands Strategy encompassing all four municipalities, it believes CH's project is a duplication and decided against funding it.

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline said in an interview with The Champion that the Region and CH's strategy plan are one in the same, and the Region wouldn't fund identical projects.

"I wish there was more communication relayed," she said.

But during the executive committee meeting, CH CEO Theresa Maguire-

Garber said the conservation authority's strategy will be completed on a watershed basis as opposed to the Region's, which will be done on a municipal boundary basis.

CH's strategy will also focus on the elements of a watershed required for environmental health, she said. The plan will identify a number of issues, including lands currently owned and managed by the conservation authority which include forests, wetlands and valley lands.

It will also include regulated lands that aren't publicly owned, such as wetlands and valley lands and lands that need environmental protection.

The goals of the Greenlands Strategy is to determine the natural heritage system for the watershed of CH and the extent these lands should be in public ownership or protected through other methods. It also aims to identify and protect environmentally and ecologically-sensitive lands through land acquisition, to protect or recreate historical natural ecosystems and to ensure CH lands are managed appropriately.

In January, a presentation on the natural heritage system component recommendations of the project will be made to the board of directors.

Then in January, 2004, a presentation of the entire Watershed Greenlands Strategy will be made to the board of directors. It's expected to be approved and implemented at that time.

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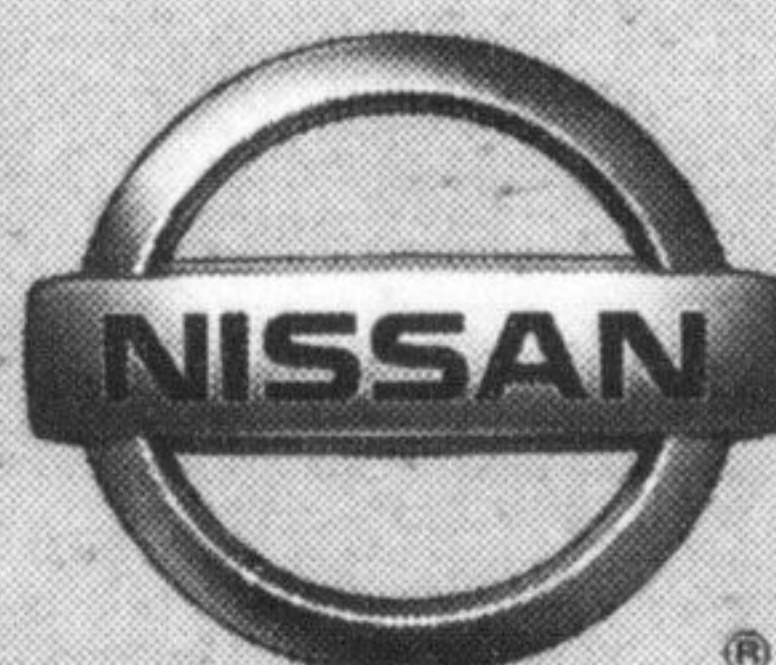
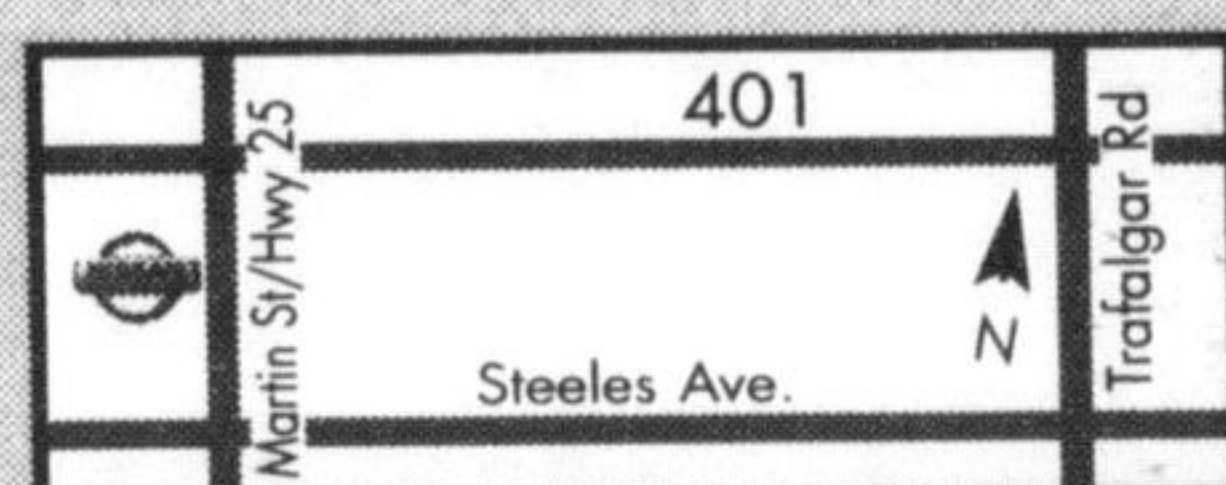
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