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# Superchoice shoppers upset by closure news

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Milton is left with two primary grocery stores, Loblaws on Nipissing Road, and A&P at Laurier Avenue and Ontario Street South.

It's the second time in three months Milton is losing an independently-owned grocery store.

Quality Greens, another well-thought of business, closed its Main Street doors in November.

Shoppers, streaming in and out of Superchoice Friday afternoon, were upset by the closure news, with some pointing out the loss of these kinds of businesses erode Milton's small-town appeal.

"(The possible closure) really bothers me because the people are friendly, approachable," said Kathy Stephenson. "I think we're going to lose a lot of our small-town flavour."

Gloria Sheppard said the loss of Quality Greens and the imminent demise of Superchoice leaves consumers with little chance to price shop.

Loblaws, for example, serves a need for

higher-end products, she said, but places like Superchoice provided some of the discounted items a number of Milton families search for.

"I'm really going to miss the store," she said.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said he's heard rumblings that Superchoice was going to close. He said it's a private enterprise and there's little the Town can do to keep it open.

He said he shops there sometimes, noting he visited a couple of weeks ago to pick up fruit and vegetables.

He doesn't buy the theory the closure of these kinds of businesses tarnish Milton's small-town lustre.

The real issue, he said, is a major business is closing shop.

"That's where my bigger concern is." The 16,000-square-foot store, located at Ontario Street and Derry Road, opened in 1982.

Superchoice owner Shaker Rooplal declined comment on the closure.

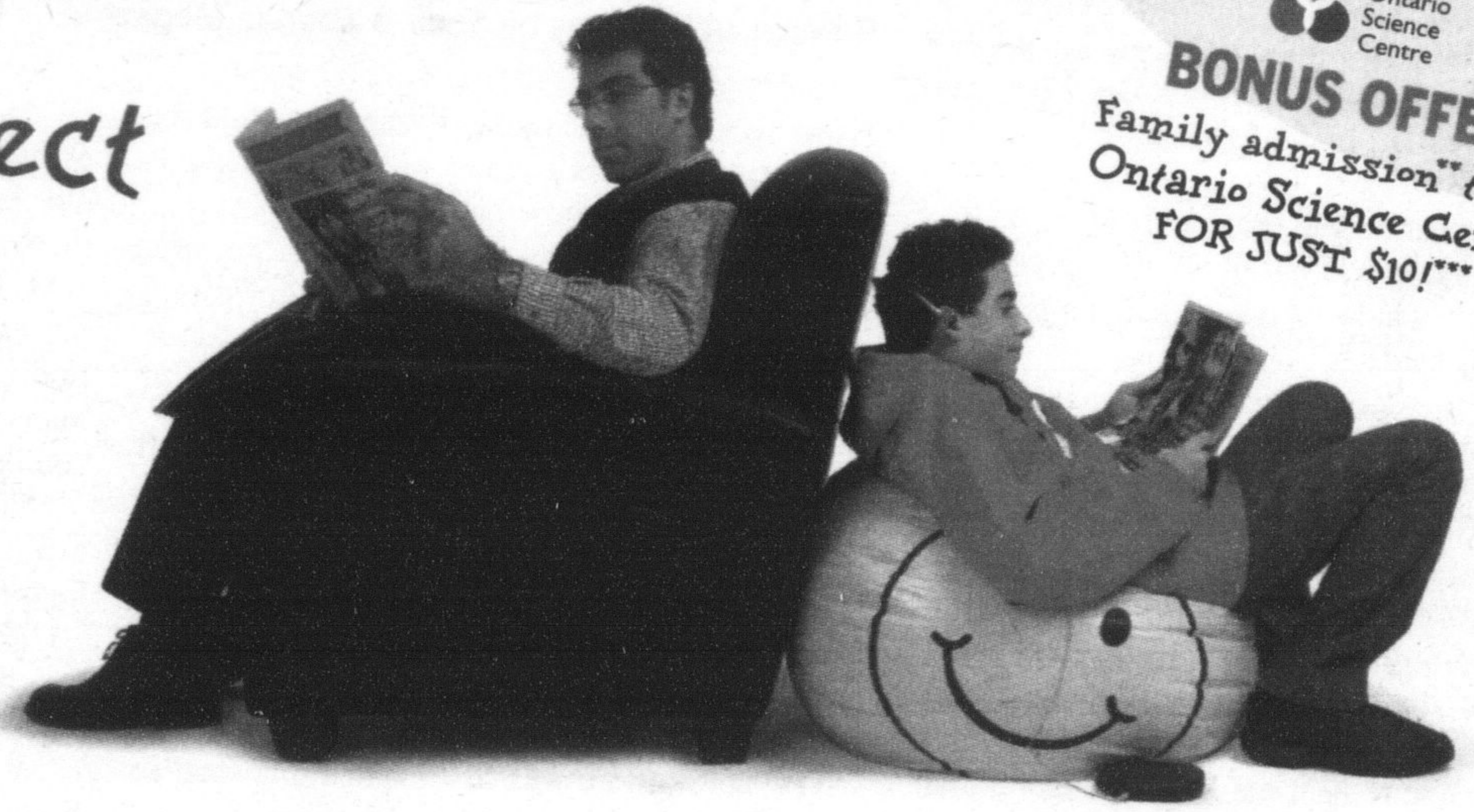
# Committee to be formed

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Members each from Milton, Burlington and Halton Hills. Three members will come from Oakville. The extra Oakville representative will come from the Glen Abbey community, which is located closest to the plant. There will also be a regional councillor representing each municipality.

The Region will begin immediately advertising for the positions through the media.

Patrick Murphy, the Region's commissioner of public works and planning, said while the deadline for public input will officially be March 26 - when regional council will hear details of the master plan for the plant expansion - residents should submit their opinions by the end of the month to be taken into consideration for a staff report, which will be submitted at the March 18 planning and public works committee meeting for information.

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