

# Town council finalizes adult entertainment bylaw

## Adult establishments restricted to industrial area north of Hwy. 401

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The Town of Milton has passed its most comprehensive legislation that leaves strip clubs, body rub parlours and adult video stores only one place to locate in town — in an industrial area north of Hwy. 401.

Last week, town council unanimously passed comprehensive bylaws that outline the make-up of adult entertainment parlours (or strip clubs), adult video stores and body rub parlours.

A main part of the legislation stipulates a maximum of two strip clubs, three adult video stores and three body rub parlours will be allowed to open in Milton.

It's the first uniform bylaw addressing adult entertainment-associated businesses in town.

The Town said past legislation didn't clearly state where adult entertainment businesses could locate in town and needed to be clarified to avoid interpretation.

Rock N' Bull, a strip club that won an Ontario Municipal Board hearing last year, will be allowed to open along Steeles Avenue, even though it's not in the industrial area of Hwy. 401. All of the

other stipulations of the new bylaw will apply.

The Town of Milton hasn't received a formal application from the owner for a licence.

The new legislation separates the three main adult entertainment businesses, but Town solicitors made sure there were provisions to bring uniformity to all three bylaws. The idea was to ensure there was no huge discrepancy between strip clubs, body rub parlours and adult video stores that might confuse the public, said law clerk Karyn Bennett.

For example, establishments in all three categories must have a visible sign above the main door entrance that clearly states what its business is.

"We tried to make the bylaws as consistent as possible," Ms Bennett said.

When it comes to adult entertainment parlours and body rub parlours, the Town can seek public input when considering an application to licence them.

Adult video stores that sell/rent pornographic videos — even if it's one video — must be licenced and won't be allowed to permit people under the age of 18 into the store.

### Exxxotica case still before the courts

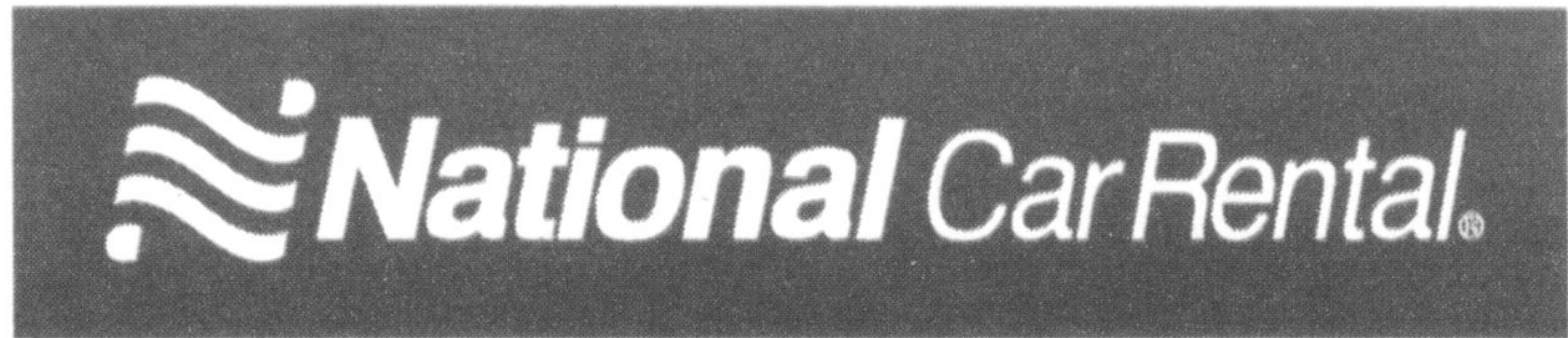
The Town of Milton can't comment on how the new bylaw will apply to Exxxotica, an adult video store the Town argues is operating illegally on Bronte Street, because the issue is currently before the courts.

Lawyers representing the Rock N' Bull owner asked for, and received, the opportunity to review one aspect of the bylaw. The section stipulates strip club owners have to submit a daily list of dancers to the Town, to ensure the performers are licenced.

Milton's legal staff will be reviewing the section, but there's no timeline when it will be completed.

Licences for adult entertainment businesses must be renewed with the Town every year.

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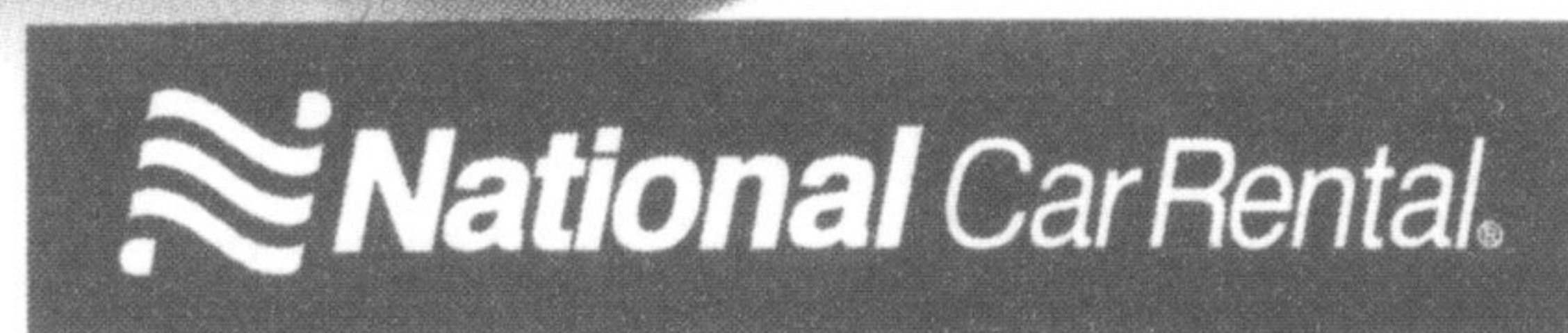
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