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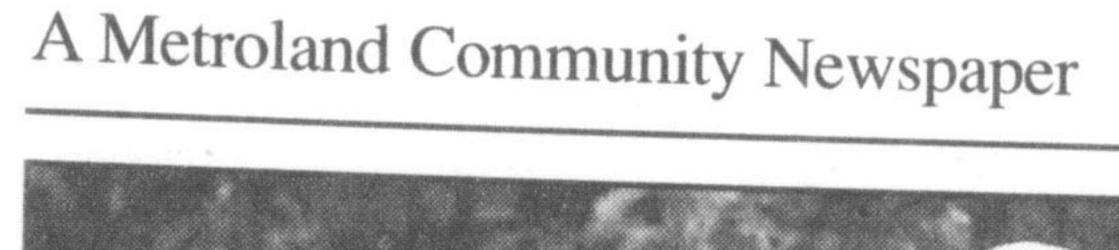
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## Town looking into creating heritage subdivision here

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Imagine living in an historical building amid a collection of other similar buildings, while helping maintain a municipality's heritage.

At its July 28 meeting, councillors passed a recommendation to forge ahead with a feasibility study of establishing what's called a heritage subdivision in town.

The idea is to find a common place for buildings under threat of demolition to be moved to. People would live in the home and pay property taxes.

The concept has proven successful in Markham, which set up one more than a decade ago. Viewing Markham's subdivision will form part of the feasibility study.

Town planner Anne Bouck said the study will take about six months to complete.

"The main purpose would be to have lots available to receive heritage resources at risk," she said. "Having a site goes a long way to protecting heritage resources."

Heritage Milton — which is made up of private citizens, elected representatives and municipal staff — first endorsed the concept of a feasibility study for a heritage subdivision at its June 5 meeting and forwarded the request to Town staff.

In a report sent to council, Heritage Milton stated there are about 40 homes of historical significance in the Bristol and Sherwood survey areas that could become victims of demolition.

Ward 3 Councillor Ken Keates, a member of Heritage Milton, said he wants to see historical buildings saved to help enrich the Town's culture.

He said there's a possibility to create a

half-dozen or so subdivisions around town, not just one site.

"Initially I would prefer a single location, but I think multiple locations might be a good idea and that more people would get to see them," he said.

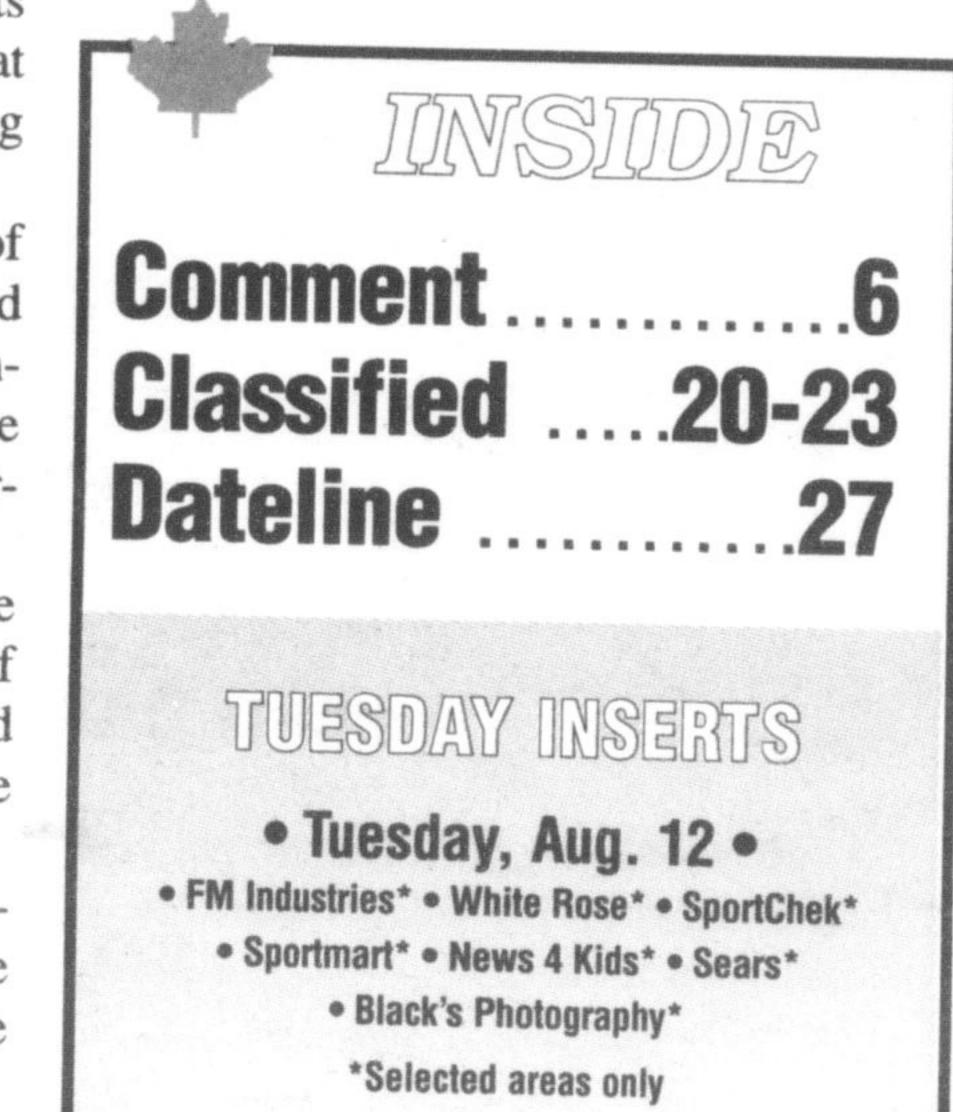
The Town of Markham started its 38-lot heritage subdivision in 1989. It's twothirds full.

The incentive is to provide an affordable lot price to the potential homeowner given the expense to upgrade and move a house to the subdivision.

People are required to restore the home to its historical significance, which could include things like ensuring windows, sidings and landscaping features reflect the time the house was built.

Mr. Keates said Kitchener-Waterloo has a similar subdivision, and the Town of Caledon is thinking of building one.

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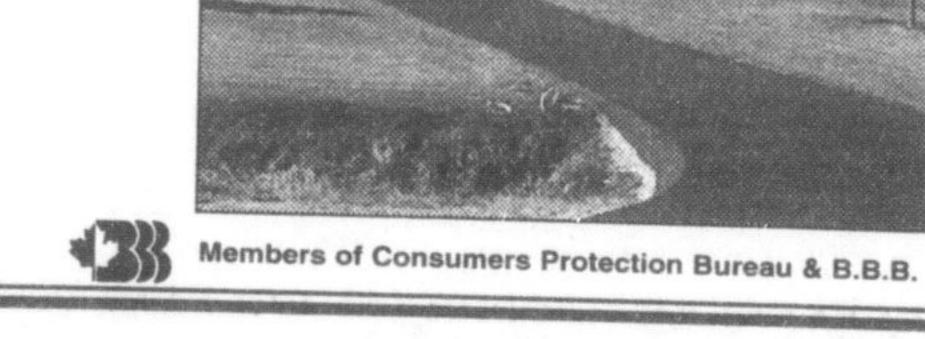




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