

Transit among top local issues for 2004

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is something that is always in the forefront, Mr. Krantz said.

"I'm talking about education, social services, average income, all those things that make up a community and not letting it slip into areas where you become poverty stricken," he said.

During the election campaign earlier this year, candidates learned quickly that transit was a dominant issue.

Through door-to-door canvassing or questions raised at one-candidates meetings, residents wanted to know what kind of transit system can the growing municipality of Milton offer. There is no formal bus system in town.

A staff report looking at transit in north Halton, including Milton and neighbouring Halton Hills, is expected to be released some time this spring, and should have some recommendations.

Mr. Krantz said while transit is an important issue, the cost to provide it is equally paramount.

"That's going to be one that will be a tough nut to crack," he said. "We can provide it, but at what cost?"

Mr. Krantz said he would prefer a Halton-wide transit system, with connections throughout the GTA, like Mississauga for example.

"I would like a seamless transit system as it interconnects with regions and municipalities," he said. "One of the things is our whole attitude to transit has to change. You can't put in place a huge transit system if no one is going to use it."

Redistribution of the town's four wards — the idea is to take into account increased councillor workloads due to a growing population — could become an issue as early as in three months, Mr. Krantz said.

A redistribution would ultimately require provincial approval.

"We're talking about a readjustment of the boundaries," Mr. Krantz said, noting he doesn't favour a reduction in the number of councillors.

"For example, Ward 1 is a rural ward, but there's nothing rural about the new Mattamy (Hawthorne) subdivision."

The topic was up for discussion four years ago but didn't really go anywhere.

Also, Mr. Krantz said it's imperative Milton continues the push to sell land for industrial development, particularly to generate much-valued property tax revenue and create jobs.

"It's about making sure we get our fair share of businesses out there," he said. "We can't let that slip. It helps offset the increase of taxes."

There is already a challenge with that, given the closing this week of glass manufacturer O-I Canada that has put 150 people out of work.

And, Mr. Krantz said he waits with anticipation to see what kind of deal the Ontario and federal governments can broker that is to help municipalities better thrive.

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Other possible issues in 2004:

- This month Town staff will meet with residents to discuss alternatives to the maligned paved bike path proposed for Hawthorne Village.

- Halton's health department is expected to release a report, perhaps by April, that will document whether Milton's well water should be fluoridated, which it isn't currently.

- Mattamy Homes could have ready later this fall a concept plan of how its leading-edge environmentally-sustainable subdivision, called Eco-tech Village, would look and feel.

- Town staff will be following developments of Milton's new smoking bylaw, which took effect yesterday. It allows bars and restaurants to build designated smoking rooms.

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Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, 5th Fl.
10 Peel Centre Dr.
Brampton, ON

The purpose of the proposed Amendment (File Number ROPA 03-003) is to: amend the Regional Official Plan by deleting the "Proposed GO Rail Station" diamond symbol located at the southeast corner of Tenth Line and Argentia Road on the Milton GO Rail Line from Schedule "G" – High Order Transit Network.

The effect of the proposed Amendment File Number ROPA 03-003 is to modify Schedule "G" – High Order Transit Network.

For additional information

To obtain a copy of the proposed Amendment to the Region of Peel Official Plan (File Number ROPA 03-003) along with background materials, please visit the Region of Peel Planning Department located on the 6th Fl. at 10 Peel Centre Dr., Brampton. Copies of this information will be available to the public 20 days prior to the public meeting.

If you wish to be notified about the adoption of this proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to:

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If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Regional Municipality of Peel in respect of the proposed official plan amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Peel before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) may dismiss all or part of the appeal. Written submissions must be provided to the Deputy Clerk by **Jan. 22, 2004.**

For further information please contact, Mark H. Kluge, Planning Manager, Development Planning Services, quoting File Number ROPA 03-003, at 905-791-7800, Ext. 4307.

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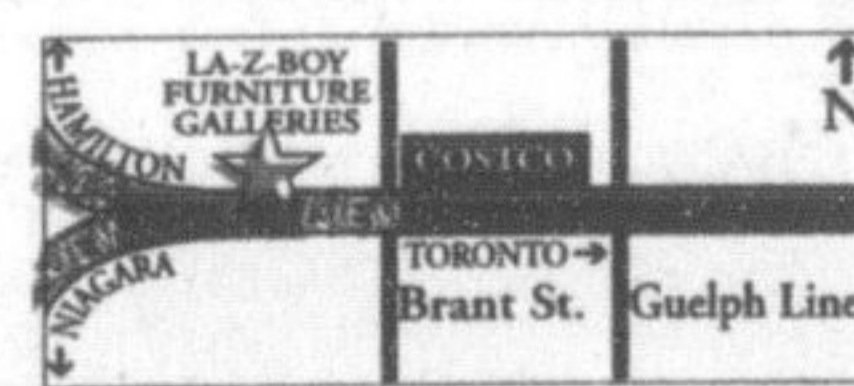
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