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Happy retirement!

Students at Robert Baldwin School bid a fond farewell to long-time secretary Marion McMeeken who's retiring after 24 years at the school. Presenting her with a card and flowers on behalf of their class are grade 2 students (from left) Gerry Rosenboom, Vanessa Coleman, Olivia Wilkens and Jessica Knapman. During Ms McMeeken's career she has enrolled children who are now enrolling their children. It's safe to say she'll be missed by everyone at the school.

Town unveils plans for facelift in core

By JASON MISNER
 The Champion

A drab, grey-looking portion of Main Street East in the downtown is proposed to get a \$1.7 million facelift later this year. It's part of the Town of Milton's on-going plan to beautify the core area and make it people-friendly.

During a two-hour open house last week at Hugh Foster Hall, Town staff unveiled its proposal to reconstruct Main Street between Commercial and Ontario streets. The current four-lane configuration — spanning Fulton Street/Millside Drive, Court, Prince and Bruce streets, and crossing Sixteen Mile Creek — would be reduced to two lanes; one for eastbound traffic and the other for westbound traffic.

There would also be a continuous turning lane for motorists, which staff said should make traffic flow better and less interrupted.

Sidewalks will be widened from 1.5 metres to 2.3 metres, with some interlocking brick laid down, and decorative street lighting will replace the traditional concrete light standards. Halton Region will pay for and replace sewer and water pipes.

At least one lane will be open to traffic during construction.

The road project is expected to go before town council for approval near the end of April. If approved, construction would start in mid-May and conclude by mid-October.

Town council adopted a plan about four years ago to upgrade the streetscape along a part of Main Street to re-define the core area. The downtown has long been touted by the Town as a fundamental element to a prosperous Milton economy.

This latest road work proposal builds upon the first phase of Main Street reconstruction, completed in 2002 at a cost of \$2 million. The roadway between James and

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Cocaine is seized

Two men were charged this week after an undercover narcotics officer was sold crack cocaine in an arranged purchase at a local plaza.

An undercover officer purchased \$220 worth of cocaine Wednesday just after 6 p.m. at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Ontario Street.

The seller was followed as he drove away from the scene, and police made an arrest on Mary Street.

A search revealed six individually wrapped packages of crack cocaine hidden within the seller's seven layers of clothing. The cocaine had a street value of \$800.

A 41-year-old Mississauga man was charged with one count of trafficking and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

A 32-year-old Main Street man, allegedly a middleman in the deal, was charged with breach of probation.

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