

Empty lot at Martin and Steeles sold to developer

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The empty property at the southwest corner of Martin Street and Steeles Avenue — considered an important gateway to the downtown due to heavy traffic flows — has been sold.

Re/Max agent Gary Thomas said the small 0.7-acre site was sold recently to an unidentified developer for \$425,000. At this point there's no indication of what exactly will be built.

Mr. Thomas said the intent would be for commercial purposes, hopefully with development started before the end of the year.

A number of potential uses for the site set out

in the Town's Official Plan include a gas station or restaurant. But it's zoned future development, meaning no development can take place until a zoning amendment has been passed by town council, said Mel Iovio, Milton's director of planning and development.

He said future development is tagged on vacant sites the Town knows will be developed for future urban purposes. The applicant must prove a proposed use can fit with the surrounding area before any zoning amendment approval is to be granted, Mr. Iovio said.

He said he doesn't know who has bought the land and has only seen the 'sold' sign pitched on

the property.

The site used to be occupied by a house that had been empty for some time. The home's owner had wanted to move it as quickly as possible, but delays in getting the proper permits to truck it to a location on Peru Road, which falls in a flood plain, slowed things down. The house was eventually moved late last fall.

Concrete remnants, an asphalt driveway and a tree are all that remain.

Residents living around the site were thrilled when the house was finally moved.

For some, it was an eye-sore and a nuisance because it was a late-night hangout for kids. But

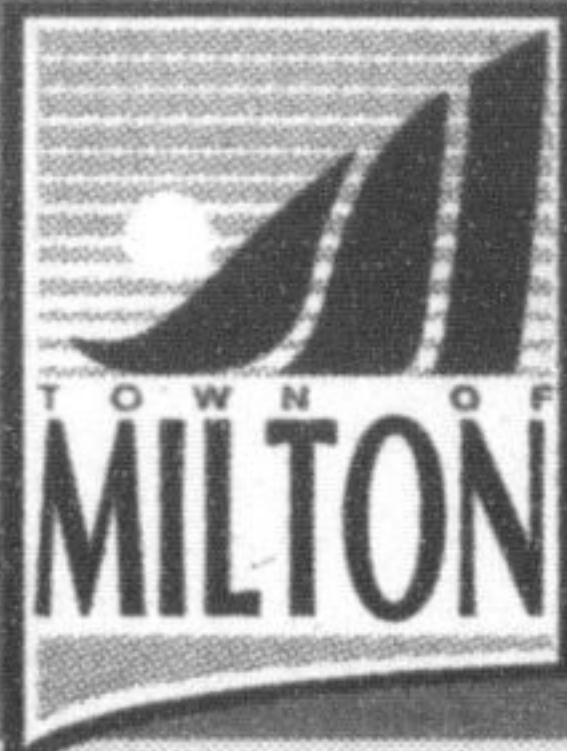
they were also nervous about what might become of the property.

Donna Brinkman, who lives a couple of doors south of the site, said it's an important entrance piece into the core.

She said she would like to see a family restaurant erected or perhaps a garden entrance, nicely landscaped with flowers and a waterfall feature to welcome people to Milton. "Maybe something where people can sit," she said.

It would be a nice fit, Ms Brinkman said, with the well-kept houses that line Martin Street.

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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Milton intends to close up and sell Second Avenue, Plan 181, PIN 24974-0078, in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton. This issue will come before the Administration and Planning Standing Committee on March 22, 2004.

This notice is provided pursuant to Section 268(3) of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and in accordance with Town of Milton Property Disposal By-law No. 34-95.

Further information with respect to the aforementioned Notice of Road Closure and Sale, may be obtained from the Law Clerk, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario (905) 878-7252, extension 2109.

Dated at the Town of Milton this 5th day of March, 2004.

Troy McHarg, Town Clerk
Town of Milton

The Town of Milton is now accepting applications for the 2004 MILTON COMMUNITY FUND

Application deadline: April 26, 2004

The Milton Community Fund was established to distribute a portion of the funds received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Mohawk location) for the benefit of the community.

Information Session

Attend an Information Session to find out more about this funding opportunity. Milton Community Fund guidelines and applications will be available at this session.

Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Milton Sports Centre, Banquet Hall
605 Santa Maria Blvd. (South entrance)

Agenda:

- Criteria for funding
- Changes for this year's program
- Helpful tips for completing your proposal
- Question period

Please RSVP to Denise Black:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

STREET RECONSTRUCTION WATERMAIN AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT (Williams Ave. from Parkway Dr. to Commercial St.)

The Town of Milton and the Region of Halton will be preparing the design for the reconstruction of Williams Avenue from Parkway Drive to Commercial Street. The proposed works will include new concrete curbs, new asphalt road surface and the installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The Region of Halton is proposing to replace the existing Watermain and Sanitary Sewer including the individual services respectively, within the above noted area as part of the joint project.

Residents are encouraged to attend and to meet with the project engineers and Town and Regional staff. This is an opportunity to express your views, discuss issues and to gain a better understanding of the design criteria and process.

This project is being designed in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule A, for Municipal Road Projects.

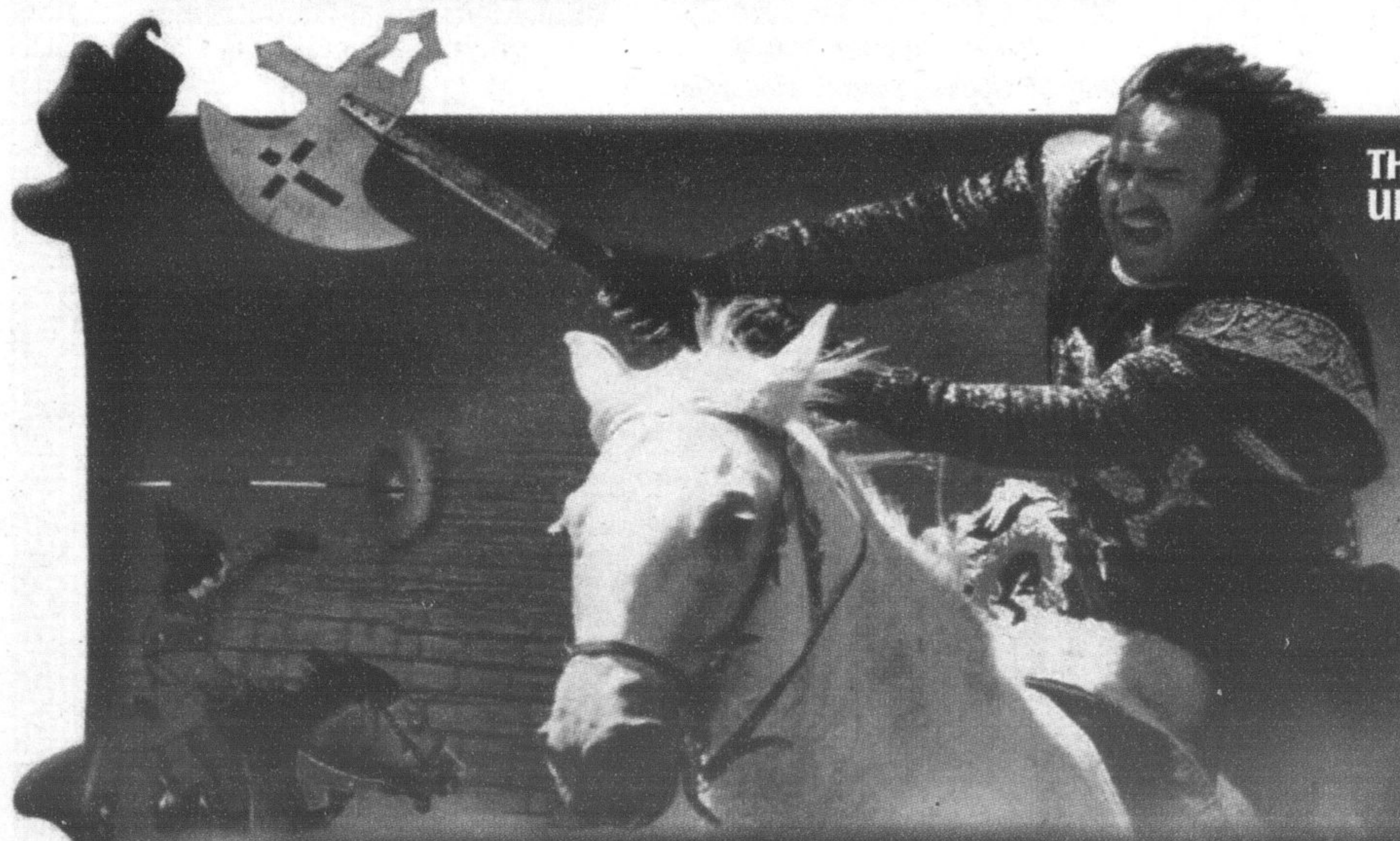
The construction of the proposed infrastructure improvements of Williams Avenue is currently planned for 2005.

Date: March 23, 2004
Location: Hugh Foster Hall
Presentation Time: 7:00 p.m.

A design proposal will be presented at a subsequent Public Information Centre that is tentatively scheduled for fall of 2004. This will afford the public the opportunity to view the design proposal(s) and provide comments prior to finalizing a design.

If you are unable to attend the Public Information Meeting and wish to obtain more information or provide written comments, please address your concerns to:

Rick Tipping Project Coordinator Engineering Services Dept. 43 Brown Street Milton, ON, L9T 5H2 Tel: 905-878-7252 ext 2513 Fax: 905-876-5029 Email: rick.tipping@milton.ca	Gary Tansley, P. Eng Project Manager Philips Engineering Ltd. 3215 North Service Road Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y2 Tel: 905-335-2353 Fax: 905-335-1414 Email: gtansley@philipseng.com	Brenda Kingsmill Design Supervisor Region of Halton 1151 Bronte Road Oakville, ON L6M 3L1 Tel: 1-866-442-5866 ext. 7622 Fax: 905-847-2192 Email: kingsmill@region.halton.on.ca
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