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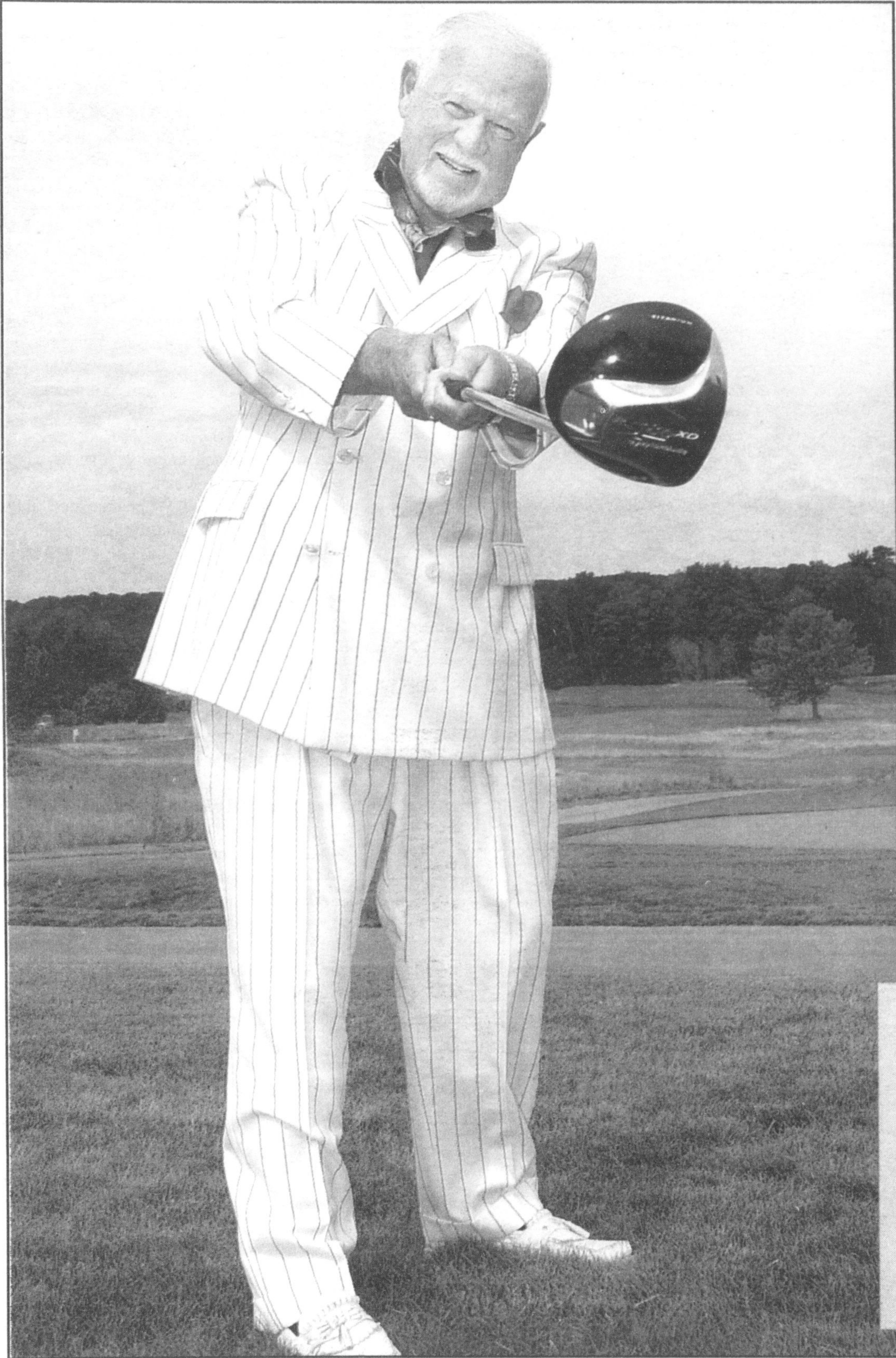


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Sherwood Survey passed by council

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Decisions made by town council Monday night will pave the way for almost 12,000 new homes to be built in Milton's south end, bringing about 35,000 more people to the area.

Council adopted the Sherwood Survey secondary plan and approved financial agreements with Phase 2A and 2B landowners in the survey area, covering about 5,000 acres primarily bounded by Hwy. 401, Tremaine Road, Regional Road 25 and the future Louis St. Laurent Avenue south of Derry Road.

The financial agreement allows the landowners to start building, while at the same time minimizes the financial burden additional infrastructure requirements can put on the town.

"This is a very important piece of business for this community," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

The Sherwood Survey is an urban expansion plan that began three years ago and deals with things like land use planning, environmental protection and transit and transportation designation.

A highlight of the survey area will be a massive community park proposed to have two baseball diamonds, four soccer fields,

a playground, splash pad, multi-purpose court and walking trails.

The financial agreement lays out the development charges and fees builders must pay to help construct things such as roads for the new subdivisions.

"This is a very major piece of financial business," said Town Treasurer and Director of Corporate Services Jim McQueen. "This is something that's with us for the next 20 years or so."

He said ground could break as soon as this fall in the Phase 2A and 2B areas to start installing underground servicing.

Developers will have to pay about \$8,299 for every single detached home in development charges and a general capital provision of \$1,750 per unit to help finance infrastructure not covered by the charges.

"This will lessen the impact on property taxes and assist in keeping debt capacity within policy limits," a report from Mr. McQueen said.

On top of that, the Town is using what is known as cash flow assistance to bring in an extra \$2,500 per unit to make up for the

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