

# Delegations last about six hours

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Hills," she said.  
After listening to delegations for about six hours, Regional Chair Joyce Savoline put forward a motion that she write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that when considering the Region's comments on the draft greenbelt plan, the provincial criteria be applied to determine the inclusion of the more than 4,000 acres.

The motion also stated that, "The Region of Halton emphasizes again, that prior to making a decision a full provincial public consultation process must be undertaken."

"At this point in time, I think that the issue rests with the provincial government," she said. "If I saw

value in rescinding this motion, I'd make that recommendation right here and now."

She added that to rescind the motion confuses things and, "We have to stick with the message."

But Burlington and Regional Councillor Mike Wallace said he thought out of respect for the Town of Halton Hills, the Region should indicate to the ministry that the 4,400 acres not be included.

"The chairman's motion is saying okay, we really don't want to touch this. I'm saying we should be taking a little more leadership at this table," he said.

Ms Savoline's motion lost on a tie, and Mr. Wallace then brought forward an amendment to her motion, adding that Halton Hills' position regarding the more than

4,000 acres be reviewed. This motion carried.

The greenbelt plan aims to create a permanent countryside in the Golden Horseshoe region, swathing through Halton. It would encompass the Niagara Escarpment Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and also protect natural abutting features, covering about 1.8-million acres from Niagara Falls to Peterborough.

The issue will go before regional council at its meeting Wednesday, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., in Oakville.

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# Steering committee to be formed

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outside of their municipality.

Board Chair and Milton Trustee Paul Tate is ecstatic by the government's announcement. He said he's in the process of writing a letter to the Minister of Education "congratulating him on how I think he got it right," particularly for separating the fact of having to close schools to free up dollars to build other schools.

While the specifics of how money will be distributed is still to come, Mr. Tate said he understands that decisions on building new

schools will be made on a case-by-case basis.

"My expectations are we're not going to have a problem with that," he said, noting the money would come when the property is bought, plans are drawn and shovels hit the ground.

He said an advertisement would hopefully go into local papers this week calling on volunteers to join a roughly 30-member accommodation steering committee that would be comprised of parents, trustees, educational staff, and business and municipal leaders.

The committee, initially struck

last fall to deal with school closures and consolidation, will set out how the board will determine value of a school to the students, the community, the school system and the local economy.

The goal is for the steering committee to start March 29.

Ms Chapin said she's concerned about the notion of developing a "rating scale" to determine the value of a school, and fears there's the potential of it becoming embroiled in politics.

"We've got some subjective criteria there and it seems there's a wide opportunity for unfairness."

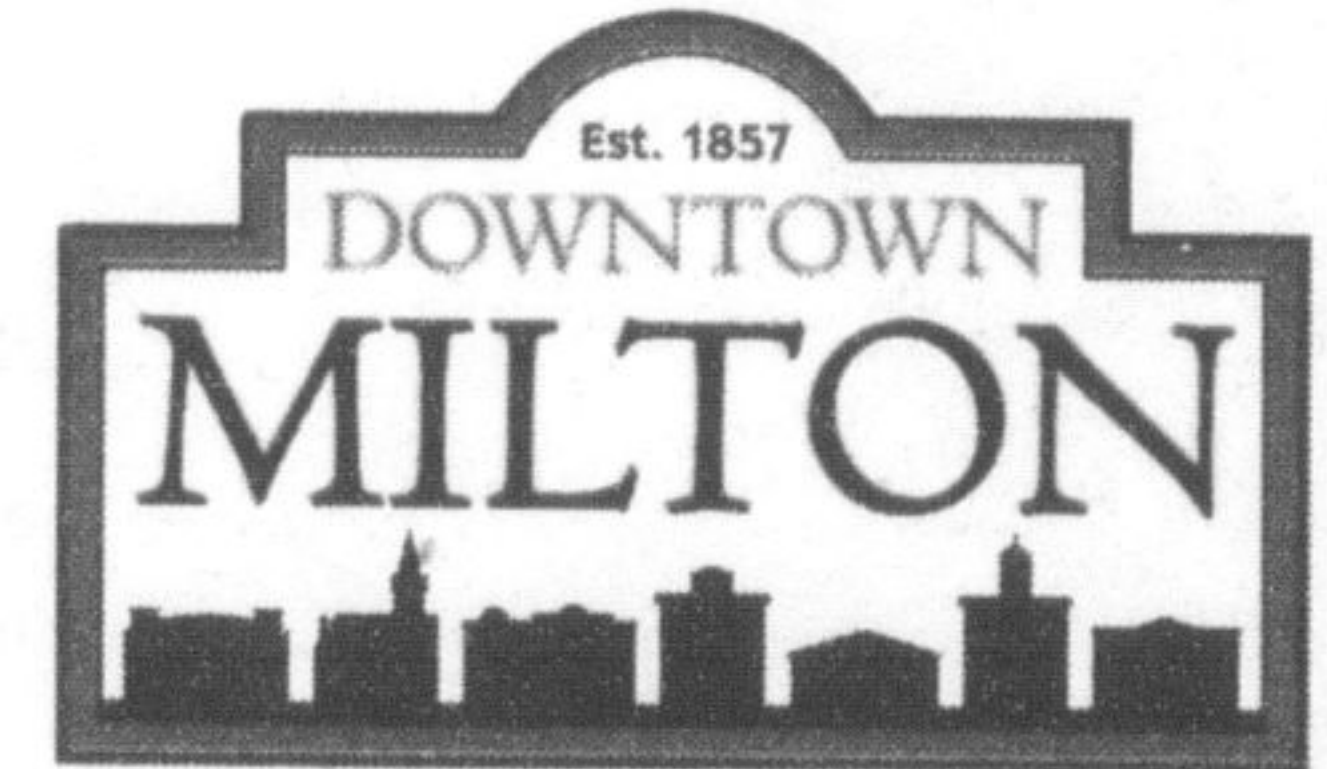
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