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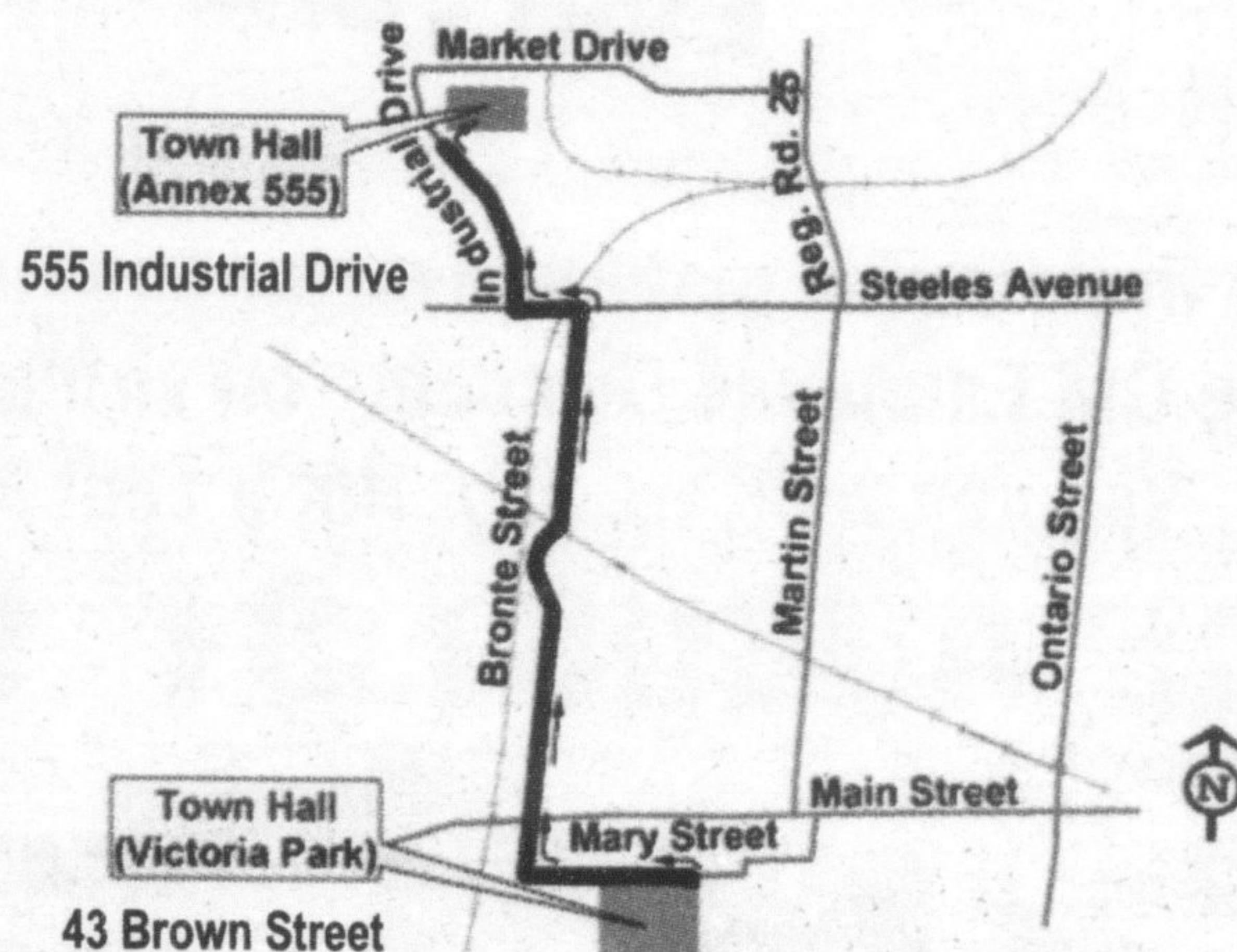
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## Town Hall Expansion

### Some Town services are relocating Aug 22 - 29, 2005

Renovations and expansion at Town Hall Victoria Park will begin in 2006. Some Town services are now relocating to Town Hall Annex 555. The historic Town Hall in downtown Milton will be known as Town Hall Victoria Park.



#### These departments will be moving on these dates:

- Engineering Services: Aug 22, 23
- Community Services: Aug 23, 24
- Planning & Development: Aug 26, 29

Executive Services and Corporate Services will remain at Town Hall Victoria Park.

During the move, we will do our best to provide uninterrupted service. However, we recommend that you call or visit the departments that are moving *before* or *after* their moving dates to ensure we can offer you more complete service.

#### Please note...

**Telephone service:** The Town of Milton phone number and all extension numbers will remain the same.

**Transit tickets:** Transit tickets will be available at Town Hall Victoria Park as well as at Town Hall Annex 555.

**Recreation program registration:** With registration beginning on August 26, we recommend that you visit the Milton Leisure Centre or Milton Sports Centre for in-person registration in August. In September, please visit the Community Services Department at Town Hall Annex 555 for in-person registration.

#### Additional information:

For details on which Town services will be available at Town Hall Victoria Park and Town Hall Annex 555, please visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) or call 905-878-7252, ext. 2187.

We appreciate your patience during this time of transition.

For more information on the Town Hall Expansion, please call 905-878-7252, ext. 2187 or visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca)



# MADD needs more cash, volunteers to keep going

By HOWARD MOZEL

Special to *The Champion*

If a lack of support from the community it serves was to force Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Halton-Peel to fold, say agency staff, that same community would be worse off for that failure to stand up and be counted.

While MADD is blessed with positive name recognition, a peerless reputation and a large part of the public's goodwill, the truth is the local chapter desperately needs money and volunteers if it's to survive as an effective defence against the horrors of impaired driving.

"If we weren't here tomorrow, what's our community going to learn? Nothing," said administrator Linda Brick. "We're struggling to serve our community, a community that wants MADD's help. Without us, more innocent people are going to die."

If MADD no longer existed, she continued, the anti-drunk driving message — which already falls on too many deaf ears — would be that much more silent. If MADD was gone, the host of programs it offers at the grassroots level would leave victims without advocacy and police forces without a valuable ally.

More shameful still, Ms Brick

added, young people hungry for good role models and ripe for learning responsible choices might make mistakes that cost them and others their lives.

"We would be missing an opportunity," said Ms Brick. "We need to have people step in and help with educational events. Right now we have to turn invitations down — we just can't get there."

While money is essential to carry out its mandate, of course, MADD Halton-Peel's first priority is to get more committed volunteers on board.

Without them, the agency simply hasn't enough bodies to adequately raise the funds that in turn allow it to make its presence known.

"We want people to join this group because it makes sense, not because they have to," said Ms Brick, explaining everyone — not just mothers — are welcome. "There are wonderful people out there who we hope will stop and think about volunteering 10 or 15 hours a month. They will feel very good at the end of the day."

Currently, the chapter serves two regions with a combined population of roughly 1.6 million people.

"How can five board members and one administrator who have

to wear 100 hats get the message out?" said former chapter president and current volunteer Stephanie Dooley. "We don't even have a fundraising person. Don't we have any leaders in our community?"

Also needed are a vice-president, youth advocate, public relations representative and more. The current president's term expires in December.

Even if MADD Halton-Peel had a board of 12 members, more work could be accomplished, said Ms Brick, but that brings the conversation back around to money. A charity golf tournament would be wonderful, she continued, but with the day-to-day demands of running the chapter, there's no one left with the time to organize one.

Despite a paltry annual budget of about \$50,000 (not even half of that has been raised so far this year) Ms Brick maintained that MADD Halton-Peel continues to press forward, substituting numbers and dollars with current members' raw passion.

"Our chapter is doing a dynamite job," she said. "We probably do better than any chapter across Canada with what we have. We do wonderful work here, but it's the same people doing the work."

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