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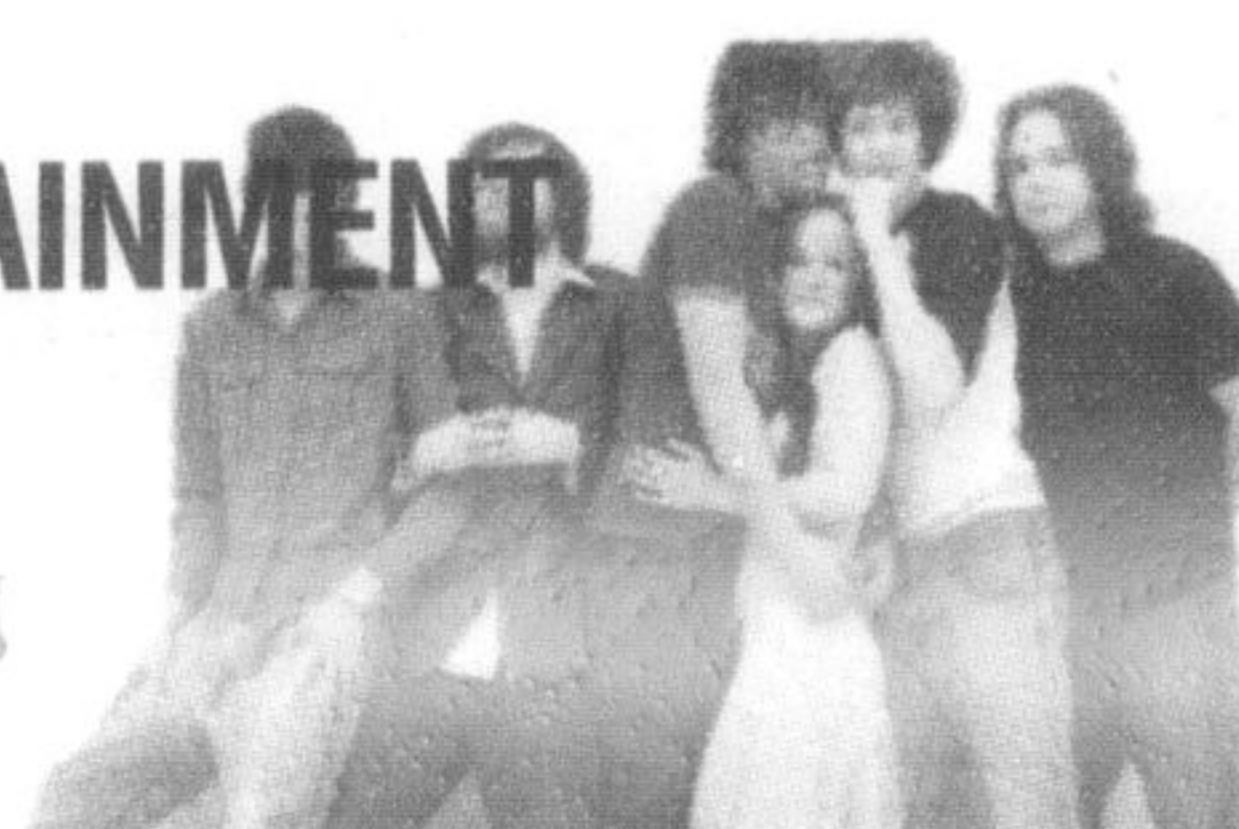
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## Diggin' it

Students from Chris Hadfield School break ground Wednesday for a new public elementary school to be built on Costigan Road. Here, digging in are grade 1 to 5 students (from left) Tyler Weese, Zachery Weese, Brock Corbett, Shelby Corbett and Paige Cox. Construction of the school will begin immediately, with the official opening anticipated for September, 2006.

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## Residents complain Town Hall design is too modern for the neighbourhood

By MELANIE HENNESSEY

The Champion

Local residents have sent a loud and clear message to the Town — they don't like the proposed design for the Town Hall expansion and want it sent back to the drawing board.

These citizens voiced their opposition at an open house on the project late last week, where the concept for the potential 50,000-square-foot addition was put forward by The Ventin Group, the firm the Town hired to design the expansion.

And, their concerns aren't going unheard, since

the Town is now postponing going to council with a recommended design to give the architect team a chance to revisit and further develop it.

The schematic design, which is available on the Town's Web site at www.milton.ca, shows a more modern looking two-storey stone building with many windows.

It's this more updated look that displeased several people at the session, like Hugh Street resident Sue Leeder, whose house would be facing the expansion.

"That looks like a Wal-Mart with windows. It just looks horrendous," she said. "It's all modern. It's absolutely ridiculous that they think this is appropriate for this neighbourhood or the town."

'Modern' was also the word that came to mind for fellow Miltonian Colin Best.

"This is going to overwhelm the neighbourhood," he remarked, noting he thinks the proposal is a totally different style of building than the existing Town Hall.

He added that he doesn't think all of the Town's departments necessarily have to be located at Town Hall. He suggested the existing building could be kept as a legislative and administrative building, while other departments could locate elsewhere in town.

"They're just trying to pack everybody in this (expansion) and it's just not fitting," he said.

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