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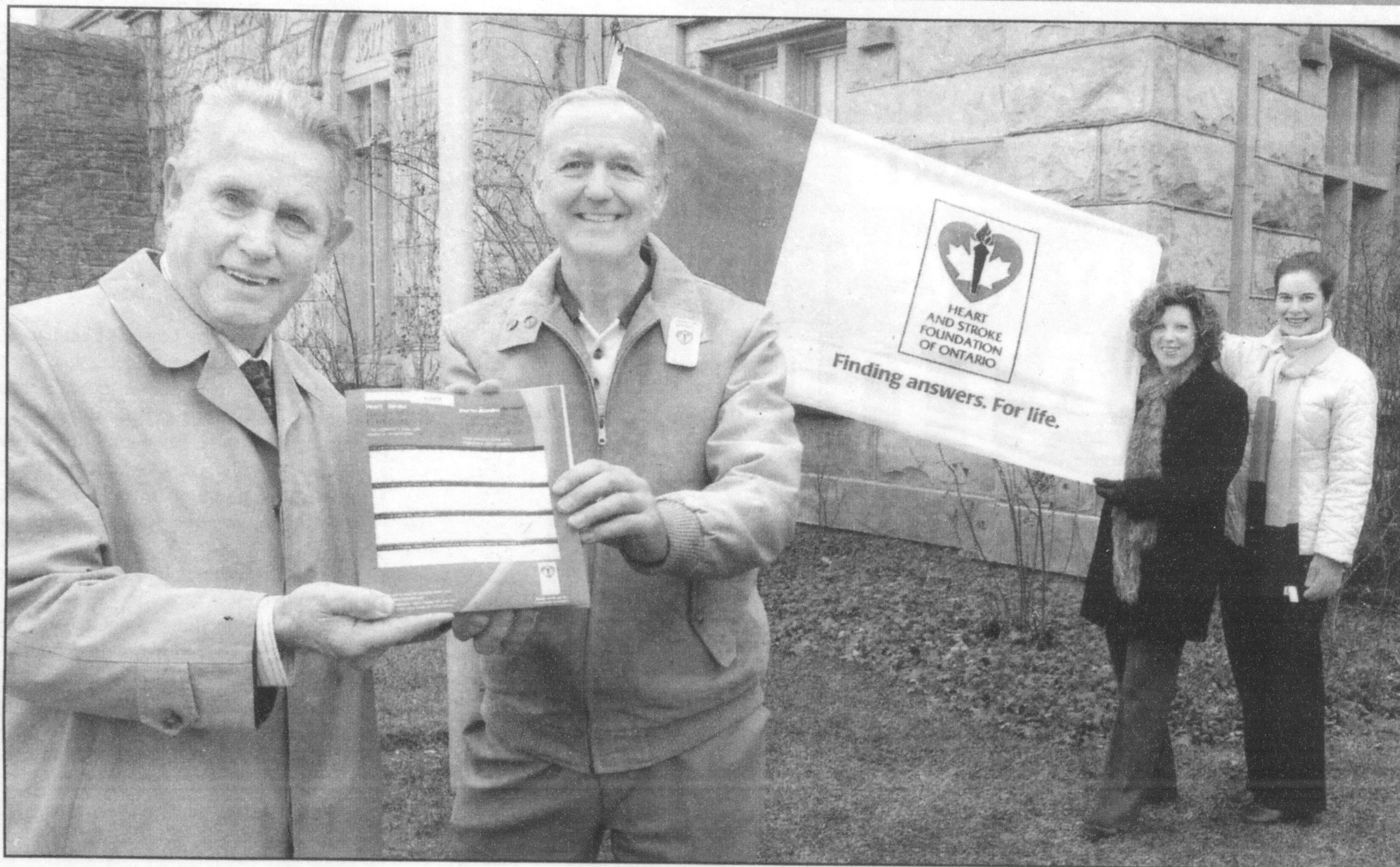
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## Lots of heart

Mayor Gord Krantz (left) and Heart and Stroke Foundation volunteer area captain Henk Bos show a canvassing kit while Halton area manager Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson (left) and the organization's Milton council president Renata Cvitkovic look on. It's Heart Month and Miltonians can expect a canvasser at their doors. Local businesses are contributing as well. Among the fundraisers, the LCBO has declared tomorrow Heart and Stroke Foundation Blitz Day where volunteers will collect donations in exchange for 'Get Stroke Smart' cards outside the liquor store. The goal is to raise \$130,000.

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### Controversial Town Hall expansion

# Council endorses revised design

By MELANIE HENNESSEY  
The Champion

A schematic design for the much-discussed and often controversial Town Hall expansion was given the thumbs up by Milton council Monday night despite two residents' requests not to do so.

Plans for the 50,000-square-foot addition — which have been revised in response to the public's complaints that it looked too modern — were presented for council's endorsement by architects The Ventin Group.

While councillors voiced their support for the

approximate \$19-million project, local resident Agostino Galioto called on them to put the Town Hall expansion on the ballot in this fall's municipal election so that residents can vote on it.

He dubbed the addition "a big mistake" and questioned how council could make an informed decision on the matter until a list of itemized costs is on the table.

Milton citizen Bob Beyette also appealed to council to put the project on hold until the town's population, in his view, better warrants the expansion and can more easily absorb its associated costs.

"Until we have the growth level and the tax base that actually warrants this expansion, might we not

identify and harness all other available space options?" he asked.

"I'm asking council to consider this slow-down approach before we give too much 'green light' to this very important but still futuristic expansion initiative."

The Town held four public feedback sessions before bringing the design to council — meetings that were well attended and saw residents voice their strong and often critical thoughts on the project.

"Your community is very demanding," Paul Sapounzi of The Ventin Group told council, explaining residents want a high-quality addition • see HOMES on page A16

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