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Councillors have mixed views

 from COUNCIL on page A3 Niagara Escarpment Commission for a reason.

"I am sure Milton has plenty of land already designated for building and expansion without this," he said.

Main Street West resident Colin Best raised a variety of concerns about the development plans, such as the possible impact a train derailment could have on the homes, since they'd be located near train tracks.

He said he thinks a derailment "would wipe out some townhouses."

But Ward 4 Councillor John Challinor disputed Best. "Nobody in the community has ever been at risk because of the railway."

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau asked Best what he thought the ideal use for the land would be, to which he responded that the town has a dire need for cemetery space.

Councillors at the committee meeting went on to express a mix of views on the topic.

Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau said she's not in favour of the staff recommendation to support the concept plan, noting she feels there's already enough land in the Town's designated urban boundaries to build homes on. "We have an opportunity to protect greenspace. We should protect it."

the property, explaining that rehabilitation of the site is desperately needed. "We do need this housing form and lot size to complete a true housing mix. We don't want to be a one-house

Meanwhile, Challinor deemed the 298 homes proposed as "too high."

"I'm not happy with this number," he said.

He also noted he doesn't want another level of government determining how the community is going to develop.

But, Challinor also had

something positive to say about the subdivision, explaining he thinks the larger lot sizes that've been proposed are quite appropriate for that side of the community.

He also said that to think there'll never be development on the land is naïve.

Wards 1 and 3 Councillor Barry Lee said while the Town Lunau said she supports may not get much of what it "some sort of development" on wants in the development from the board, he pointed out if the Town doesn't go to the hearing it'll get nothing that it's looking for. "I think it would be wrong not to support this and be absent."

> In the end, the committee deferred the matter so that staff can negotiate the concept plan further with the developer.

> The Central Milton Holdings joint board hearing is scheduled to resume July 4 at 10 a.m. in Milton Council Chambers.

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MADD group holding multimedia contest

Calling all youth who excel in the video and audio fields.

The Halton/Peel chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) are holding a multimedia contest with cash prizes for those 24 years old and younger.

Participants are asked to create an educational tool that can be used by MADD Canada to emphasize the important message of drinking responsibly to youth across the country.

Entries must focus on the goal of harm reduction amongst youth.

The categories to enter in are: short film/presentation (60 seconds to 30 minutes), audio public service announcement (15 to 60 seconds) and multimedia public service announcement (15 to 60 seconds).

Submissions will be judged on creativity, originality, impact and overall contribution to the

mission of MADD Canada. The deadline for entries is May 1.

Prizes of \$100 to \$500 will be awarded in three age groups: under 14, 14 to 17 years old and 18 to 24 years old.

Entries will also be published on the MADD national Web site and distributed to chapters for public education campaigns.

For more information, visit http://www.madd.ca/english/yo uth/mm.html.



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