

American-trained physician opens practice in Milton

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A new family physician has located in Milton and is still accepting new patients, helping alleviate the community's doctor shortage.

Dr. George Gleisner recently joined Dr. Nav Dhiraj at the Hawthorne Village Medical Centre on Derry Road.

The American-trained physician was working in Florida, but rising practice costs and increases in litigation against doctors motivated him to come to Canada.

"I think it's a better lifestyle up here," he commented.

The 40-year-old got his start as a doctor in the province through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's (CPSO) Registration Through Practice Assessment Program.

The initiative thoroughly assesses physicians and then grants those who are qualified certificates of registration to practise in the province with an agreement to work in an under-serviced area for five years.

"It's one way they're (CPSO) trying to address the physician shortage," Dr. Gleisner said.

While he was trained as an internist and dealt primarily with adults while working in the United States, Dr. Gleisner pointed out that he's now broadening his services and prac-

tising as a general practitioner — something he said he's enjoying.

"I'm seeing lots of younger folks," he said. "It offers more variety."

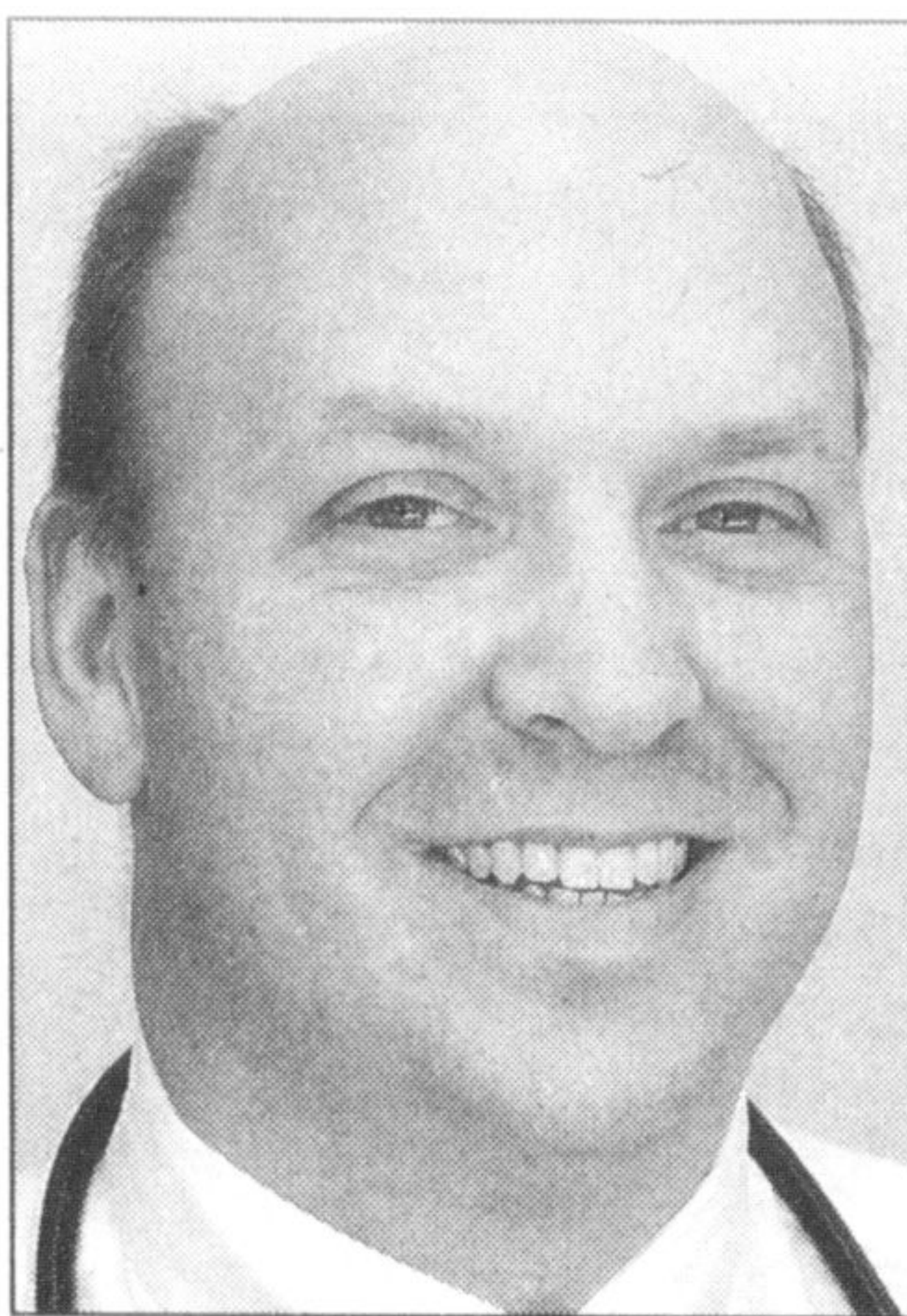
Although he may be a newcomer to Ontario, Dr. Gleisner said he's familiar with the area because his wife's family lives in Mississauga, which is where he now resides.

Milton still short

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care still deems Milton under-serviced by three physicians.

While the 'under-serviced' designation may sound like a negative thing, it actually comes with some perks. Family physicians that agree to practice in under-serviced areas for two years or more can receive up to \$40,000 in free tuition from the Province.

But the interesting thing about Milton, said Halton Physician Recruitment Co-ordinator Angela Sugden-



Dr. George Gleisner

Praysner, is that the under-serviced designation of three doctors is based on Milton's 2004 population — a number that has since grown by the thousands with the development boom.

Sugden-Praysner said when the next application regarding Milton's under-serviced designation is made to the Ministry of Health, she expects the town will be deemed short another six physicians based on the new population.

On a more positive note, she said there are currently two doctors who've expressed serious interest in practising in Milton.

Those who are 12 or older looking for a doctor can reach Dr. Gleisner at (905) 878-0676.

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Local doctors in video

A group of Milton doctors and health-care professionals are featured in a new video the Province is using to inform others about Family Health Teams.

The six-minute program involves local patients and Dr. Garnet Maley, Dr. Kin Chung, nurse practitioner Christine Gignac and mental health worker Erica White — members of Milton's Prime Care Family Health Team that was set up last year to improve local residents' access to health care.

"The video is an educational program that's going to be distributed to Family Health Teams throughout the province and other interested parties," Dr. Maley explained.

He noted the Ontario government will also use the video in discussions with other provinces.

The Province plans to extend the video to 30 minutes later this year.

Family Health Teams provide access to comprehensive health care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. After hours a registered nurse is available through the Telephone Health Advisory Service. By 2007-2008, 150 teams throughout Ontario will be established to bring better health care to 2.5 million Ontarians.

Notice of Commencement.

HALTON HILLS GENERATING STATION

TransCanada Energy Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation has commenced planning for a new energy generation facility - the Halton Hills Generating Station - in the 401 industrial corridor in the Town of Halton Hills on a site located between Highway 401 and Steeles Avenue west of 6th Line on undeveloped, industrial lands in the Town of Halton Hills.

This project is being developed in response to the Ontario Power Authority's planned procurement for new generation in the Greater Toronto Area West of Toronto - Request for Proposals No.: GTA-Trafalgar-RFP-2006 Issued: April 28, 2006.

TransCanada will be submitting a proposal to develop a 680 mega-watt natural gas fuelled, combined cycle power plant. If the Ontario Power Authority selects this proposal, and the project achieves all approvals the project will be constructed.

The proposed project will use state-of-the-art low emission, high efficiency technology.

The Halton Hills Generating Station is subject to the Environmental Screening Process for electricity projects as outlined in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects." (March 2001)

This notice has been issued to advise the public, other stakeholders and government agencies of TransCanada's proposal and the commencement of the Environmental Screening Process.

TransCanada is committed to engaging and consulting with the public and other stakeholder groups throughout the development of the project. The consultation and engagement process will seek community input regarding local environmental and socio-economic conditions, facility design plans, anticipated project benefits and impacts and impact management plans.

Project Open House

We invite you to attend the first proposed Halton Hills Generating Station project open house to be held: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006, 4:30pm - 8:30pm, with a small presentation at 6:45pm, at the Pineview Public School on 13074 Fifth Side Road.**

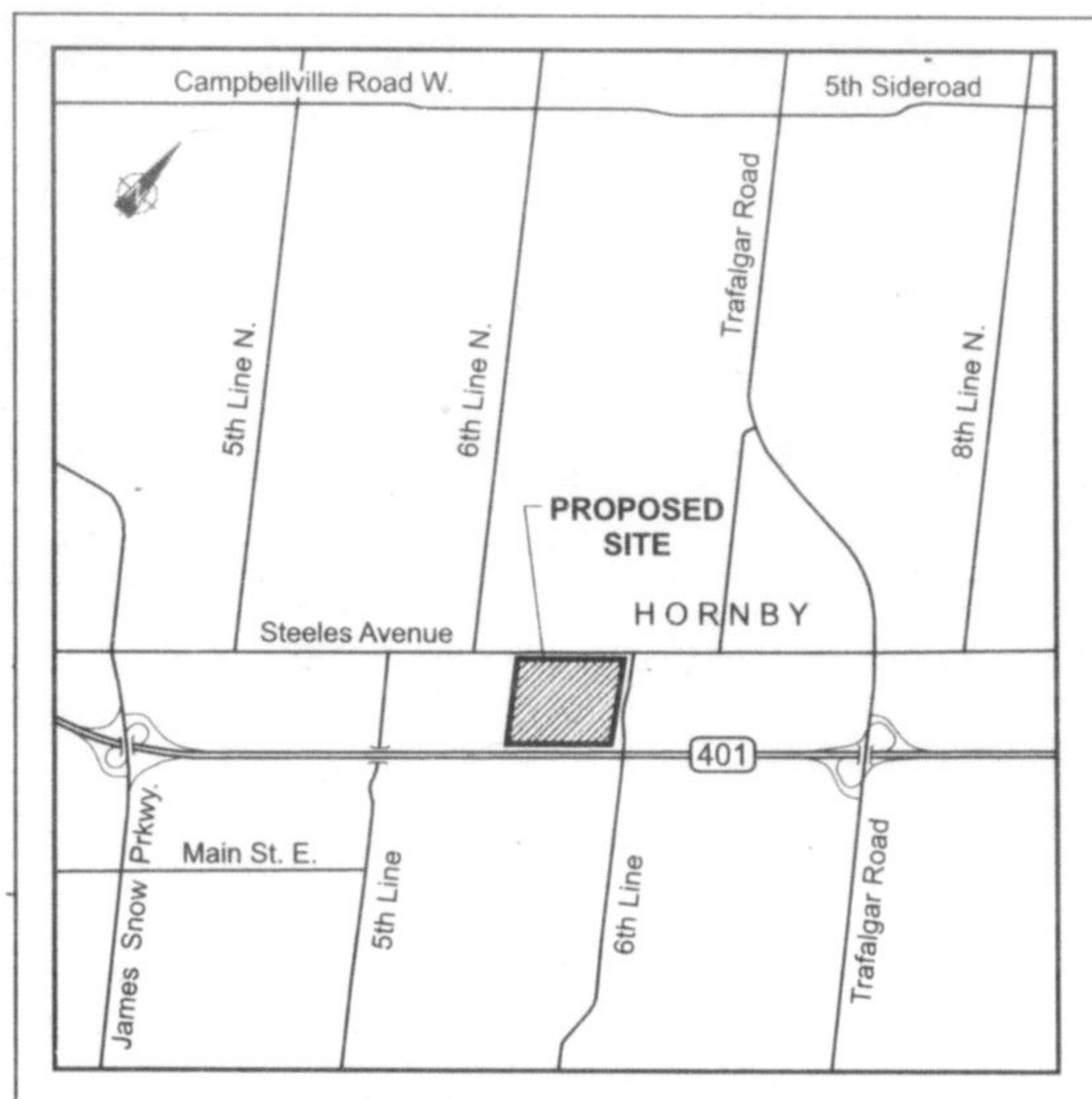
Should you not be able to attend the Open House or would like further information, please direct your inquiries, comments or requests for further information regarding the project to:

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