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A DIFFERENT KIND OF TURF: Toronto Argonaut linebacker and Milton resident Mike O'Shea blasts a shot out of the bunker on the 15th green during Monday's Toronto Argonauts Charity Golf Tournament at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club. Proceeds from the event went to The Argos Foundation — Stop the Violence.

Regional councillor wants development to be slowed down

Ron Furik says he plans to make motion at council

By Melanie Hennessey
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A Milton councillor is calling for development to be slowed down so that local roads can "catch up."

Wards 2 and 4 Town and Regional Councillor Ron Furik made the suggestion at Monday night's town council meeting and said he intends to soon bring forward a motion to that effect.

He said he wants to see the Town work in concert with the Region to slow the rate of Milton's growth, giving the road system time to be brought up to speed.

"Traffic is really starting to back up. I'm frustrated that we're so far behind," he told The Champion.

He noted that he hears complaints from new residents, some of who aren't in his wards, about the local traffic situation.

Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day, who's long been against the rapid development happening in Milton, commended Furik for bringing the topic up and urged him to carry on with his plans for a motion.

Meanwhile, Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau said she wouldn't want council to take a position on slowing down growth until it knows all of the options and consequences of such an action.

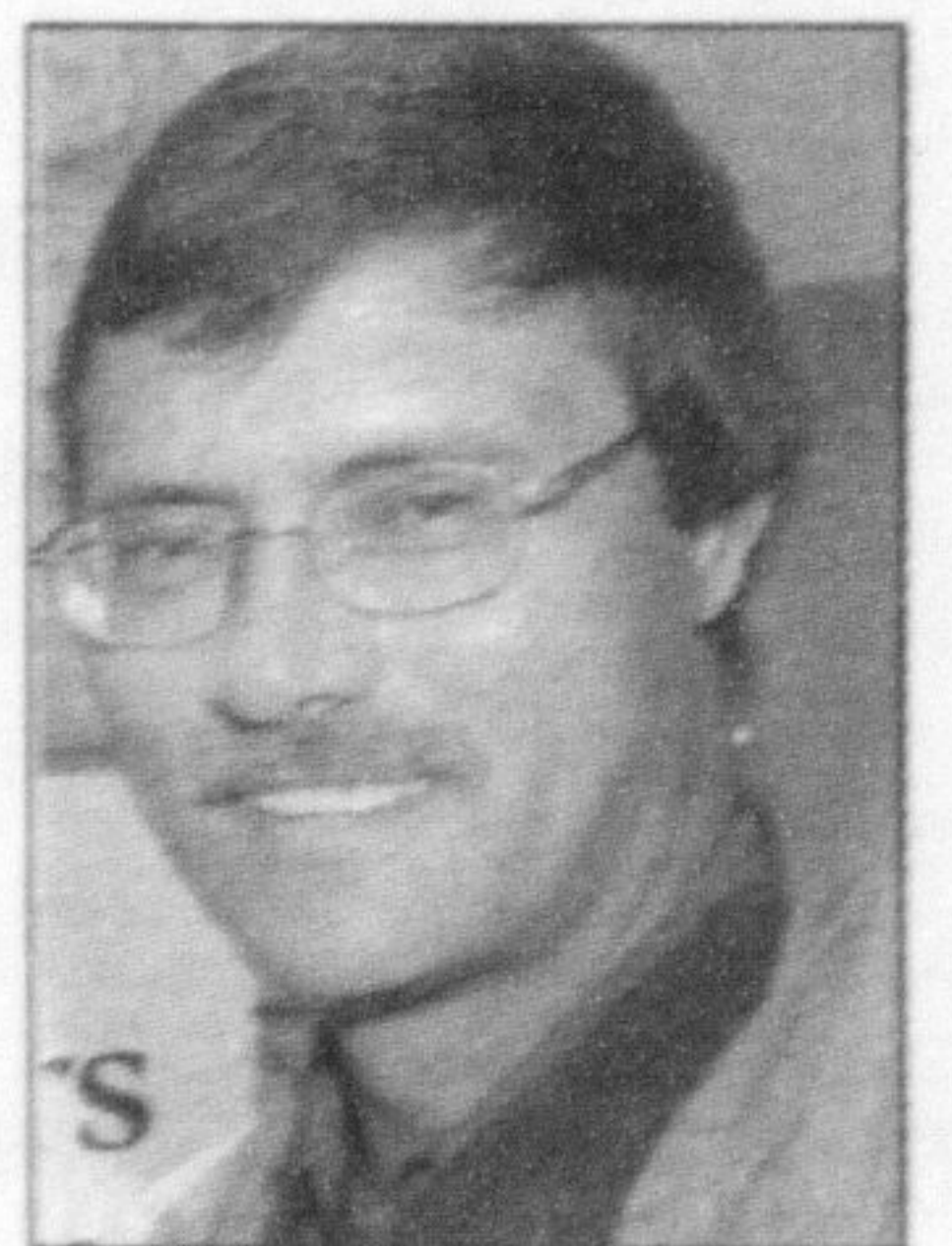
Furik agreed he'd want any decision to be mindful of financial obligations the Town has. He said he'd like to see a report from staff regarding that before proceeding with the motion.

Many local residents have been calling for the Town to put the brakes on development until local roads can handle the extra traffic.

In an effort to help the situation, the Town and Region have struck a deal with Mattamy Homes to have it front funds to advance some road construction projects.

The \$29 million initiative means construction timelines for major thoroughfares like Derry and Thompson roads will be bumped up.

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Ron Furik

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