Open house on leash-free park held later this week

Milton's new leash-free dog park will be the topic of the night at a community open house Thursday.

Local residents will be able to review and comment on proposed concept plans for the park during the session that'll run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Milton Leisure Centre.

Town council recently approved using a

two-acre parcel of land, located west of park. Fourth Line, north of Derry Road and south of the train tracks, as a pilot site for the dog

The initiative comes about a year after a group of local residents - now known as Residents for Off-Leash Opportunities, or ROLO - petitioned the Town for such a

ROLO will be responsible for fundraising for the park's ongoing development and operation and picking up garbage at the site.

Meanwhile, the Town will design the park and provide the land and initial funding for things like fencing and park furniture. Construction is expected to get underway

Those who can't attend the open house can check out the Town's Web site, www.milton.ca, for concept plans and comment forms starting Friday.

For a map showing the park location and additional information, visit the above Web site or call (905) 878-7252, ext. 2211.



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Parks and Trails

Public Consultations in September

Trails Master Plan Update Study Public Display of Background Materials

Monday, Sept. 11 - Friday, Sept. 22, 2006

- Town Hall Victoria Park 43 Brown Street, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., weekdays
- Milton Leisure Centre 1100 Main Street East Weekends: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Weekdays: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Town website

The Town of Milton recently initiated a study to revisit the Trails Master Plan (2001). This study update presents an opportunity to revisit the Town's strategy for supporting and encouraging walking and cycling. A key component of the study is to further develop the existing pedestrian and cycling network.

Another key component of the Trails Master Plan Update Study includes the development of an open space management plan for natural areas associated with the Jaycee Trail near the Mill Pond. Some of the primary goals of this management plan include ensuring trails are well connected to the town-wide trail system (existing and future), and that natural and cultural resources, such as forested blocks, are appropriately managed.

The purpose of this display is to introduce the goals and objectives of the study, provide details on the process that will be undertaken, and to encourage input and participation in the Trails Master Plan Update Study. The display will consist of six presentation boards, including the existing Trails Master Plan and study area for the Jaycee Trail Open Space Plan. Comment sheets will also be available at the display and on the Town website.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the following project representatives:

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Off-leash Dog Park Community Open House

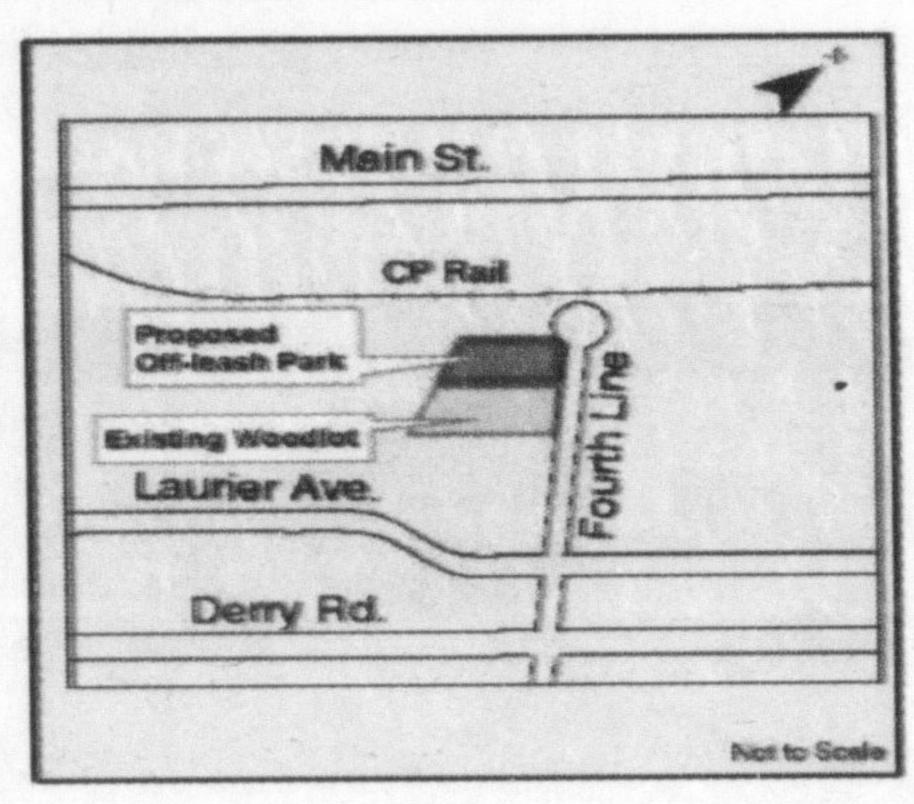
Thursday September 14, 2006

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Milton Leisure Centre, 1100 Main St. East

Attend this session to view and provide input on the proposed concept plans for this park.

Plans and comment sheets will also be available on the Town website as of September 15.

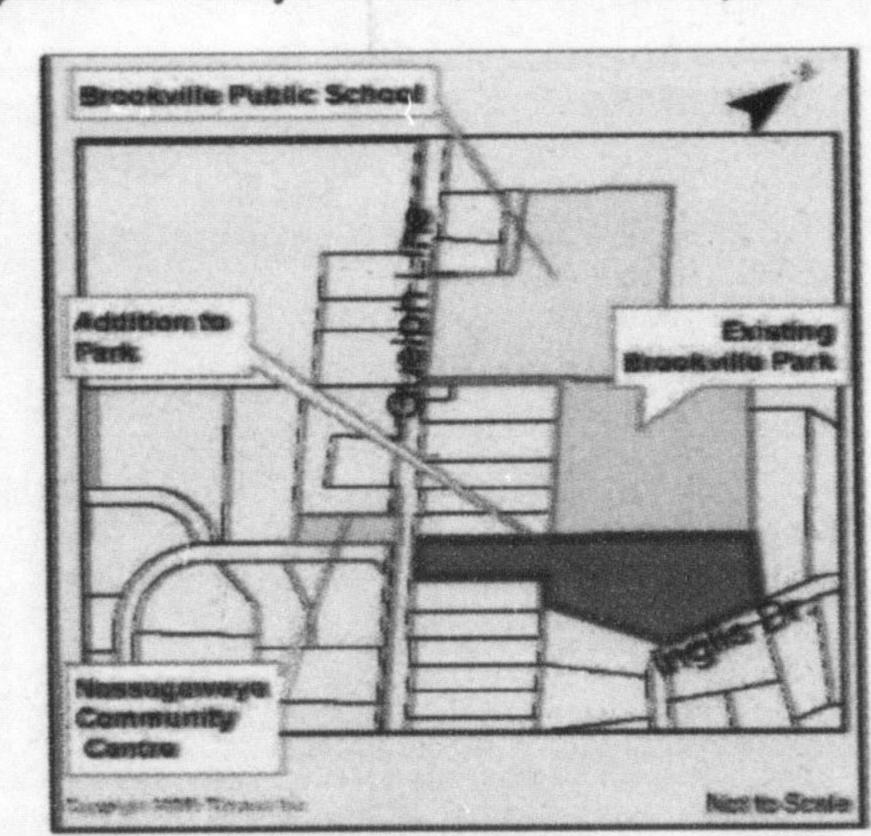
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Brookville Park Expansion Community Open House #2

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Drop-in: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m Presentation: 7:00 p.m. Nassagaweya Community Centre, 11264 Guelph Line, Brookville



Since the first open house in February of this year, the Town has acquired another parcel of land to add onto this park expansion project. Join us to view and provide your comments on three unifying park concepts that are a result of the feedback received from the community so far. Your input will help shape a preferred option. Park concepts and comment forms will be also available on the Town website as of September 21. For more information, call 905-878-7252, ext. 2211.