Milton getting 1 more director on CH board in Feb.

Milton will have a bigger say on Conservation Halton's (CH) board of directors now that it's entitled to one more representative.

At a recent meeting, members passed a resolution that membership entitlement for all municipalities be based on updated population statistics.

A CH report stated that means Milton will have three members on the board of directors, up from two, effective February 22 at its inaugural meeting.

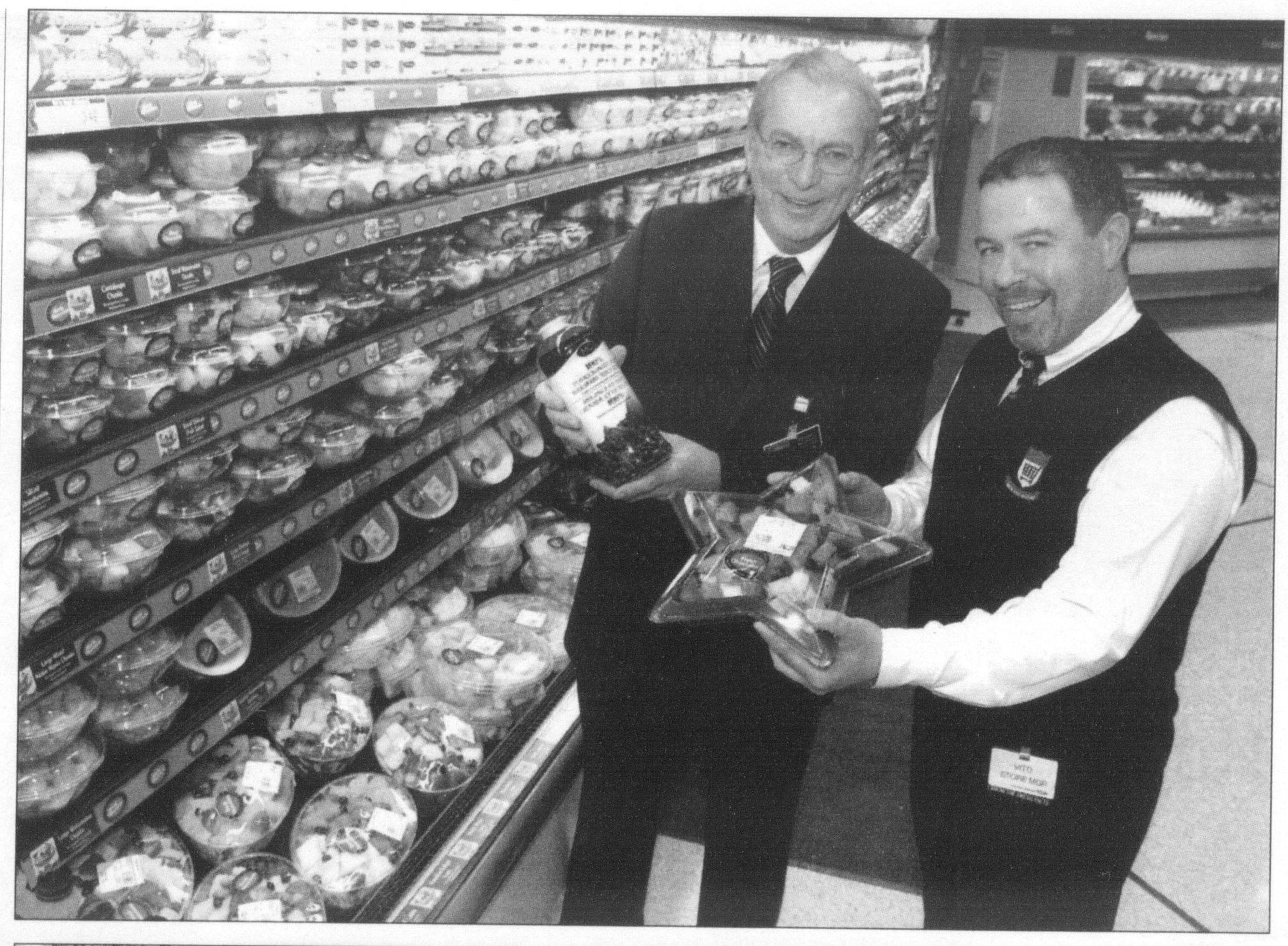
CH will have a total of 18 members, up from 17.

Milton is the only municipality on the board to have its number of representatives changed. The updated information, provided by the Town of Milton, reflects that 85 per cent of the town's population — 51,000 people — falls within CH's watershed.

Milton's total population is 60,000. It won't be entitled to a fourth member until its population exceeds 100,000.

Halton has a total of 13 representatives on the board now — three from Milton, four from Burlington, two from Halton Hills and four from Oakville.



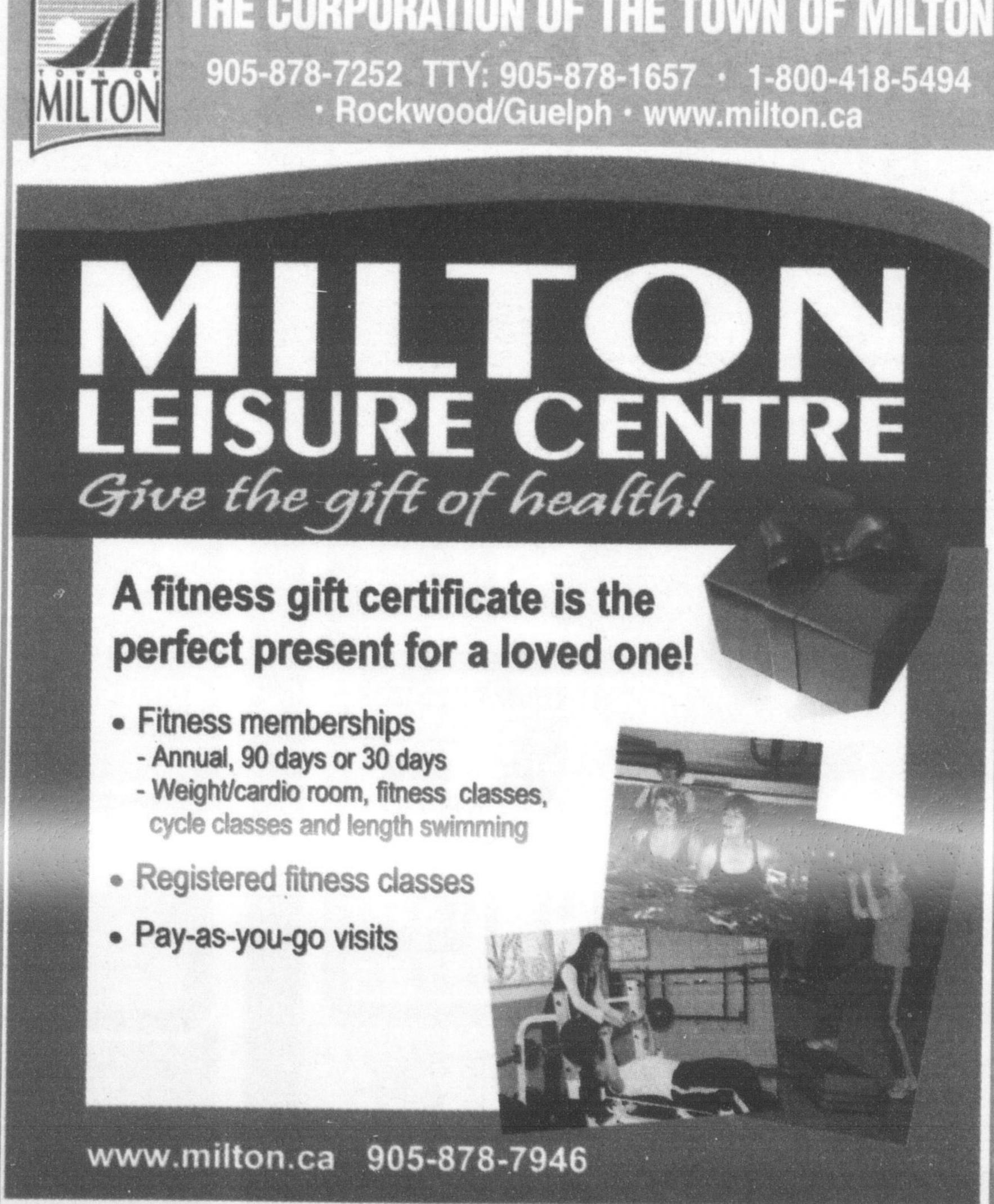




OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Above, A&P vice-president of conventional operations Vince Bertrand (left) joins store manager Vito Mangiapane in the fresh produce section during Wednesday's opening of the new store at Kennedy Circle, off Thompson Road. At left, students from the Hawthorne Village Public School choir perform a rendition of O Canada at the opening.

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Dog muzzle case closed

An application to have a dog muzzled the rest of its life was abandoned yesterday after court was told the canine had been put to sleep.

Prosecutor Harold Watson said at Milton Provincial Offences Court that Frank and Dianne Thiele had decided to euthanize their three-year-old German shepherd, Brandy.

They sent him a copy of the death certificate.

Brandy had attacked a cockapoo named Abbey in Sinclair Park last September while both dogs were being walked off-leash.

Abbey sustained extensive injuries, including deep puncture wounds on her left leg.

The Thieles had appealed an interim muzzle order after the incident, but the Town's administration and planning committee had denied the request.

An animal control officer from the Oakville Humane Society had told the committee Brandy had behavioural issues toward other dogs.

Frank Thiele had said the large canine was gentle and that he didn't think a muzzle was warranted.