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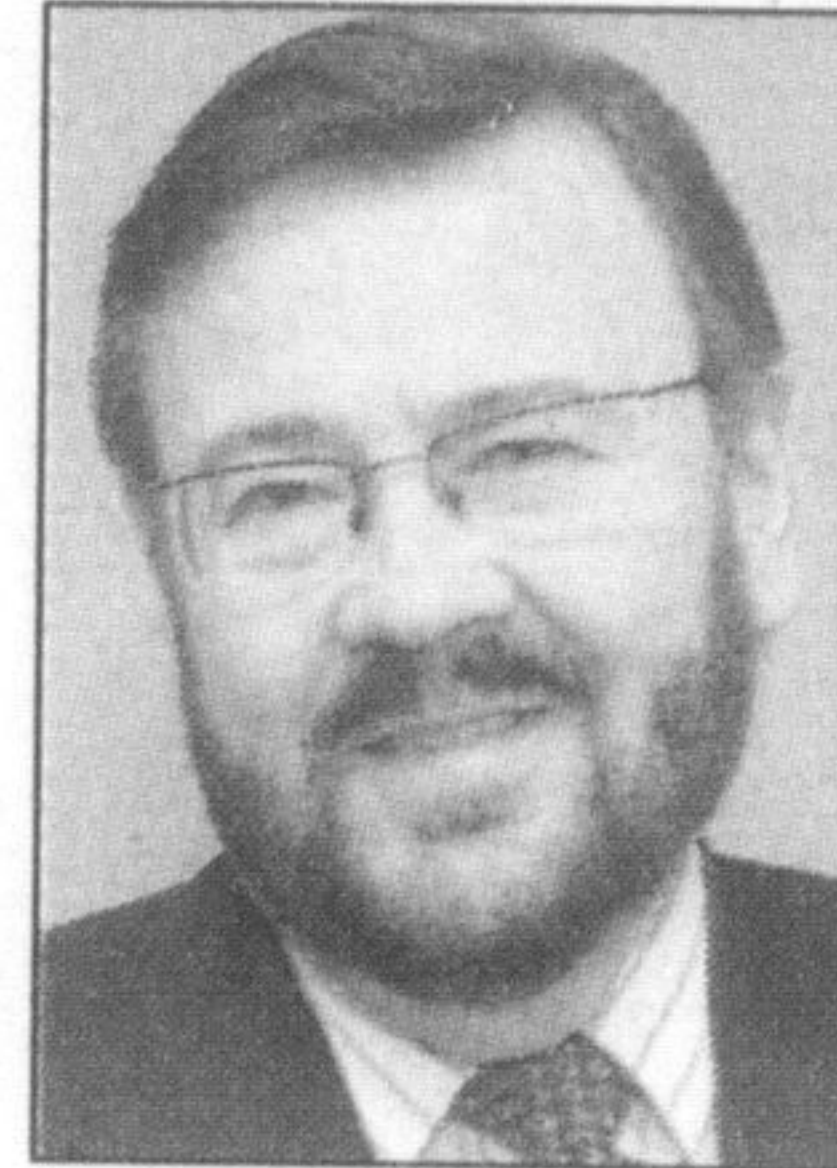
Turner top performing MP, says Politics Watch

Outspoken Halton politician Garth Turner has been named the top performing MP by the Ottawa-based organization Politics Watch.

Of the 308 politicians in the House of Commons, Turner was cited as the top performer in a year-end review that also picked Finance Minister Jim

Flaherty as the best performer in the Stephen Harper cabinet.

Regarding Turner, Politics Watch stated, "Love him or hate him, Garth Turner has made his mark in Ottawa this year. In addition to getting booted out of the Tory caucus, Turner has been a leading advocate of democratic reform and income-splitting."



Garth Turner

Turner spearheaded the movement in the House of Commons to have the tax rules changed so two million retired Canadian couples could split pension income between them, reducing income taxes. The government agreed to do that on October 31, and the change takes effect next week.

Currently Turner is leading parlia-

mentarians in a drive to extend income-splitting to all Canadian families — something that would allow spouses to share income for tax purposes, ending what he said is an unfair tax disparity between single-income and dual-income families. He's hosting a national conference on income-splitting January 30 on Parliament Hill.

Politics Watch went on to praise Turner for his communications, saying his on-line blog at www.garth.ca has become a must-read for press gallery reporters.

"It certainly is gratifying being singled out like this, since the main themes I promised voters in the last election were middle class tax breaks and an MP they could count on to listen, respond and always be in touch," said Turner. "Canadians are very tired of electing people who seem to disappear, so I hope in a small way I can set a new standard for MPs who are always available and accessible."

Another part of James Snow Pkwy. construction underway

The Region recently kicked off construction on another part of James Snow Parkway, this time on the stretch between Derry Road and Main Street.

The section will be built as a four-lane road and will be aligned to go under the railway bridge that was completed as part of phase two of the project in October. One lane in each direction will be open to traffic by late summer, with all four lanes slated for completion by the end of November.

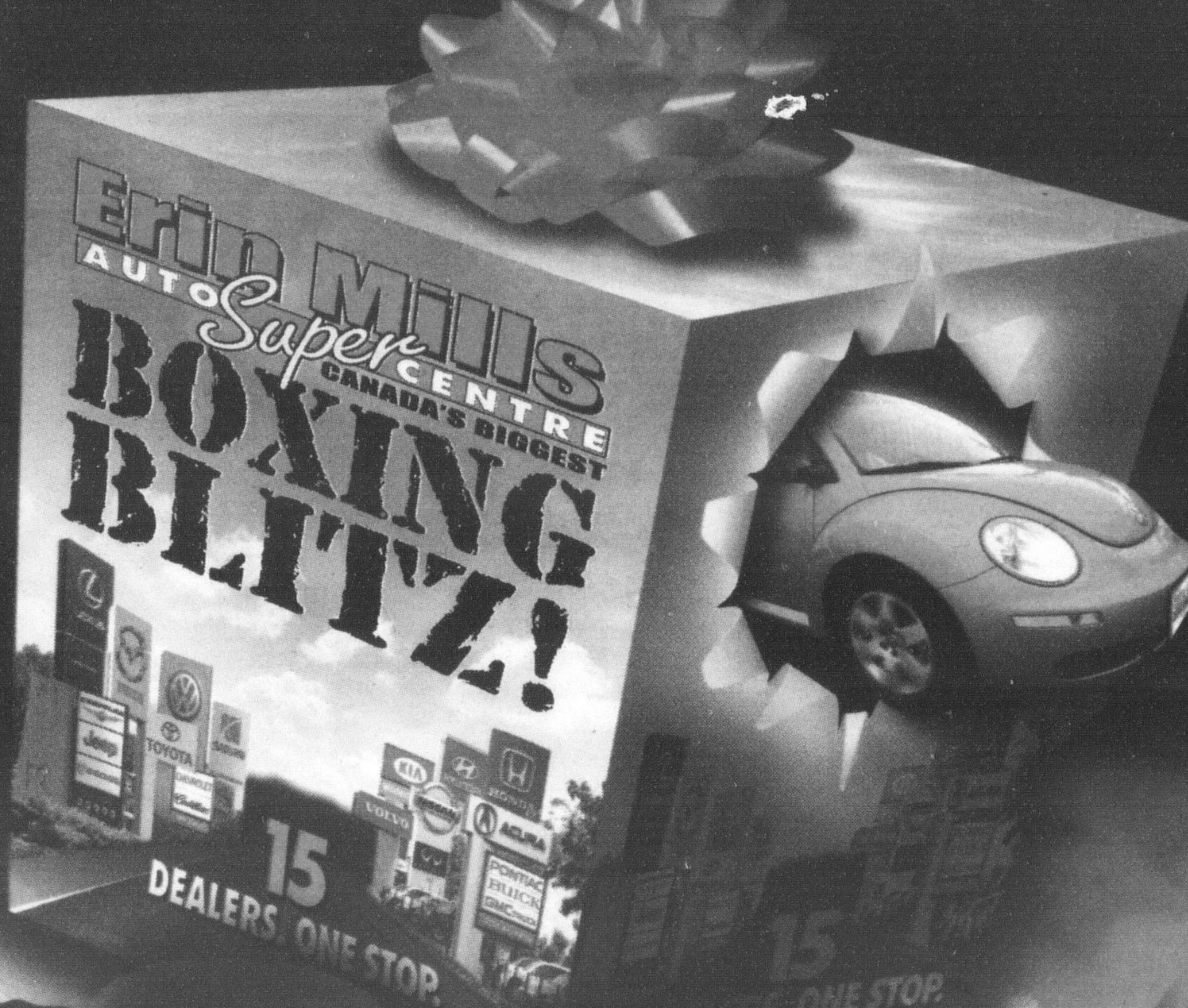
The work falls under the

Accelerated Capital Roads Program — a \$29-million initiative that helps advance construction timelines for major thoroughfares in Milton to improve the local traffic situation.

The program forms a partnership between Mattamy Homes, the Town and Region. Mattamy is fronting funds for the construction and will be reimbursed, without interest, in the future when the roads projects would've normally come forward in the Town and Region budgets.

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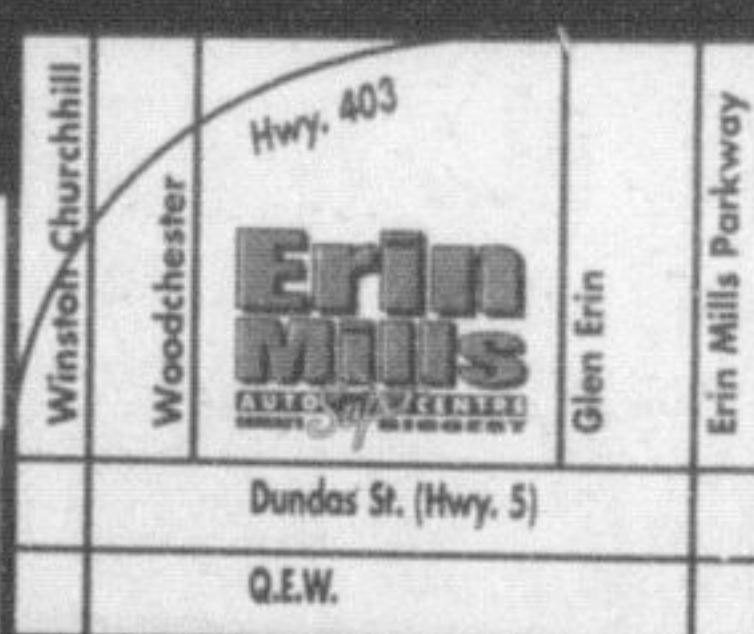


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KICKING OFF MILTON'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Please join Mayor Krantz around the historic bell in Victoria Park, adjacent to the Town Hall, on December 31 at 11:45 pm to greet in 2007. Enjoy warm refreshments in Hugh Foster Hall adjacent to Town Hall.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Residents and guests are also invited to exchange New Year wishes with Mayor Krantz, Members of Council, the 150th Anniversary Master Committee, and the Milton Historical Society at the New Years Day Levee on January 1, 2007 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street. Celebrate Milton's 150th anniversary with interesting people, exhibits, music, refreshments and a birthday cake.