

Report shows 2006 was a record year here for industrial/commercial growth

The town's commercial and industrial development is keeping pace with the local housing boom, according to the Milton Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC).

The group's annual report, which went before town council last week, highlighted the record-breaking year Milton had for new industrial and commercial growth in 2006 — more than 1.8 million square feet worth.

"MEDAC and the Town's economic development office have worked hard over the past several years to attract businesses to the community and help ensure balanced growth," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

"With new industrial and commercial development continuing at a steady pace, the future looks to be prosperous for Milton."

Some of the new and expanding businesses in Milton include:

- Maaco Systems Canada — moved its operations from Mississauga to a facility in the James Snow Business Park.

- Sysco Canada — leased half of a new facility currently being developed in the 401 Business Park, with occupancy expected this year.

- TransPro Freight Systems Ltd. — is soon moving into a new facility in Milton.

- DIY Marketing Inc. — is returning to Milton to house its business in a James Snow Business Park facility.

- Chudleigh's — is moving its bakery facility to an 80,000-square-foot plant in the Escarpment Business Community.

Two major retail projects are also currently under construction — one on a 30-acre parcel around the intersection of Steeles Avenue and Thompson Road and the other on Kennedy Circle at Thompson Road and Louis St. Laurent Avenue.

To view MEDAC's full report visit www.milton.ca.

Suspect released on \$120,000 surety following bail hearing at Milton court

• from \$8 MILLION on page A1 for his perception.

It's a sophisticated network that's behind this criminal operation, police said.

Had the cocaine been at a stage where it was ready to be sold at a street level, it could have gone for as much as \$20 million, Payne said.

"Someone somewhere is upset because they've lost a significant amount of money," he said.

The truck was coming from the

United States, but it's not known if the drug shipment — possibly from South America — was loaded before or after it entered Ontario earlier that day, Perkins said.

It's also not known where the truck, which was registered to an Ontario company, was headed, he said.

Along with the carrots in the truck was carrot juice.

Police now have a lot of work ahead of them.

"This is a mammoth police investi-

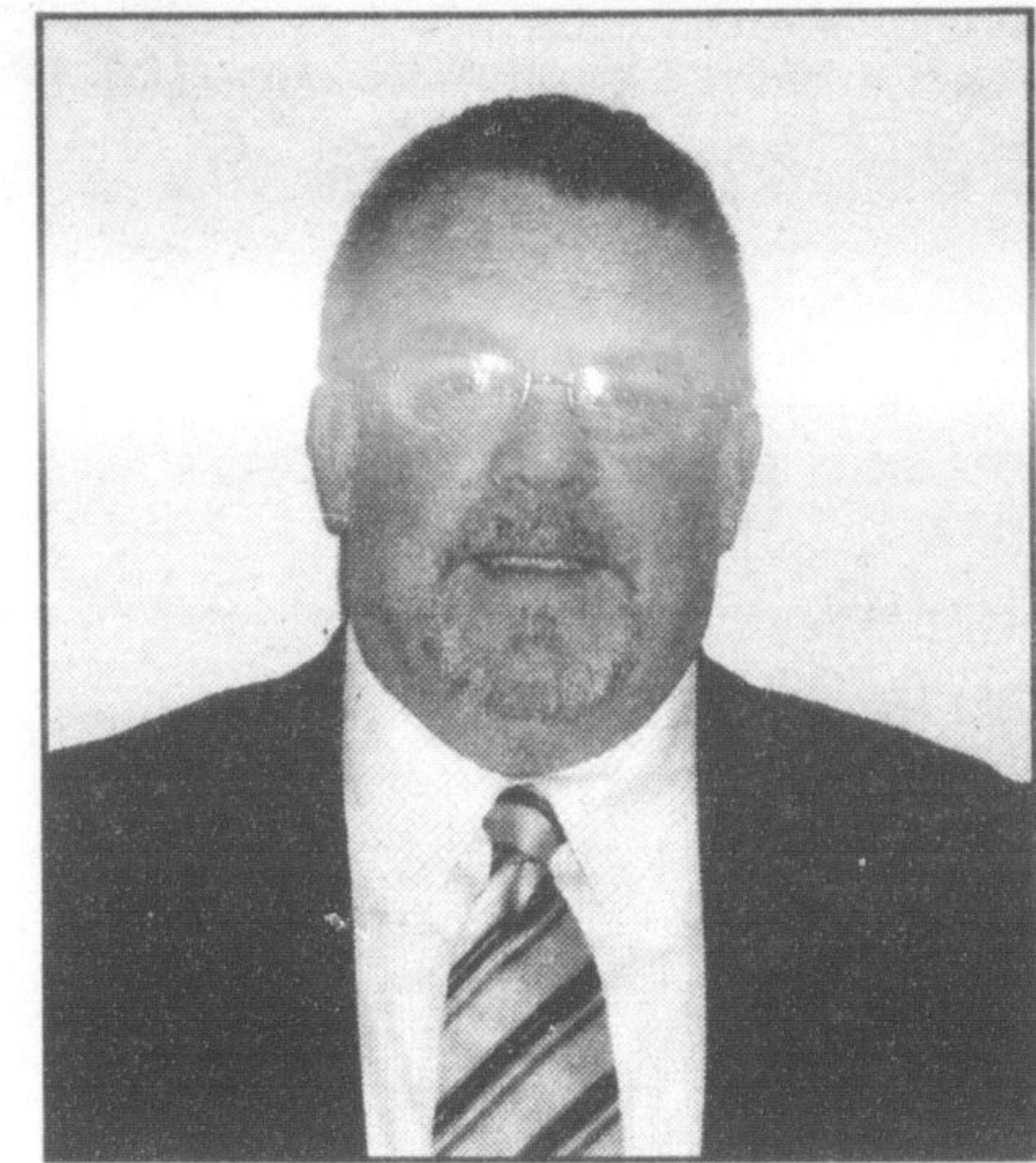
gation," Perkins said.

Brampton resident Avtar Sandhu, 39, has been charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

A bail hearing was held yesterday at Ontario Court of Justice in Milton on Steeles Avenue.

Sandhu was released on a \$120,000 surety.

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Randy Winterle

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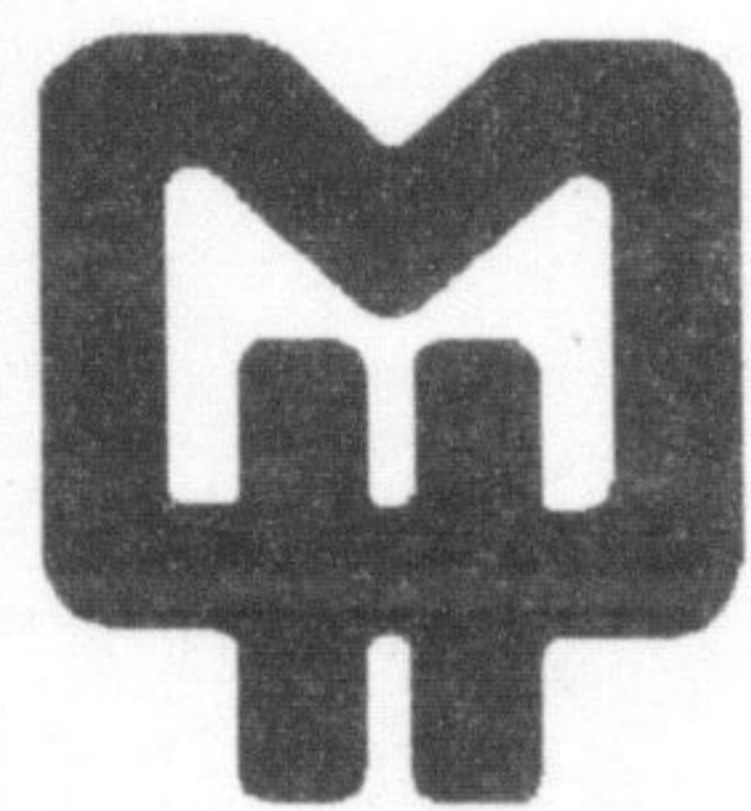
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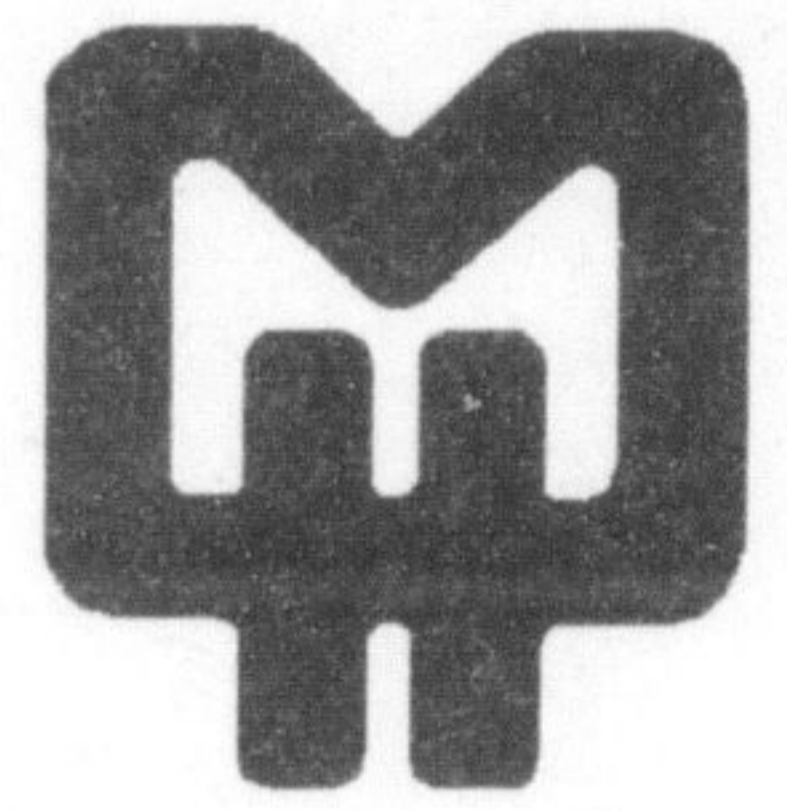
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