Geared-to-seniors apartment building proposed

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A small seniors' apartment building has been proposed for land near the corner of Pine and Ontario streets.

Plans for a six-unit structure went before the Town's administration and planning committee Monday night for a public meeting.

The building, which would be built by local developer David Curk at 426 Pine St., would offer rental units that are

Ward 2 byelection date set for June 14

June 14 will be voting day for those living in Ward 2 as the Town looks to fill the councillor seat recently vacated by Mark Curtis.

Town Clerk Troy McHarg set the date and presented an update report on the topic to the administration and planning committee this week.

Voting hours will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eligible electors in Ward 2 can expect to receive voter notification cards in early May.

A bylaw to establish May 26 as the advance voting day will go before town council Monday. The bylaw would also set voting hours at Martindale Gardens for its residents from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

In addition, council is expected to officially declare a byelection at its Monday session.

Those wishing to run for the spot can file nomination papers starting Tuesday until nomination day, which is April

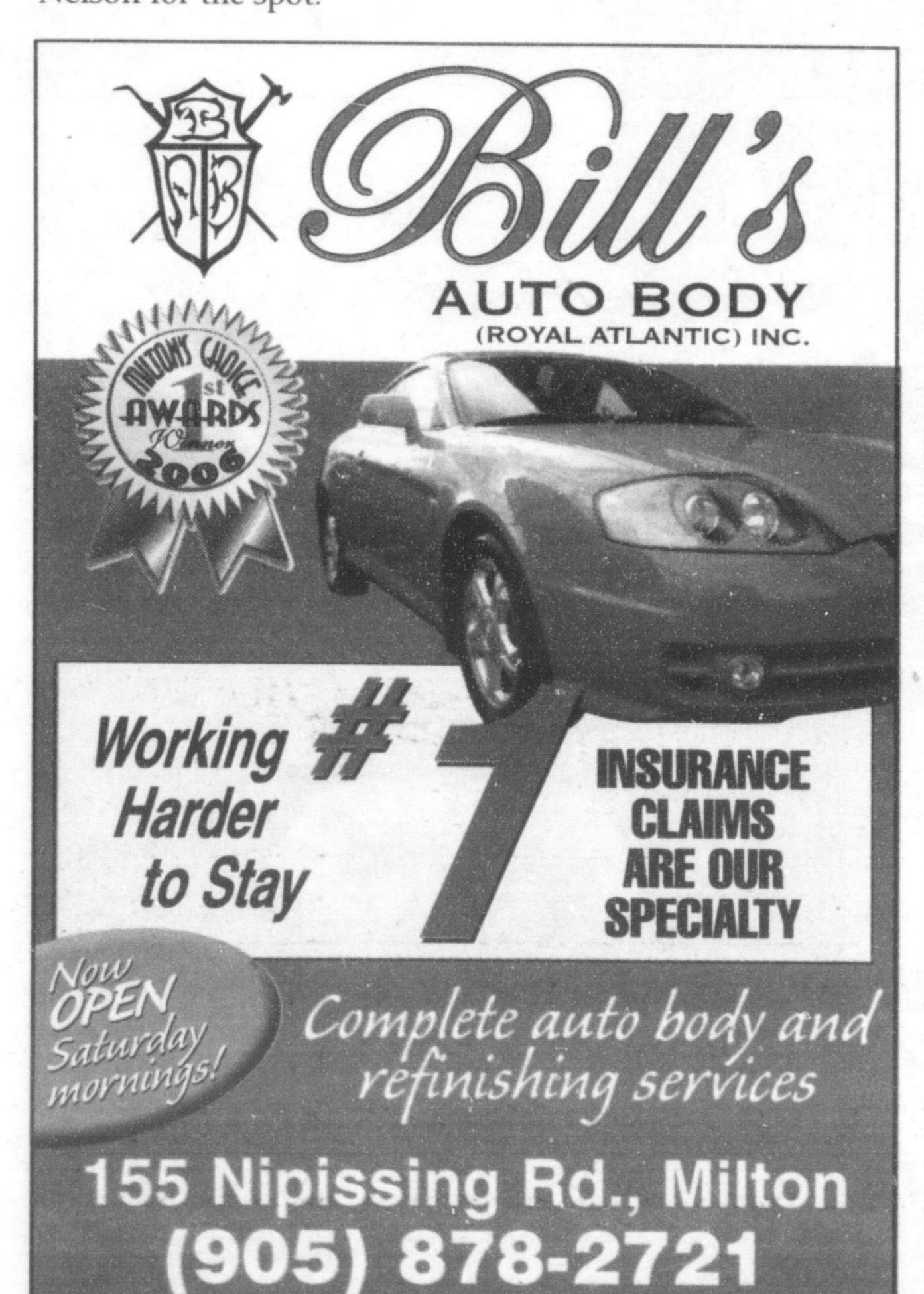
Furik running for spot

Another political veteran has declared his intentions to run in the Ward 2 byelec-

Former councillor Ron Furik, who sat on council for 15 years and represented Ward 2 for nine of those years, announced Wednesday that he plans to run for the vacant seat in June.

Furik said that as a property owner in Ron Furik Ward 2, he's concerned about the issues that impact every individual in his area. He also pointed out that he has worked successfully with current Ward 2 Councillor Mike

Boughton on council and in the community. Furik is going up against fellow former councillor John Challinor and past council candidates Peter Haight and Greg Nelson for the spot.



geared to seniors.

The proposal raised concerns about parking for Pine Street resident Elizabeth Curley.

"Right now, parking on Pine Street is becoming a nightmare," she told the committee. "People are parking at the end of my driveway."

Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said that the Town would make sure adequate off-street parking is provided for the building.

While Curk concurred that parking on Pine Street has become an issue, he said that shouldn't be taken as an example of what residents would see from his project.

He also pointed to the other seniors' building he previously constructed at 87 Ontario St., noting that given its proximity to amenities like shopping, it became advantageous for those living there to give up their cars altogether.

"The project on Pine Street will be no different," he said. Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Colin Best said there's a huge demand for this kind of building, pointing to the long list of people currently on a waiting list for seniors' housing.

"Any applications like this are going to be greatly appreciated," he said.

Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau shared similar sentiments. She also said she thinks this would be the first rental apartment to be built in Milton since the housing boom started.

The committee received a report on the proposal for information purposes. Town staff will bring another report forward that recommends whether council should approve or deny the application at a future meeting.

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