

Town Hall expansion starting

The Town is breaking ground Wednesday for the Town Hall expansion and is inviting everyone to join in on the celebration.

The event, which will start at 7 p.m. at Town Hall Victoria Park, will include a groundbreaking ceremony, unveiling of a 3-D model of the expanded Town Hall, an opportunity to meet the site supervisor for the construction project and an update on the expansion and upcoming construction.

"One of our highest priorities in this expansion project is to preserve the historic and cultural aspects of the existing Town Hall," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

"The new plans also call for expanded public space, includ-

ing an outdoor public square, a main lobby open to the public and a community room on the main level."

The Town will also be acknowledging the Province Wednesday for the \$510,000 grant it awarded the municipality that will be used in part to ensure the expanded Town Hall complies with Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification standards. This includes a variety of design features, selection of finishings, lighting requirements for all working areas, landscaping approaches and operational details.

"The expansion of Town Hall will be our first municipal con-

struction project to pursue LEED certification, partly thanks to this grant," said Krantz. "The Town is setting an example in the building industry and to other municipalities for sustainable development and energy conservation."

Town council approved the schematic design for the Town Hall expansion in January 2006. The design was developed and refined based on public input at four community open houses, the guidance of the Town's steering committee and feedback from Town staff.

For more information on the Town Hall expansion or to sign up for a newsletter on the project visit www.milton.ca.

Louis St. Laurent work may be expedited

It looks like the construction timeline for another road in Milton will soon be fast-tracked thanks to an impending financial agreement between the Town and Mattamy Homes.

At its meeting Monday night, the Town's community services committee endorsed having staff negotiate with Mattamy to pay up front for an environmental assessment (EA) and final design of the Louis St. Laurent Boulevard crossing over the Sixteen Mile Creek.

If everything goes as planned, work on the section

that runs from Regional Road 25 east over the creek would be advanced from its original 2010 timeframe to next year.

The agreement falls under the Accelerated Transportation Capital Program, which forms a partnership between the Town, Mattamy Homes and in some cases, the Region, to advance construction timelines for major thoroughfares.

Mattamy Homes is fronting funds for the program and will be reimbursed, without interest, in the future when the roads projects would've normally

come forward in municipal budgets.

The initiative responds to the traffic woes that have come with a rapidly growing community.

Town staff estimates the EA and final design work for the Louis St. Laurent project will cost more than \$317,000.

Engineering Services Director Paul Cripps said the Town has yet to have discussions with Mattamy on whether the home building company will front funds for the actual construction. The matter will go before town council May 28.

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