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SWEET VICTORY: Driver Jody Jamieson lets daughter Hailey give pacer Tell All a congratulatory pat as trainer Blair Burgess (left) looks on following their big win in Saturday's \$1.5-million North America Cup at Mohawk. See coverage on page A12.

Relay for Life huge success

The Milton Fair Grounds was an inspiring scene of friendship, teamwork and determination overnight Friday with the third annual Milton Relay for Life.

About 1,300 Miltonians took part in the fundraising event for the Canadian Cancer Society, with more than \$260,000 raised so far.

Co-organizer Tarah Cherwoniak said the night was a huge success.

"Everyone seemed to have smiles on their faces no matter how tired they were," she said.

The *Champion* served as a media sponsor for the relay. And reporters Melanie Hennessey and Steve LeBlanc showed their spirit by joining a team.

LeBlanc said it was a touching experience. "When you see the growing ranks of the survivor lap and hear heart-felt stories of lost loved ones, it's difficult not to get emotional and motivated to keep supporting the cause."

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Region eyes air monitor for Milton

Committee grants initial approval

By Melanie Hennessey
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A regional program that would address air quality at the community level took a preliminary step forward recently.

At its meeting last Tuesday, the Region's health and social services committee endorsed the initiative that would see a stationary air monitor set up in Milton — since

they already exist in south Halton — and a portable monitor purchased to measure air pollution in different locations across the community.

It would also include air quality modeling, which uses sophisticated computer models to estimate the concentration of different air pollutants and examine emission sources separately. Modelling can even predict the

impact new emission sources or new policies would have on the airshed.

"It can be used as a very powerful tool for either informing decisions or informing education," said Kim Perrotta, a senior policy analyst with the Region.

A report from Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal noted that residents in north Halton who are anxious about the pace of development in their communities have expressed the need

for better information about air quality in their area.

"By siting an air monitoring station in Milton that monitors the five common air pollutants that have been most clearly linked to negative human health impacts — ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide — the Region could provide residents in north Halton with better information about the

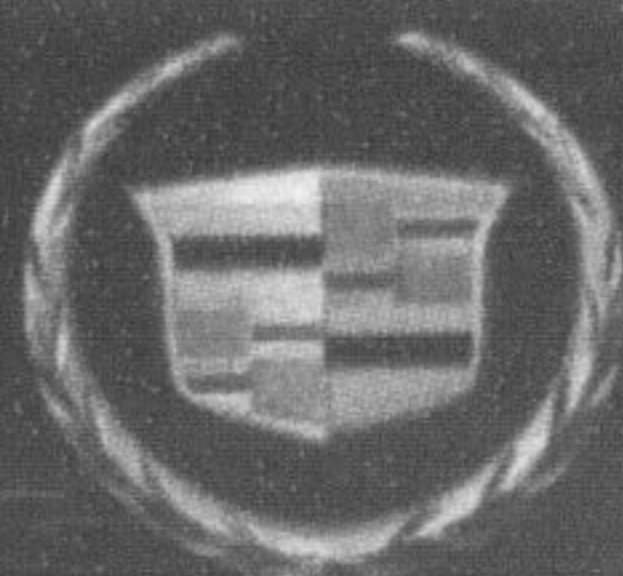
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