

GRAHAM PAINE / CANADIAN CHAMPION

SPECIAL AWARD: Robert Baldwin School's Jessica Knapman proudly points to her Special Education Advisory Achievement Award, as her educational assistant (EA) Christine Myers — who also received a Support of Special Education Students Award — sits beside her. Myers has been Jessica's EA for six years, since she entered kindergarten.

Outreach group gets funding

Money from Halton's coffers could help keep a local youth outreach group's doors open next year.

At its meeting last week, regional council approved considering a purchase of service agreement with Peer Outreach Support Services and Education (POSSE) as part of the 2008 budget process, meaning it would provide much-needed funds for the group.

POSSE, a youth-driven harm reduction and human rights initiative serving north Halton, is expected to run out of

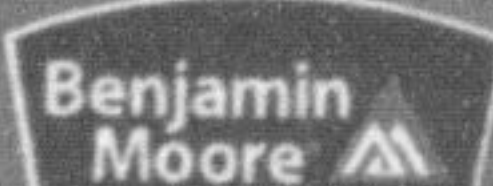
money and options for funding in March 2008 and has turned to the Region for help.

The organization needs about \$125,000 a year to keep operating, with that number going up to around \$300,000 if its services were expanded into south Halton.

Preliminary 2008 budget work is already underway at the Region and will wrap up in December when the finalized budget is considered by committee and council.

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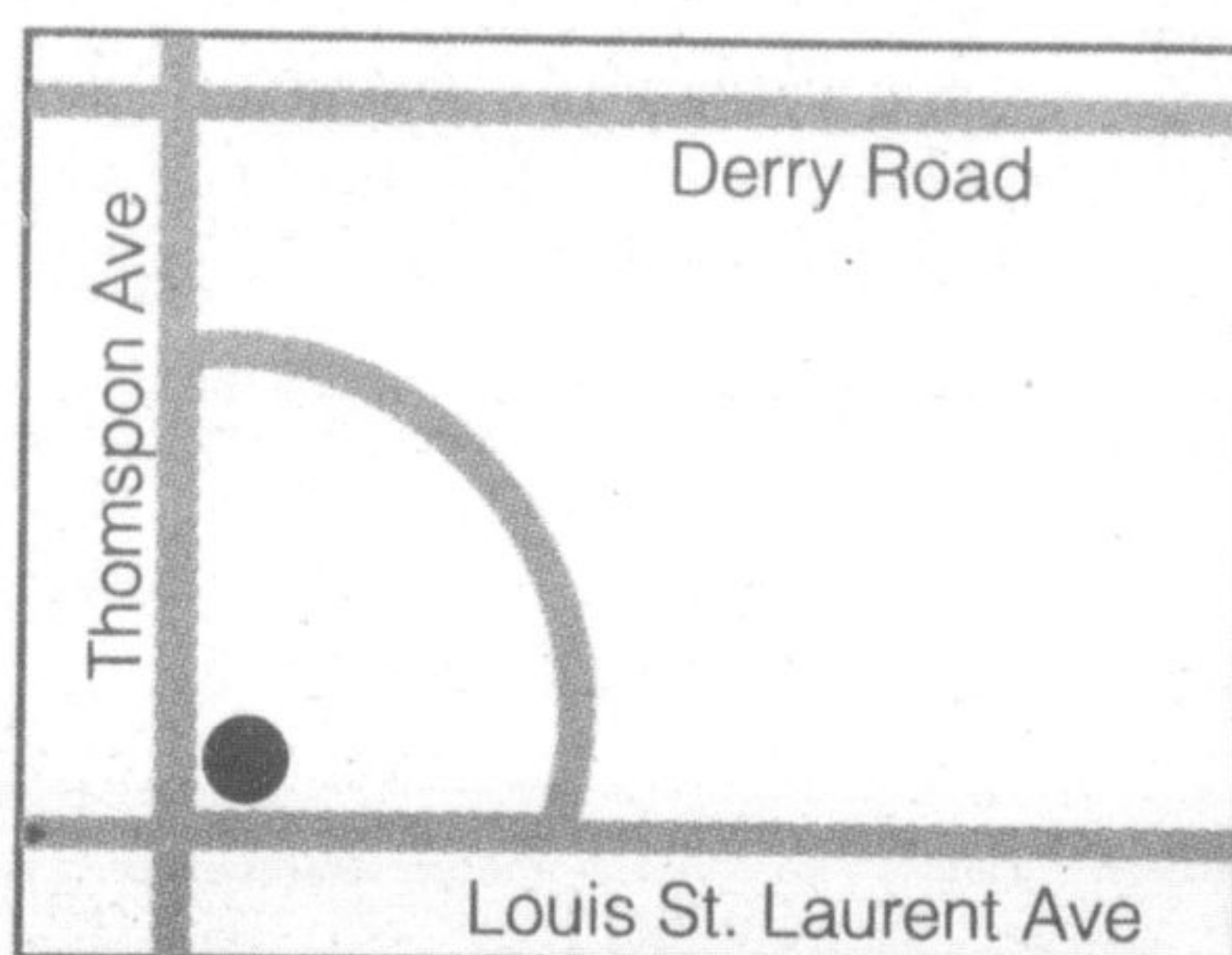
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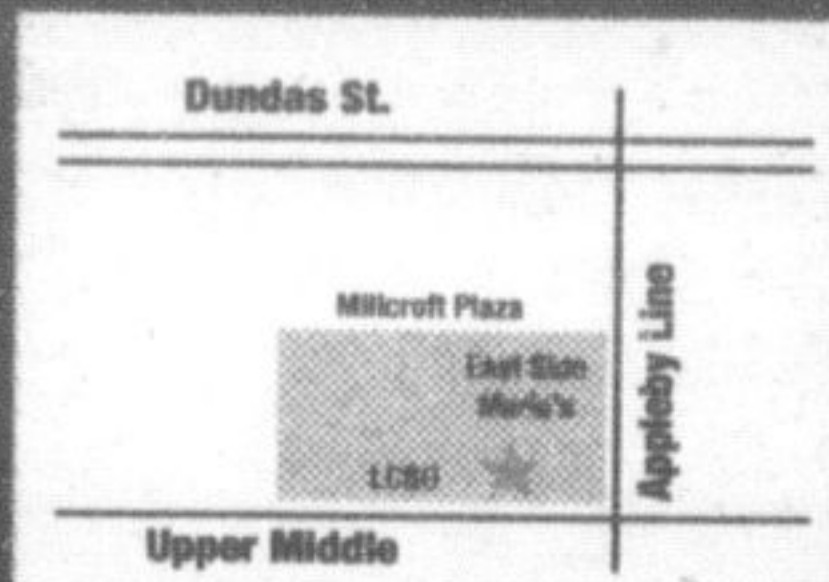


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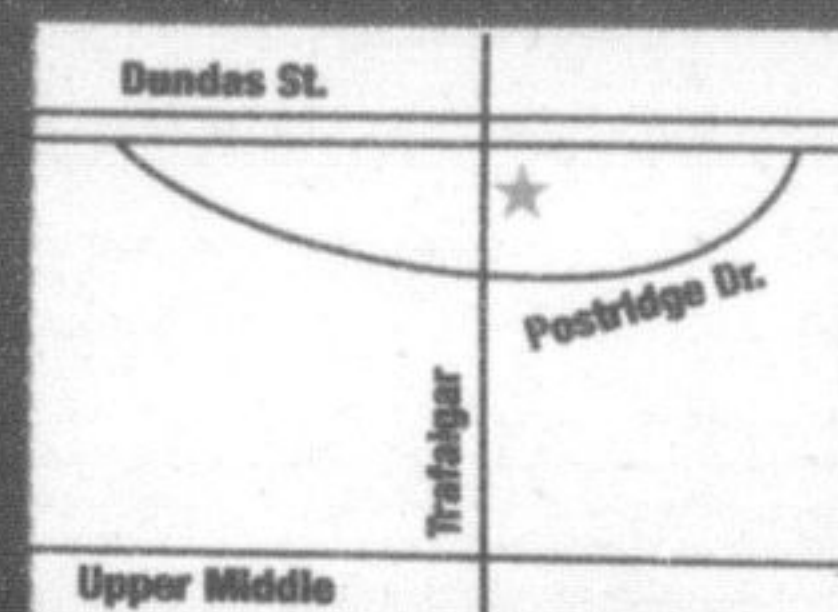
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