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**HIT AND RUN:** The A-Team's Andrea 'Bubbs' Lewis belts out a hit during this past weekend's 12th annual Leslie Wells Charity Slo-Pitch Tournament. The three-day tournament raised close to \$40,000 for various local charities. The A-Team is one of the local founding teams in the tourney. See more coverage in Sports.

## Fire chief resigns

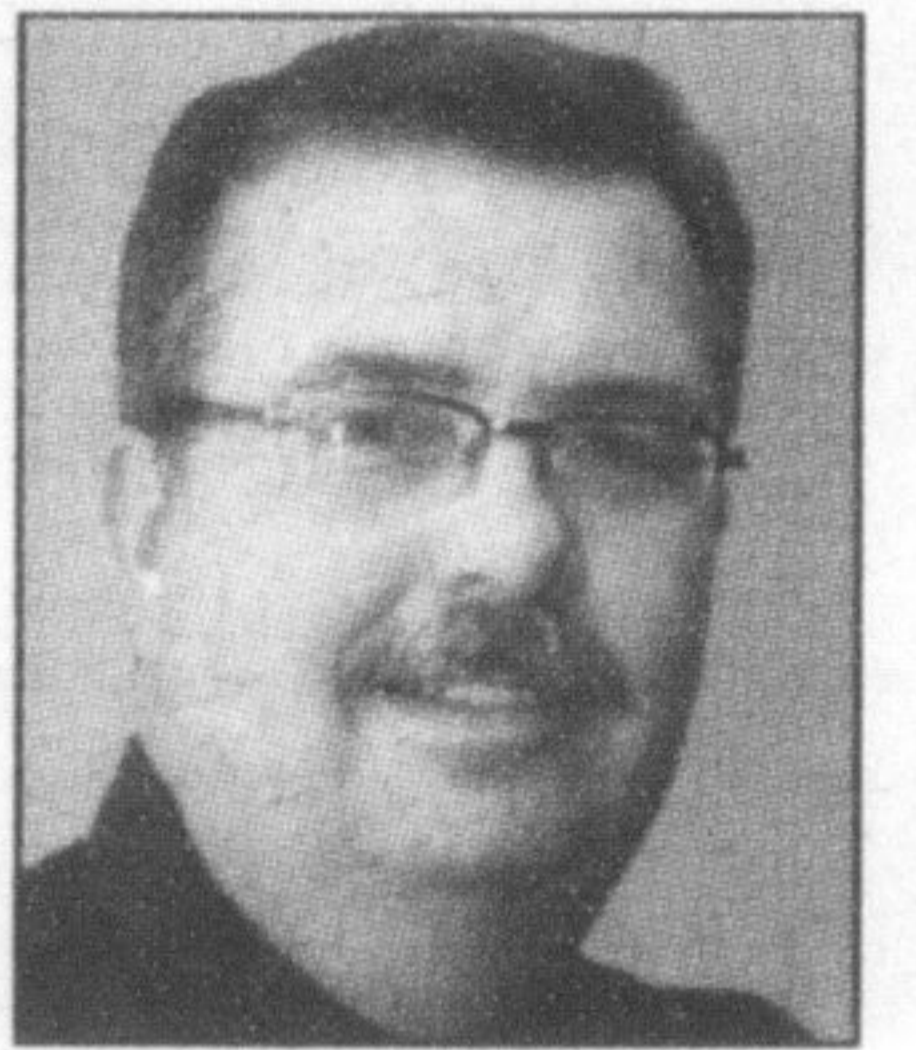
By Melanie Hennessey  
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

After two-and-a-half years at the helm of the Milton Fire Department, Fire Chief Larry Brassard has tendered his resignation.

The chief confirmed yesterday that he's leaving for a position with another fire department, but couldn't reveal any further details at this point. His last day as a Town employee will be August 24.

He told the *Champion* he has enjoyed his two-and-a-half years in

Milton, noting the department is filled with caring and confident people. "For me, it has been an honour to serve with the men and women of the Milton Fire Department."



Larry Brassard

Brassard's colleagues at Town Hall will also be sad to see him go.

"We're sorry to lose a good man. He's such an outstanding fire chief," Town CAO Mario Belvedere said. "He's been a pleasure to work with. It's going to be a challenge to replace him."

So what stands out in Brassard's mind about his time on the Milton Fire Department?

"Throughout the whole two-and-a-half years, it (the department) has been continually improving and enhancing its own capabilities," he emphasized.

The recruitment process for a new chief is expected to be discussed during

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## Bail hearing postponed

The bail hearing of a Milton man charged in connection with a double fatality has been remanded to next Tuesday.

Ferguson Drive resident Ingram Rahim Bakhsh, 28, made an appearance Friday morning at Ontario Court of Justice on Steeles Avenue for what was supposed to be a bail hearing. The hearing, however, was remanded for reasons covered under a publication ban. It was the third time being remanded.

Bakhsh has been charged with two counts each of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death, as well as one count of refusing to provide a breath sample.

He was led into the prisoner's box, handcuffed in front, wearing carpenter jeans and a wrinkled, striped button-down shirt. He looked despondent and weary, and kept his head down for most of the court appearance.

The charges Bakhsh faces are in connection with the July 19 deaths of an elderly husband and wife from Rockwood who were waiting for a GO train to pass when their vehicle was struck from behind and pushed into the path of the oncoming train.

Bakhsh is currently in custody at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

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