## Branch library ground breaks

Ground broke last week for the Milton Public Library's first branch location.

A ceremony was held last Tuesday at the site for the Beaty branch on Fourth Line at the east end of Hearst Boulevard, with Mayor Gord Krantz and members of council, the library board and branch planning team in attendance.

"We are delighted to be moving forward with this important next step," said Stuart Charles, library board chair. "The design of the branch is one that will fit in well with its neighbours. The light, warmth and welcoming aspect of the library combined with its environmentally-sensitive Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification standard will result in a building that will be appreciated and valued by its neighbours now and into the future."

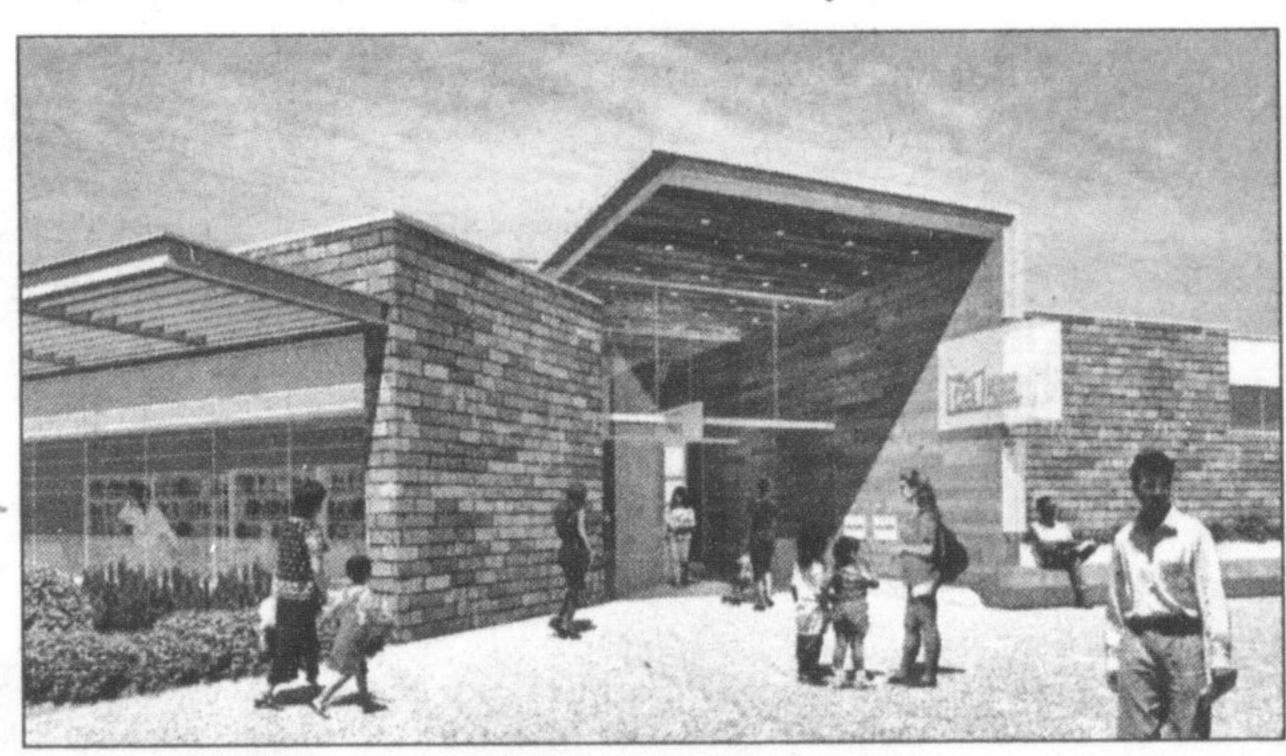
Other features of the new facility will include a children's section measuring almost 2,000 square feet, a group study room, a youth area, Internet stations, a quiet study area and a section to read magazines and newspapers or peruse CDs.

Council recently awarded a \$2.4-million construction tender for the new branch. The Town is currently seeking over \$1 million in funding through the Province's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for the construction of the new library branch.

The facility will be one storey and 11,300 square feet, set on 0.83 acres of land. It's anticipated to open in December.

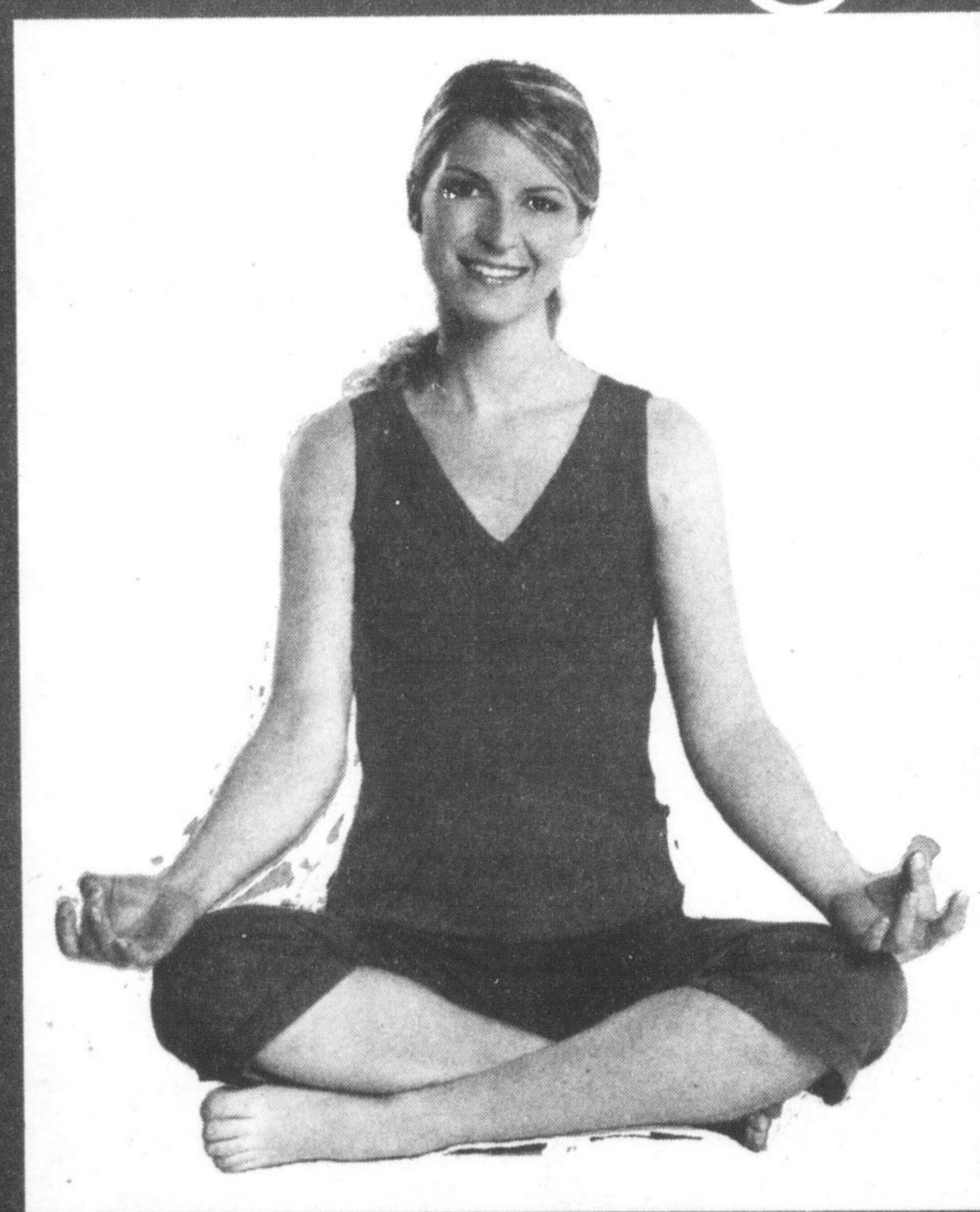


BREAKING GROUND: Mayor Gord Krantz digs in at the library branch ground breaking ceremony, while (from left) Fiaz Kara of general contractors Steelcase, MHPM Project Manager Gary Stanhope, Paul Stevens of ZAS Architects and Chief Librarian Leslie Fitch look on. Below is what the new library will look like.





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