

# Volunteers sought in village

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SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

As the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Destination Campbellville Community Association (DCCA) approaches April 10, members are reflecting on the year's events and prepare to move forward into the next phase of putting the village of Campbellville back on the map. Stu Johnston, one of the DCCA's founding members, said as with any organization, finding additional active participants remains a key goal for the DCCA.

to building the structure of the organization, meeting with local government and Conservation Halton officials, developing a constitution and business plan template, and creating programs to enrich the area and stimulate tourism," he said.

"I have been a part of the DCCA since inception and I remain impressed with how hard a few people have worked to get it started and to see that slowly, we are beginning to get increased support. However, as with most local volunteer groups, we need members who are prepared to take on some active participation."

a year ago to act as a liaison between agricultural, recreational, residential and commercial interests to enrich the Campbellville and surrounding Nassagaweya area and inspire tourism through direct activity, co-operation and communication.

With several initiatives underway for the upcoming year — organized through several internal committees — additional energetic and creative volunteers are essential. Anyone interested in being part of the DCCA or hearing plans for the community is urged to attend the AGM, set for 7:30 p.m. at the Mohawk Inn.

The DCCA was formed over

# Partnerships being looked at for education complex

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launched. Although the proposal garnered interest, the Town was told the small size of the property would limit the development of a complete campus.

The Town then began exploring the idea of partnering with the development community to enable a land trade for a larger site to accommodate a full-scale campus.

So while a lot of work has already been done, there's still a lot that has to be accomplished before the university dream can be realized.

First, town council last night had to consider a series of staff recommendations that would initiate the planning process for the neighbourhood.

If council approved the matter, the Town would turn to the Region to ask that it identify the proposed-site as an urban expansion area.

The municipality would also call on the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal for their direction and involvement in the overall process.

While the Province hasn't committed funding for a Milton university at this point, Town CAO Mario

Belvedere pointed out the recently released provincial budget included significant funding for post-secondary education.

He said the Town is close to making a deal with a potential university partner. Once it does, that institution can make an application to the Province for funding.

Belvedere said he thinks the Town's proposal will be attractive to the ministry.

"There's no other place in the GTA that has this kind of virgin land that's free," he noted.

A staff report on the topic indicated part of the process would also include consulting with adjacent landowners to undertake a neighbourhood plan, as well as a design charette (workshop) for the education village.

To read the full staff report visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca).

See Friday's *Champion* for full details on council's decision regarding the Milton Education Village.

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# Special guest speakers at ag. meeting

The agricultural community can learn more about how to effectively communicate with today's socially conscious youth at Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.'s (OAFE) annual general meeting this Thursday.

The session, which starts at 12:15 p.m. at Country Heritage Park, will feature two guest speakers — Maureen Callan of the Ontario Ministry of Education and Dr. Alex Jadad, head of the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation at the University of Toronto and University Health Network.

Callan will talk about 'Embedding Agricultural Perspectives into the Ontario Curriculum During the Review Process.' She will review the curriculum development cycle and point out how OAFE can participate.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jadad will speak about 'Taking the Pulse of Youth in the Age of Social Networks: Opportunities for OAFE.' He will identify projects in which the agricultural community can potentially collaborate with youth.

The cost is \$40, which includes lunch. Registration is available on-line at [www.oafe.org](http://www.oafe.org).

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