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# Milton place of interest for Pan American Games

By Melanie Hennessey CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The Province is considering what Milton and several other GTA communities have to offer as potential future sites for the Pan American Games.

Promotion is preparing a business case that assesses the viability of the GTA/Greater Golden Horseshoe making a successful bid for the games in 2015.

As part of the process, the Province has been consulting with municipalities — including Milton — to explore interest in the games and potential training and competition venues for the bid. The other three Halton municipalities have also been part of the consultations.

If the bid goes forward and is ultimately selected, then the games would be held in various communities throughout the

At the Town's community and Central. services committee meeting what Milton could offer for the games.

"Milton will be building a number of new facilities over Community Services Director Jennifer Reynolds.

She highlighted some existing locations that could work for the games. For example, she said the Town's BMX track could be a venue, while Conservation Halton could offer some sites for cycling events.

Reynolds also pointed out The Ministry of Health that Wilfrid Laurier University could be setting up shop in Milton — something that would prove beneficial for the games as athletes could be housed on the campus.

> CH staff has indicated its interest to the Town in supporting a games bid. Town council hasn't yet provided an endorsement for Milton participation.

The cost of hosting the games in the GTA/Greater Golden Horseshoe would be between \$1.5 and \$2 billion, Reynolds said.

The Pan American Games are a multi-sport event that's held every four years between competitors from all nations of the Americas - North, South

The games were held last Monday night, staff outlined year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, while the last North American city to host the games was Winnipeg in 1999.

The games include a total of the next couple of years," said 38 participating sports, 332 events, 16 venues and about 5,500 athletes.

Current bidders for the 2015 games include: Lima, Peru; Caracas, Venezuela and Bogotá, Columbia.

Having the games hosted locally could help put Toronto and the GTA on the international map, said Ministry of Health Promotion spokesperson Julie Rosenberg.

"The ministry feels it's a very exciting opportunity for the GTA and the Golden Horseshoe to bring international sporting events with all their benefits to Ontario," she said.

She noted the games could also act as a catalyst for getting important new infrastructure in

Rosenberg also said that each of the interested municipalities bring solid options to the table and all are being carefully analyzed.

A full business case will be presented to Premier Dalton McGuinty by the end of next month. Decisions will then be made on what the next steps in the process should be.

A Town staff report on the topic is also expected to go before the community services committee next month.

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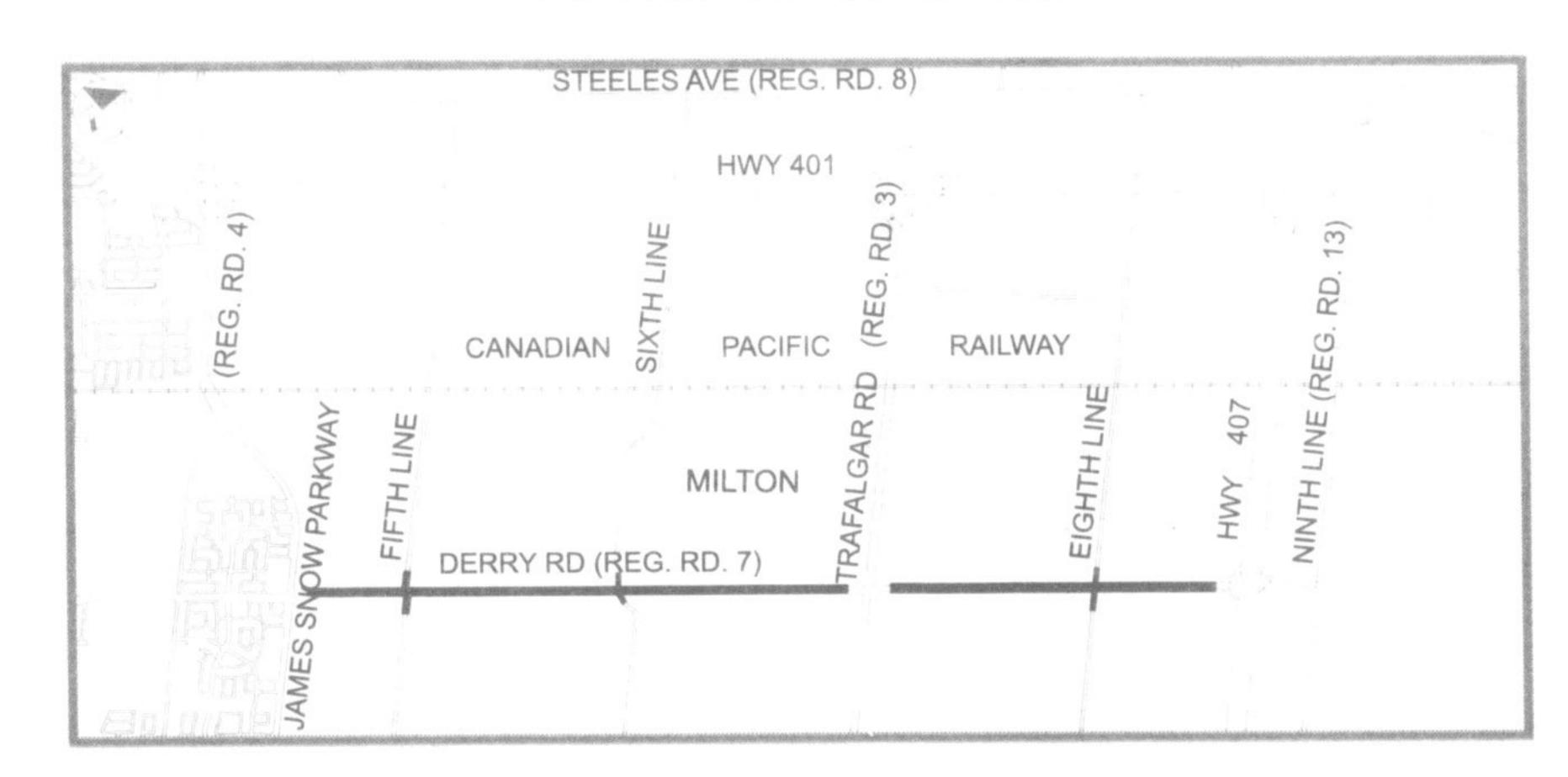
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