

# Milton's boom to continue: Region

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Undeveloped land in Milton could be home to anywhere from 80,000 to 120,000 new residents by 2031.

## Rural Internet access meeting set for Jun. 24

Rural residents and business people can find out if they'll be able to take advantage of the coming wireless high-speed Internet service at a public information meeting Tuesday, June 24.

The drop-in session, hosted by the Nassagaweya Broadband Committee, will run from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Campbellville Lions Hall.

With the full rural Internet network slated to be operational by June 24, those who stop by the meeting can finally determine if their address will be serviced.

In some areas, the service is already up and running. The four primary towers in Nassagaweya are almost ready to go.

Xplornet — a division of Barrett Xplore — and its approved local dealers will be at the meeting to answer questions. The session will also offer residents a chance to get service package and installation estimates, as well as sign up for service or arrange for a follow-up call.

Last year, the Town was awarded a provincial grant to help improve Internet access in the rural area. Barrett Xplore Inc. was selected by town council as the high-speed service provider for the initiative.

Those who can't make it to the meeting can get more information by calling Xplornet at 1-866-841-6001 or visiting [www.xplornet.com](http://www.xplornet.com).

These are the preliminary numbers put forward by the Region as it attempts to find a way to accommodate the extensive population growth called for in the Province's Places to Grow plan.

Enter the Sustainable Halton plan, which is being developed to steer the growth while preserving and protecting things like greenspace and farmland.

As part of the process, Region staff has come up with five refined concepts — down from the original nine — that show how approximately 2,400 hectares of 'greenfields,' or undeveloped land, in Milton and Halton Hills could accommodate 120,000 people and the needed community infrastructure between 2021 and 2031.

A report released by the Region last year indicates Milton's population will likely reach 147,000 by 2021.

The first scenario for the new 10-year timeframe sees Milton taking all of that growth, while the other four propose that Halton Hills accommodate anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 new residents, with the balance going to Milton.

The lands being eyed in Milton largely fall between the 16

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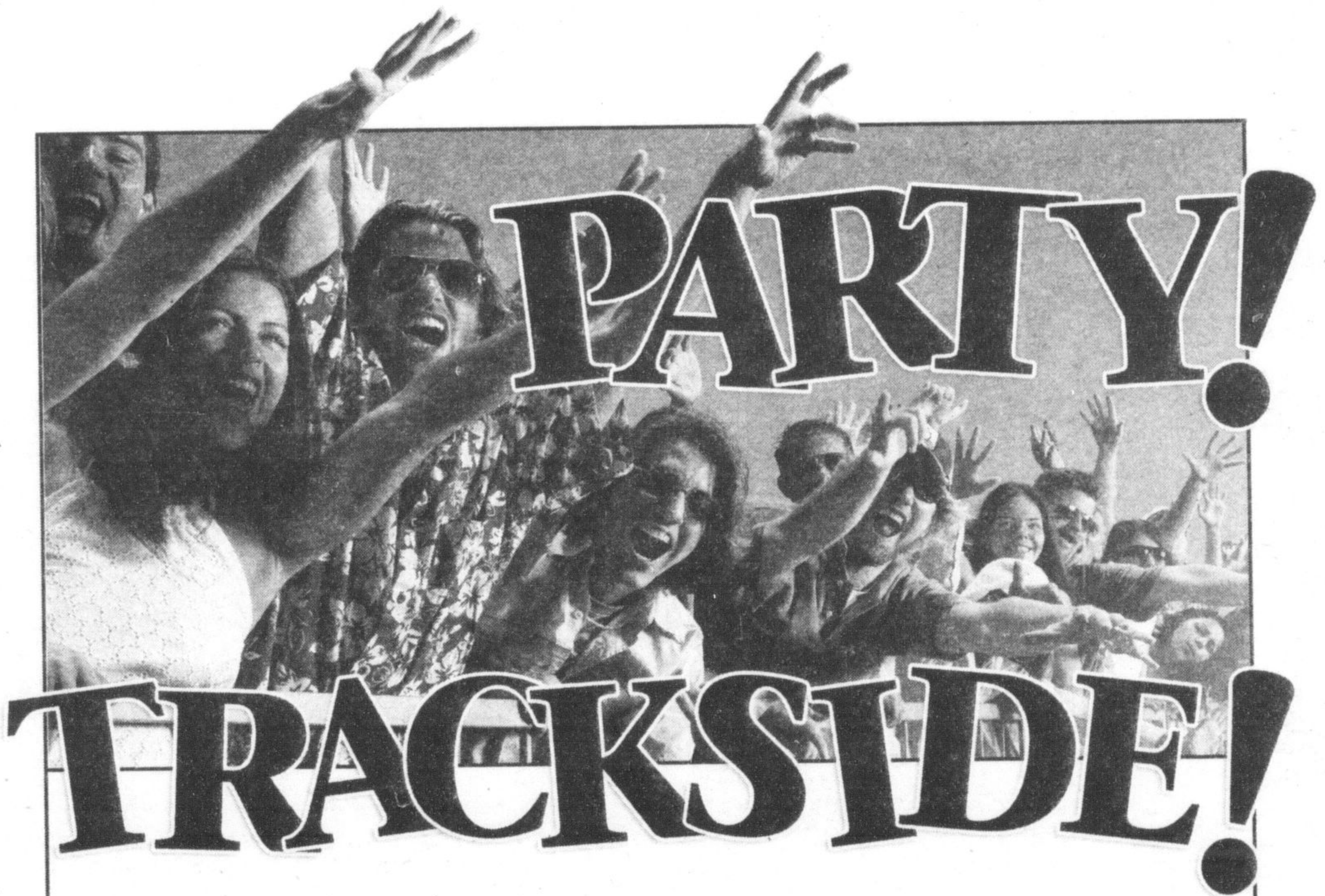
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