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FIX-IT TIME: Workers remove a wooden utility pole that was pulled down early Monday when a waste disposal truck got snagged in Bell Canada lines. The incident blocked the entrance to the Esso gas station and Tim Hortons on Regional Road 25 at Derry Road for most of the morning.

Best Western officially opens

Best Western Milton will join ranks with the world's largest hotel chain today as it officially opens on Chisholm Drive.

The festivities, which will run from 4 to 6 p.m., will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Gord Krantz and Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh.

"We are proud to welcome the Best Western Milton to our chain," Mark Williams, vice-president, North American development for Best Western International, said in a press release. "This hotel offers guests and meeting planners a lodging choice of unparalleled quality with versatility to host a variety of events."

The former Ramada Inn, the new hotel opened its doors in March.

Two years ago, the Ramada Inn added an indoor saltwater mineral lap pool and fitness centre. But its brand new label has brought with it even more extensive renovations, including a carport for the exterior of the building, which is currently under construction.

In addition, standard comforters

have been replaced by duvet bedding, and massage showerheads have been installed.

The restaurant has also undergone major renovations, and was recently taken over by Milton's Troy Newton, licensed, and re-introduced as Troy's. An important feature of Troy's restaurant is its all-day breakfast. During the week, a made-to-order breakfast is included in the price of the stay.

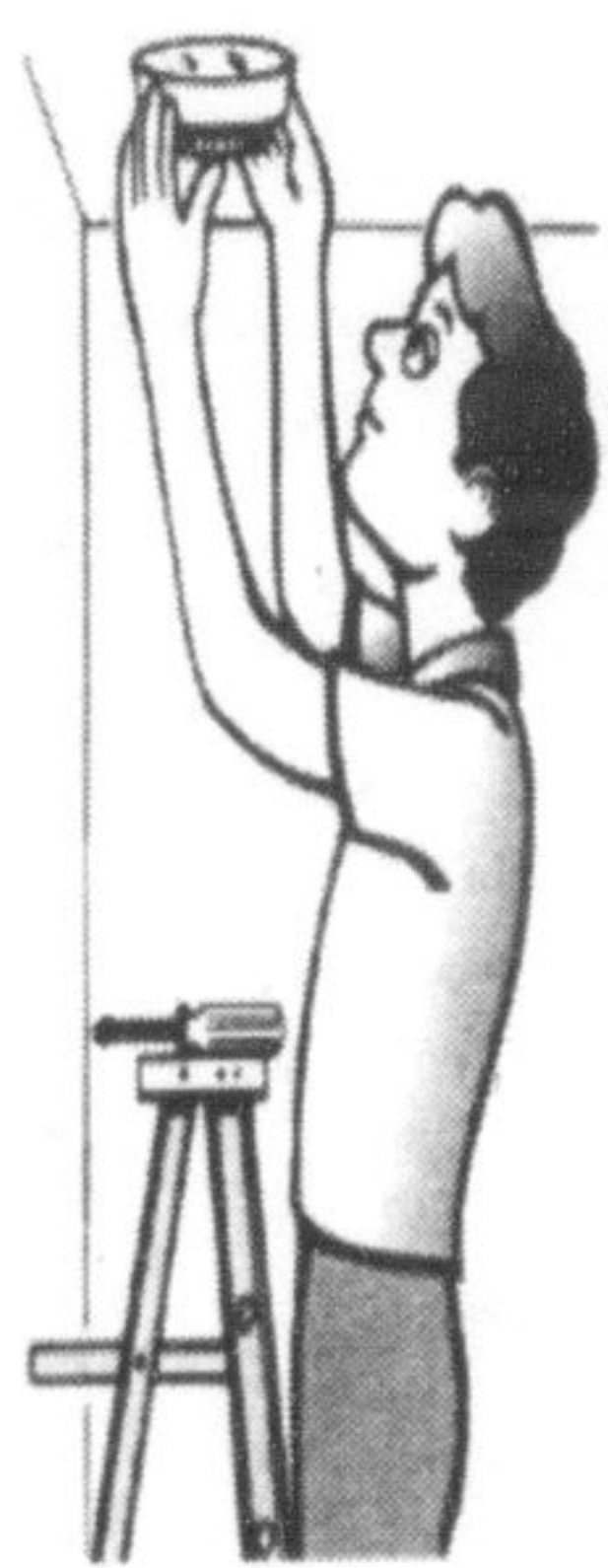
According to Best Western Milton's general manager Nashrin Struk, the hotel's customer service and its on-site diner are what set it apart.

The hotel, owned by Shamim Warren, offers 94 guest rooms including 30 executive suites.

Amenities in the rooms include a refrigerator, microwave and wireless high-speed Internet access.

Its an attraction for many corporate guests, says Struk, because of its business centre — which includes printing and faxing services, as well as meeting facilities to accommodate up to 250 people.

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