

Revamped Thompson Rd. celebrated

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It's been three years in the making, but the revamped stretch of Thompson Road between Main Street and Derry Road is finally complete.

Local politicians and Town staff marked the opening of the section, which was widened from two lanes to four and had a road underpass installed at the railway crossing, at a ceremony last week.

The project cost about \$28 million and is the Town's largest road investment to date.

"This is an important day for Milton," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "On behalf of town council, I would like to thank everyone who worked hard over the past three years and more to complete this significant project."

Regional Chair Gary Carr congratulated the Town on the completion of the work.

He acknowledged the infrastructure challenges that have and continue to face the town and region.

"But I think we're starting to do a better job," he said.

Part of the money for the project — about \$315,000 — came from the federal gas tax fund, which is distributed in the province by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

"This money is part of what built the success of this project," said AMO board member Russ Powers.

GO Transit Vice President of Corporate Infrastructure Judy Knight, who was also in attendance at the open-



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Mayor Gord Krantz, centre, marks the official opening of a new and improved section of Thompson Road last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The stretch of Thompson between Main Street and Derry Road was widened from two lanes to four and had a road underpass added at the railway crossing. Joining Krantz were, from left, Town Engineering Services Director Paul Cripps, Judy Knight of GO Transit, Regional Chair Gary Carr and Russ Powers of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Looking on are other local politicians and Town staff members.

ing, said the completion of the stretch of road will benefit all residents, whether they take the train, drive or walk.

Town Director of Engineering Services Paul Cripps said the Thompson Road project symbolizes the Town's vision, which is 'Milton: Engaging, Balanced, Connected.'

He explained the public was engaged in the environmental assessment and design work and that the road was built

to create a balanced lifestyle with its multi-use paths.

"Also, this road really is an important connection to the community," he said.

Another feature of the new thoroughfare is its crosswalks, which feature what's called street print, or asphalt with impressions in it.

Town Senior Infrastructure Manager John Brophy said the street print creates

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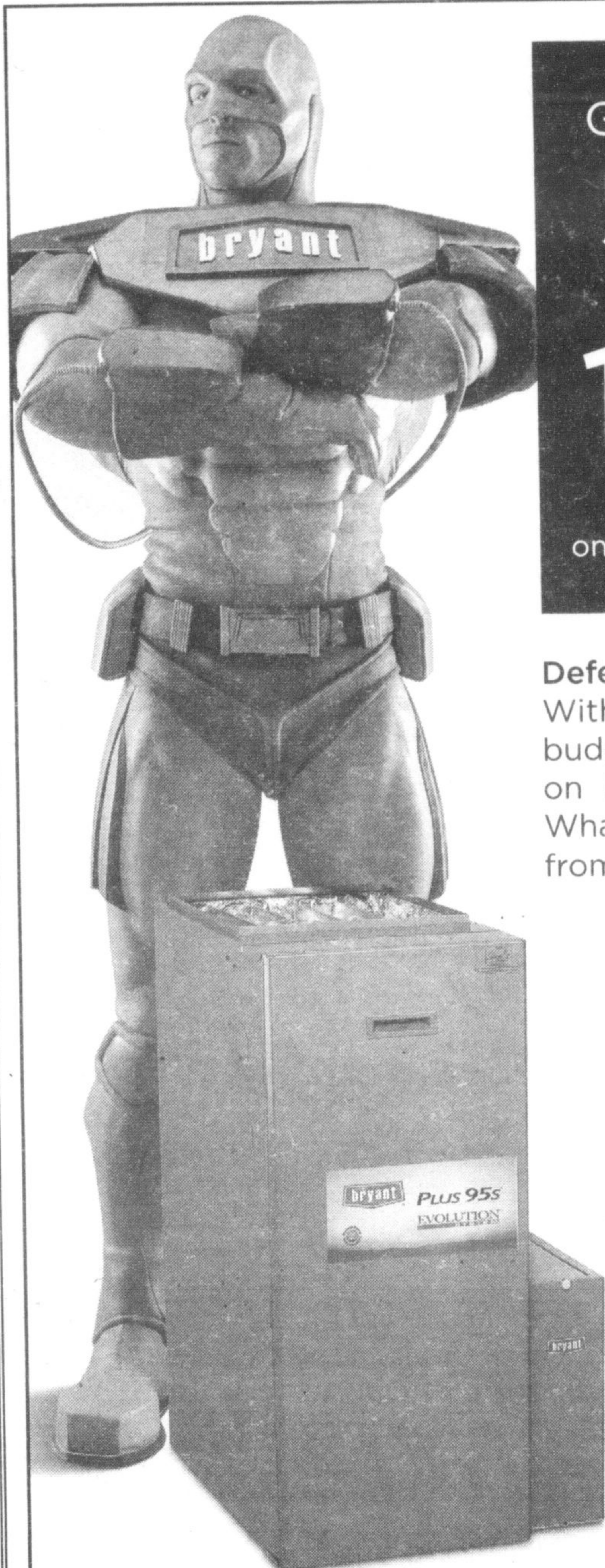
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