

# SKD sale now finalized

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More than 200 employees at Milton auto parts plant SKD will be looking for work after an Ontario court approved the sale of the company's assets to Vaughan-based Martinrea Friday.

Martinrea plans to shut the Wheelabrator Way plant down and has already negotiated a severance package for the company's workers, according to the United Steelworkers of Canada (USW), which represents the plant's hourly employees.

The package — already ratified by the union — includes two weeks severance for each year of service up to a maximum of one year's pay, along with a three-month extension of health benefits.

However, the pension plan for the unionized employees is underfunded, meaning the Province's pension guarantee fund will have to make up some of the difference.

The sale and shutdown of the Milton plant has been widely expected since the insolvent SKD went into creditor protection early this year. However, that doesn't mean the transition will be easy for the company's employees, said Fil Falbo, a spokesperson for the USW.

"It's a very traumatic effect on them (the employees) because they've never had to go through this process before," Falbo explained. "They're very unsure of their future."

He noted many employees are more than

50 years old and haven't had to look for another job.

Severance agreements have also been negotiated with the unions representing SKD's plants in Mississauga and Brampton, represented by the Teamsters and the CAW respectively.

The latter location is expected to stay open for the immediate future but with considerably less employees, as it continues to make parts for Chrysler's assembly plant in Brampton, said Leon Rideout, a spokesperson for the CAW, which represents the hourly employees.

SKD's Ontario plants made stampings and welded assemblies for Chrysler, Ford and Honda.

The shutdown of SKD will only be the first auto parts company casualty in Milton. Meritor Suspension Systems Company has already announced it plans to shut down its plant on Steeles Avenue by the end of this year.

Johnson Controls, which runs a seating manufacturing facility on Parkhill Drive, recently announced as part of a global restructuring effort it plans to shut down 10 of its plants worldwide, though it refused to specify locations.

The auto parts sector, Milton's largest private sector employer as of last year, has been hard hit by falling vehicle sales across North America.

Halton MP Lisa Raitt said the federal and provincial governments continue to work on

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## Proposed Temporary Closure of Nassagaweya-Esquesing Town Line

On Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Community Services Committee for the Town of Milton will consider the temporary closure of a section of the Nassagaweya-Esquesing Town Line for a period of ten (10) years; the closure will be renewable thereafter. The Nassagaweya-Esquesing Town Line is a boundary road with the Town of Halton Hills and will be closed from 950 metres south of 15 Side Road (south of the Bruce Trail) to the end of the existing roadway, about 2500 metres south of 15 Side Road. Any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the closure can register as a delegate to be heard by the Community Services Committee.

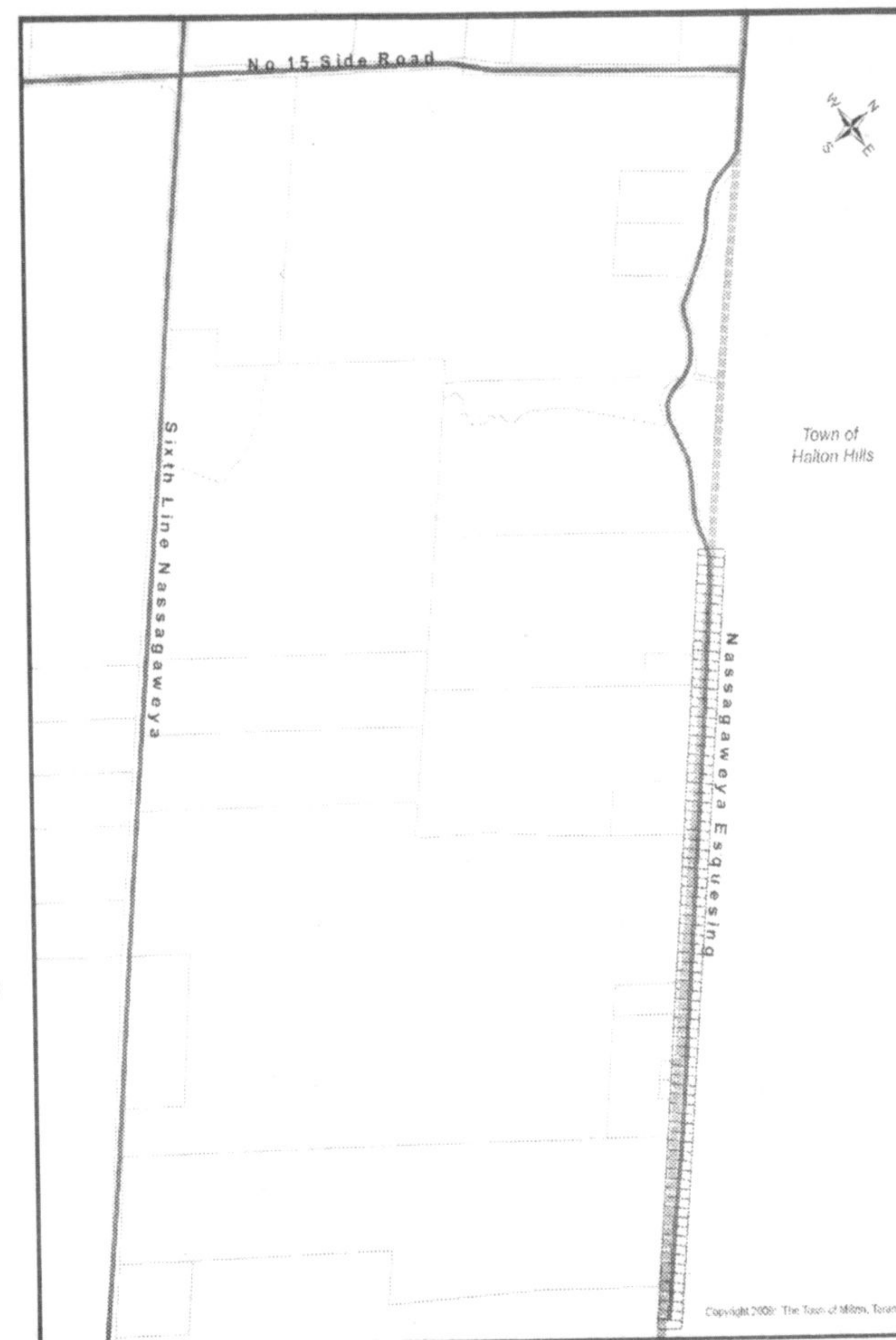
Persons wishing to appear as a delegate should notify the Clerk's Division in writing no later than 10 a.m., April 14, 2009.

To register as a delegate, visit [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) or contact the Clerk's office at 905-878-7252 ext. 2130.

Below is a map showing the location of the road closure:

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