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## Players to stage British farce

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**ICY RESCUE:** Firefighter Chris Burke (left) acts as a victim during ice rescue training in the frozen reservoir at Kelso Conservation Area Tuesday. He's pulled from the water by fellow Milton firefighter Gord Hilton using a rescue pole. Four firefighters took part in the week-long training by the Advanced Rescue Techniques School of Canada.

## Smoking ban soon to begin

Phased enforcement planned

By Tim Foran  
METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

Family Day is the day parents in Halton will have to butt out in front of public hockey arenas.

A ban on smoking within nine metres, or about 30 feet, of hockey arenas, pools, libraries and other municipal facilities will kick in February 15.

The prohibition applies to all buildings owned or leased by Halton Region or the lower-tier municipalities of Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Halton Hills.

Along with recreation facilities, the list also includes municipal offices, community centres, museums, art galleries, police stations, fire halls, ambulance stations and public washrooms. It will impact about 150 municipal facilities, according to Regional staff.

Councils at the Region and the local municipalities endorsed the ban last year, with Halton responsible for enforcement.

For the first three months following February 15, enforce-

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## Recession slows industrial/commercial growth: report

By Melanie Hennessey  
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The recession has slowed the once break-neck speed of new industrial and commercial development in Milton, with last year's numbers reflecting a significant drop in building activity.

According to a report that went before town

council Monday night, 2009 saw 508,619 square feet of industrial/commercial/institutional (ICI) development in Milton — down from three consecutive years of 1.9 million square feet of ICI growth.

The report from the Milton Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC) attributed the slow down to the recession, which

has affected ICI development across the region.

"The economic impact of the recession was significant, specifically in the industrial market, however Milton fared much better than other communities where new developments were non-existent," the report stated.

"Looking ahead, 2010 will be another challenging year due to the lingering recessionary

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