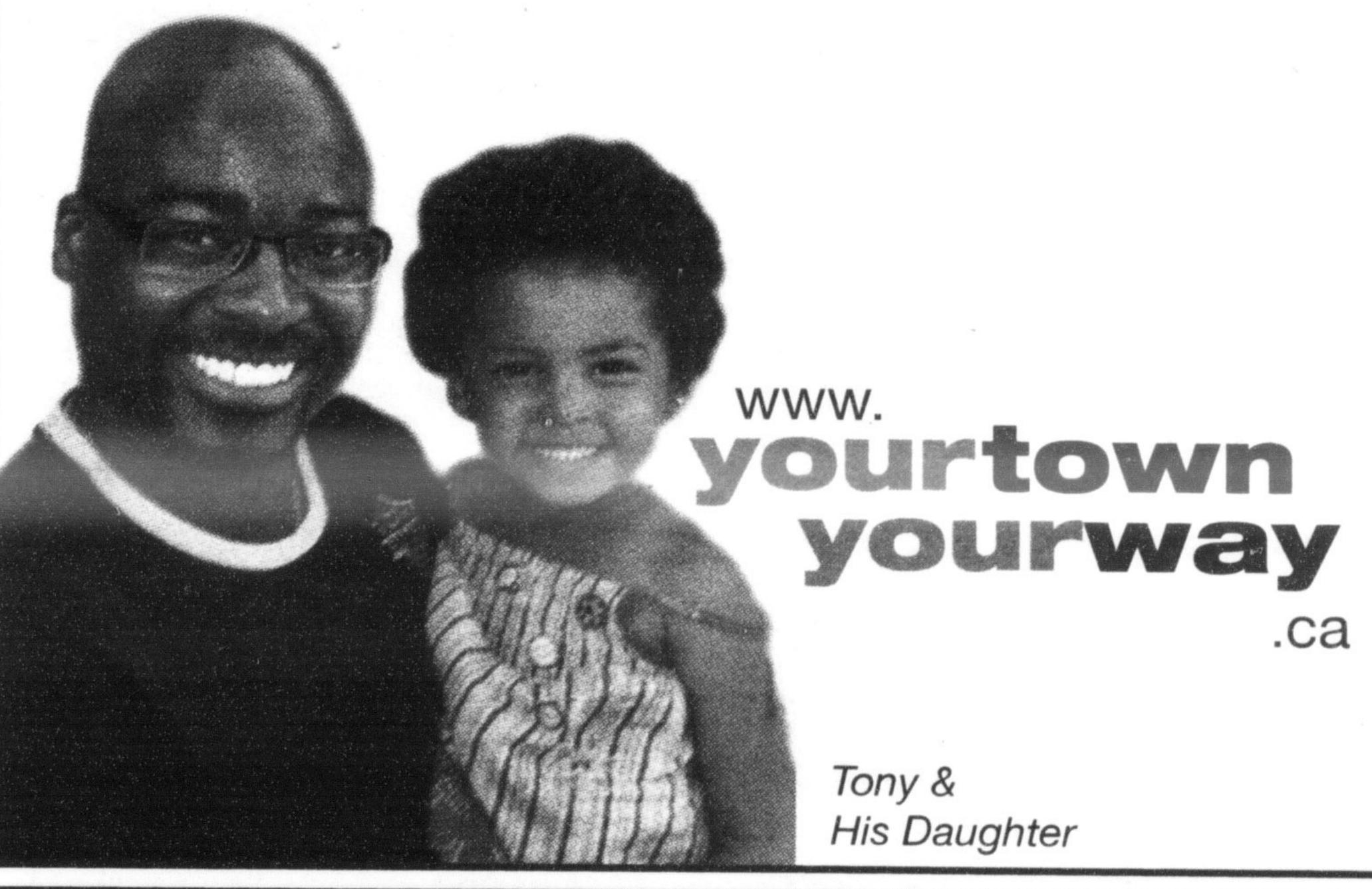
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## School to accommodate 1,200

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high school site, which is located in Milton's newest development, the Boyne survey. Planning for the school began in 2006.

HDSB plans to close E.C. Drury High School, located on Ontario Street between Main Street and Laurier Avenue, once the new school is ready.

Danielli said since HDSB doesn't own the land on which the 900-student high school is located, and the need for a larger high school in town was identified, the board was able to make a strong business case for the new facility.

Danielli said it was difficult to find the 15acre site in Milton. "We simply couldn't find anything in the existing development boundaries in the size that we needed."

The Town's planning department allowed the board to start constructing the school in Milton's latest urban expansion survey before any other development took place. Eventually, the Boyne survey will see 50,000 residents in the 2,300-acre area bounded by Louis St. Laurent Avenue to the north, James Snow Parkway to the east, Britannia Road to the south and Tremaine Road to the west. But for now, the survey is an empty plot of land.

Danielli said a lot of the construction work slated for the school involves bringing services to the area.

While the construction of Milton's third public high school is good news for HDSB, which recently identified a need for a new elementary school to accommodate the increasing amount of young residents coming into Milton, Danielli said it won't be long



NIKKI WESLEY / METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROU Officials break ground for the new high school.

before another high school will be required.

"In 2015 or 2016, we will need to be looking at another high school. The thing to realize is, if you look at how many kindergarten classes we have now, in eight or nine years, these students are going to need high schools," she said, adding, "The biggest cohort moving into Milton at this point is zero to five years of age."

She said HDSB's super council, which is made up of the superintendent, trustees, school council chairs and principals, have already begun discussions about the new high school's boundaries. Danielli hopes the boundary review will be ready for public consultation by the end of this year.

The new school will house 1,200 students and staff and includes a triple gym, a studio/theatre, a food school and technical educational facilities, and an all-weather running track. The budget for construction, including furniture and equipment, is \$30.4 million.

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