

Administrator paints cooperative picture of town

By JANE MULLER

If any of the town's 11 council members are looking for a campaign manager for this year's municipal election, Town administrator Roy Main might be a likely candidate.

He sang their praises as guest speaker at Thursday's Milton Chamber of Commerce meeting, saying councillors "deserve a pat on the back".

Mr. Main reviewed some recent accomplishments of the town as well as future plans. The theme of his presentation, "Together we can"

focused on the role of the public in molding the town.

Several "joint ventures" were highlighted including the Chamber's urban and new rural information booths. The Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) was involved in the recent acquisition of a Mary Street property.

The Town put up \$170,000 to buy land which will be used for downtown parking.

Milton Youth Soccer Club gave \$45,000 toward lighting at Thompson Road soccer pitches. The Town's portion was \$100,000. Mr. Main talk-

ed about the importance of businesses which sponsor sports teams, saying that having the recreation facilities alone, is not enough.

He mentioned the Town's partnership with the chamber in providing services, facilities and manpower support to Showcase. The consumer show has become so successful it will go ahead this year without such assistance.

The audience was reminded that urban residential growth is on hold until water and sewage capacity can be increased. The administrator did

mention the area surrounding the new Bishop Reding High School at the east urban border would be a "likely area for expansion".

"There could easily be a repeat of Timberlea and Dorset Park (subdivisions). The high school was an immediate pressure but it is not going to stand alone. There is going to be a full community surrounding it," he said.

Mr. Main recalled the pressure felt on recreation facilities with the addition of new subdivisions. He said the Town is currently planning for future needs in the area of leisure services through a facilities feasibility study. Water and sewage needs are being addressed through a regional urban structure review which will take several years to complete.

He noted Milton's strong commercial and industrial base citing several large concerns established

here in the past two years. Among them are Magna, Volvo GM, Consumers Distributing, Kinney Shoes, Dare Foods and Canada Wire.

"The reason they've located here is not just geographic, it's the kind of community we have," Mr. Main explained.

Residents perform the role of a barometer in shaping the community, he said. Councillors and Town administration are there to hear opinions and ideas and Mr. Main suggested citizens shouldn't wait for conflicts to erupt before town hall is notified of a concern.

He admits communication is important and said councillors need to hear they are doing a good job.

"Sitting on council is a thankless job," Mr. Main said.

"My hat is off to council. It is a progressive group and they have your best interest in every move they make."

Ducks Unlimited banquet indicates interest growing

Just in its second year of existence, the Milton North Halton chapter of Ducks Unlimited is becoming a popular group.

Within a few weeks of making tickets available, all 300 were snapped up for the group's second annual dinner and fund-raising auction Thursday at the Optimist Centre.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

This is the 50th anniversary of Ducks Unlimited although its history in Ontario dates back only to 1976 and in Milton just two years. In the 50 years of its existence, Ducks Unlimited has contributed some \$290 million to various projects.

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habitat in 3,000 projects and 16,000 miles of shoreline in Canada from coast to coast.

Presently, Ducks Unlimited Canada is working on 62 projects. Contributions now total \$17 million from 60,000 Canadian members, five times its 1981 membership total. Its 1988 goal is to increase membership to 100,000.

There are more than 400 members in north Halton, which includes all of Milton and Halton Hills.

The dinner-auction promises to be a gala affair.

There's three bucket raffles, an early bird draw, two special raffles, a barrel raffle, a bonus raffle, an auction of 45 items and three raffle sessions. The goods at the auction and raffles represent many tens of thousands of dollars.

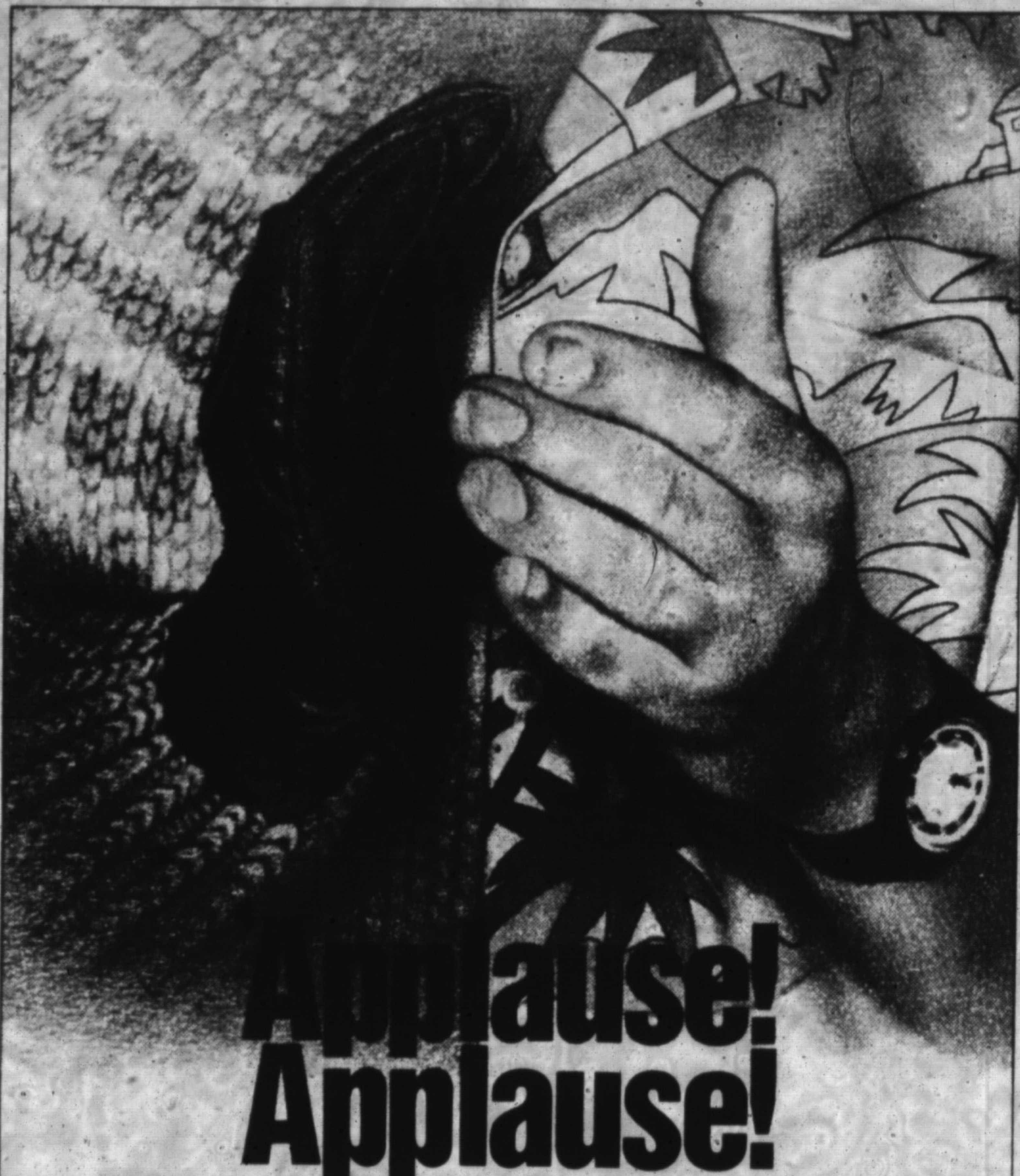
Local government week

Local government week is April 11-16 and the provincial government is encouraging municipalities to offer programs to increase public awareness of local politics. However Milton will not be participating, says town clerk Bill Roberts.

He said a local school was invited into town hall last year and an open

house was held two years ago, but little interest was shown. "If they (the public) want to come out, they can come out. But nothing official has been planned."

The Local Government Week program was initiated in 1985 to decrease public apathy toward the workings of municipal government.



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