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**Pop Concert**

Milton's figure skaters put on a show before a crowd Sunday afternoon.

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# There may be some room for growth after all



By ROB KELLY

For months it has been a given that Milton's sewage treatment facilities are taxed to their limits, effectively freezing urban development. But that may not be true. And that revelation didn't sit well with Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy.

In essence, Mr. Pomeroy and other Halton politicians at the regional planning and public works committee meeting Wednesday were told that if the province agrees to some tinkering with the Milton sewage treatment plant, it's possible the facility could serve the equivalent of 8,200 more people within nine months.

That 8,200 number represents a possible residential increase of 5,400 people and an arbitrary equivalent figure of 2,800 people in industrial development. Each industrial job is said to use up as much water as approximately six residential dwellers.

But first the additional water must be found to supply the sewage plant. If the water proves available and the province approves of the Milton plant change, it amounts to a short-term reprieve for the town. Effectively the development freeze thaws somewhat, giving Milton some room to manoeuvre as various interests compete for growth opportunities in and near the urban core.

The possibility the sewage plant is not operating at maximum capacity may be pleasant enough news for pro-development interests, but it upset Mr. Pomeroy because it represents an about-face in thinking, he believes.

"This report is certainly an interesting one for me, because it contradicts a whole lot of things," the regional chairman said. "We had been told we could not even build a non-profit housing development in Milton because there was not enough capacity."

In comments echoed by other regional politicians from outside Milton, Mr. Pomeroy added, "if that scenario had been available a year ago we might not be into the urban structure review."

The possibility of upgrading the plant and drilling enough new wells to supply the necessary water was raised in the third Halton Urban Structure Review report tendered at the meeting. It presented alternative methods of coping with growth in Milton, as well as pinpointing potential pockets where that

## Emmanuel to close doors on Commercial

A 35-year tradition will officially come to a close Sunday morning when Emmanuel Baptist Church holds its final church service from its Commercial Street building.

There are three services planned for Easter weekend at the Commercial Street building. There are evening services tonight (Good Friday) and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and a 10:30 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

Although all of the church's activities were moved to its new location on Appleby Line at the beginning of this year, pastor Ken Campbell admits the parting is sad for some including himself.

"It don't think it's fully hit us yet," the long-time pastor said.

"The nostalgia side is certainly there. There are some wonderful recollections. It's certainly been a wonderful mix of joy and sorrow over these years."

"But it's growth and development. We'll have a final fond farewell this weekend."

Long a controversial evangelist, Mr. Campbell has spent a turbulent couple of years trying to establish Halton Heritage School Academy, selling the five-acre parcel of land on Commercial Street, and settling into their new quarters on a 95-acre estate overlooking Rattlesnake Point.

It all ended last week when Halton Region officially granted his request for three severances on the Commercial Street property. In effect, that area now contains five parcels which are in the process of being sold.

He confirmed this week an invitation has been sent to Rev. Jerry Falwell, the famous American Baptist preacher. Mr. Falwell has been invited to officially dedicate the new property at a July 1 ceremony. Mr. Falwell is considering the invitation and trying to accommodate it in his schedule, said Mr. Campbell.

**Crucial to the city**

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