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**THE DOWNTOWN MILTON MIRROR**

A Downtown Milton Weekly Report On Community News, Views & Happenings



Commercial Hotel

1855

Arriving downtown from the east, the early visitor was greeted by the festivities surrounding the Commercial Hotel. And indeed, arriving from the west, the visitor was likewise greeted by the imposing Hotel McGibbon. And in the centre of Main Street, the Thompson House provided yet additional accommodation and fare. The two major hotels at the east and west provided major anchors to downtown and in fact defined the end of the commercial zone.



Thompson House Hotel

1864

The large stone building was built in 1864 as the Thompson House Hotel. The lettering is visible under the third storey windows. The west section, (155-159 Main St. E.), was built earlier (prior to 1849). The unifying veneer was a later addition. It is believed that part of the west section was the first Thompson House and may be where the Provisional Halton County Council held its first meeting in 1854.



Hotel McGibbon

1870

The Hotel McGibbon provided the west anchor and it was probably Milton's finest piece of commercial architecture - a major building from a prosperous period. Today the Hotel is gone and a vacant lot remains. Plans have been suggested with a strip of commercial space. We have not seen any designs but feel very strongly that the eventual replacement building on this land once again will form the anchor on the west end of the new revitalized Main Street.

**What Year Did the McGibbon (Milton Inn) Burn Down?**

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**Papa Nicks Today**

Nick Chuchmach and his brothers, Alvin, Adam and Peter bought the hotel in 1964 and changed the name to The Charles which it remained until 1988 when Nick Chuchmach and his sons Terry and Don bought the remaining shares from Nicks brothers Alvin and Adam and renamed it Papa Nicks.

It has been in the family for 26 years and plans are for it to remain in the family for the next 26 years.

**Dear Readers,**

Once again the Canadian flags are flying along Main Street - looks pretty, doesn't it? New streetlights will be installed on Martin Street between Main and Mill during the month of February. The DBIA needs someone who needs to be busy for 15-20 hours per week. We need you to be self motivated with a strong sense of community spirit. A retired person with gardening skills and a love of the out-of-doors needs to work downtown. If I am describing YOU, please call S. Martin at 876-2773 and we can talk further. See you next week... same time, same place.

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