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We're first in line

Finally, after much waiting, phase two of the Halton Urban Structure Review (HUSR) is beginning.

This study will map Milton's future and may well have a strong bearing on the futures of both Oakville and Burlington. The northern portions of those communities, in the area of Highway 5, will also be examined with an eye toward future development in phase two.

The reason for adding Oakville and Burlington to a study which was initially aimed at planning Milton growth is that the Province recently announced accelerated plans to build Highway 403 through those two communities. The roadway is expected to be in place by 1998, and that puts a new complexion on southern development.

There is nothing wrong with embracing the planning concerns dictated by the revised timetable for Highway 403 construction. After all, the HUSR phase two exercise is expected to cost more than \$3 million — a substantial increase over the \$180,000 spent on the phase one document — money which will come in no small part from all regional taxpayers.

The phase two work is not as exciting as phase one, which essentially represented making a choice among broad growth options for Milton. Phase two is complicated nuts and bolts stuff, detail work regarding where to put what, how to make it work and how much it will cost. Once some options become clear, a choice will have to be made.

Judging from the assessment of work to be completed prepared by Halton Region planning director Rash Mohammed, the phase two task is enormous.

A potential complication of the exercise, beyond the complications to be expected in any such massive undertaking, could be imposed by political bickering and suspicion among rival municipalities.

We hope it doesn't come to that, but already there is at least one sign of such suspicion. Milton councillor Brian Penman has complained about the broadening of the HUSR to include the concerns of southern municipalities. We get the impression he believes their concerns will only be addressed if Milton's are sacrificed.

It doesn't have to be that way and we hope the political maturity exists among regional elected officials to make certain the HUSR doesn't degenerate to that level.

Halton has a golden opportunity to offer the Province a tailor-made blueprint which will focus the attention of Queen's Park on this area. A well-prepared study will speak forcefully for this region at the provincial level.

Already other Toronto area regional governments are jumping on the bandwagon. They have retained the same consulting group Halton hired for phase one HUSR work to do an overall report on Toronto area planning options.

But this region went through that first and has the opportunity to sustain momentum in what must be regarded as a competition to solicit the attention of the Province.

Every municipality in what is now called the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), from Oshawa to Burlington, from Halton Hills to Toronto itself, is crying out for more money. Toronto's core wants to replace and expand facilities run down from overuse and the outlying areas need funds to cope with the expansion pressures brought on as endless waves of new residents move into the suburbs.

The GTA population is expected to almost double over the next 25 years. A lot of people are going to be demanding a lot of things. Halton is in the process of preparing the best, most complete wish list, first. So let's get on with it — together.

Looking back



These 10 speckled trout were reeled in by John McLeod of Milton in August, 1962. Mr. McLeod said all the fish took worms and were caught in the Campbellville area.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the August 16, 1989 issue

□ Milton councillors angrily denounced Lac Minerals Monday night and spurned the company's request for approval to open a new quarry atop the Niagara Escarpment. But Lac Minerals representatives were not present to hear their motives and actions criticized.

□ Art Gibson of Milton complained about his neighbour, Guelph Rod and Gun Club to Milton council even though the club is in Guelph District. A little noise from your neighbour is one thing, but a little gunfire is something else, especially when it's coming in your direction, said Mr. Gibson. Dents were found in Mr. Gibson's metal garage roof caused by ricochet of bullets.

□ Kenneth Brooks, 45, a resident of Acton and employee of Halton Lift Truck, died in an industrial accident last week. Mr. Brooks was on a service call at SKD Company in Milton when the forklift he was servicing

fell and pinned him beneath it. Plant workers attempted a rescue before calling for help. Brooks was pronounced dead on the scene.

20 Years Ago

From the August 19, 1970 issue

□ The Scotch Block Dam, a project by Halton Region Conservation Authority is expected to end water shortages for people in the area of the 16 Mile Creek and prevent the threat of water shortages in the future. The project should be completed before the winter comes.

□ Encouraged by the obvious success of their first major project two months ago, Milton Community Service Clubs have embarked on a new and larger project, a winter carnival for Milton. The carnival will include a wide variety of winter events including a dance, snow and ice sculpturing and a carnival queen.

□ Milton Lions bantams battled their way to their second consecutive Halton County bantam baseball championship, defeating Waterdown in the first round and Oakville in the final.

50 Years Ago

From the August 15, 1940 issue

□ Another good sized war contract has come to the area. The Williams Shoe Company according to a statement from Ottawa, has received an order for \$60,000 worth of army shoes.

□ Acting under the evacuation scheme, the Peel-Halton Children's Aid Society placed its first British child guest. The child, Audrey Whittle, 10 arrived at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Smart upon request.

□ Acton is to have a new Canadian industry known as the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada, with a capital of \$250,000 and providing employment for upwards of 100 men, in about three months.

□ The harvest needs help. There is a splendid crop. If you can help, offer your services now.

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by Steve Nease