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## NEWSLINES

### Troubled waters

There's trouble on the border. We're not talking about shoppers shunting to the United States or tariffs concocted by American customs officials that annoy Canadian manufacturers. This trouble is on the Milton-Mississauga border.

Along Ninth Line between Derry Road and Britannia Road, in the area where Milton meets Mississauga, brisk residential development is underway on the Mississauga side. But in nearby Milton, market gardening is still a productive business in a rural setting. However, Milton town councillors are worried that polluted water is spilling over into the area from Mississauga.

Monday night Milton councillors voted to ask Mississauga's city council not to approve any new construction until a water study has been carried out in the area and the situation is at least clarified.

## INSIDE



The Milton Merchants, coached by Rick Bince (above) took a 2-0 series lead in their Jr. B hockey playoff round against arch-rival Brampton Monday night, and stood poised to mount a commanding 3-0 lead on their home ice Tuesday night.

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## A laughing matter

Ben Doddington, 16 months, is obviously tickled with the designs Tracy Buckingham added to balloons being handed out Saturday at the Community Open House at Milton Mall. Ms Buckingham is director of Safe and Sound Children's Centre.

## Plans unveiled for housing development

### 'Long-term' proposal would accommodate 3,500 residents

By ROB KELLY  
The Champion

A developer who owns 27 acres of land fronting Main Street just east of Milton's GO Transit station wants to build a self-contained residential community on the site for as many as 3,500 people in a mixture of highrise towers, smaller buildings and townhouses.

Roland Jonker, an architect representing developer David Brewis, unveiled the ambitious plan at Milton council's general committee meeting Monday night. It involves 1,419 housing units overall, with 890 in six highrise towers and the remaining 529 in townhome and smaller apartment complexes of three stories or less.

The property, on the southwest corner of Main Street and Thompson Road, is currently zoned for industrial development, but is part of one of several tracts in the urban core designated as spe-

cial study areas. That means Milton's planning department is evaluating the land with a view to possibly changing its end use.

Mr. Jonker and Mr. Brewis believe they have dovetailed their development into the current thrust of provincial, regional and local planning strategies. The land use emphasis across southern Ontario, and particularly in what's now called the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is on more compact communities that are oriented toward mass transit, rather than suburban sprawl centred around car access to major highways.

Milton's municipal councillors expressed some reservations regarding Mr. Brewis' plans — mostly around the sheer size of the complex. There would be three 18-storey towers and three flanking 15-storey ones, as well as an array of smaller residential buildings and about 50,000 square feet of commercial-retail space.

But those concerns are not immediate. There's

no sewage treatment or water facilities at present geared toward coping with such an initiative and it may well be years before servicing exists. Indeed, in an example of how little capacity remains for residential development, an 86-unit apartment tower in downtown Milton was put on hold recently due to a lack of the same utilities.

Mr. Brewis and Mr. Jonker know that. They weren't asking for any formal approvals Monday night and they got none. According to Mr. Brewis, all they really wanted to do was stake out a place in line for the day when new residential development does come to urban Milton.

Mr. Brewis, who made his money in car dealerships, said he's committed to the idea. He's owned the property for six years and could have sold it at a profit "many times" already if he had just been interested in reaping short-term gains, he said Monday. "It's a long-term project."

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## Bruce St. School reunion to honour Edgar Foster

Former students and teachers of Bruce Street Public School will have a chance to renew friendships with old classmates May 9.

A reunion will be held in the Lions Club Hall atop Memorial Arena on Thompson Road May 9.

An afternoon of reminiscing will be followed by a 6 p.m. buffet dinner, presentations, and dance.

Organizers will pay a special tribute to Edgar W. Foster, Milton's own "Mr. Education", who was a principal and school administrator in town for 36 years, from 1933 to 1969.

Although the reunion is open to anyone who ever attended the Bruce St. School (1857-1972), those who attended during

Mr. Foster's tenure are being encouraged to participate.

Larrie Coulson of Sturgeon Falls, who organized a similar reunion attended by more than 200 people in 1990, is heading up the planning committee.

Assisting are Donna and Norm Coulter, Ruth and Harvey Zimmerman, Ted Bounsall, Gayle Waldio-Brown, Roy and Dorothea Downs, Lynne Davis, Zella Bonin, Barb Coulson, and Ian Foster.

Dinner tickets are available from Donna Coulter at North End Nissan (878-4137), Roy Downs (878-2133), and Zella Bonin (878-2276). A limited amount of tickets are available. The deadline is April 25.



Edgar Foster