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Final phase of Ontario Street improvements set to begin

The last stage of widening Ontario Street through urban Milton will be completed this summer, at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million. Town councillors gave approval in principle to the work Monday night.

It will mark the end of a multi-year, multi-million dollar project that has seen the road widened and improved from Derry Road to Mountainview Drive. The last link will include work north from Mountainview and improvements to the intersection of Ontario Street and Steeles Avenue.

The provincial government pays for most of the work every year, since Ontario Street is seen as the major link through town between two portions of a provincial highway — Highway 25. This year, however, that means Milton's costs are somewhat higher than expected because the province has come up with more money for intersection improvements at Steeles Avenue, and Milton must pay its share of that.

Milton had only budgeted roughly \$150,000 for the work, and now must pick up a \$273,000 tab, for a shortfall of approximately \$123,000. The money will come out of a municipal cash reserve fund.

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Penman wants regional study into water complaints

Halton Region should vigorously investigate water shortage complaints from residents near the new Milton landfill, even though the work may prove regional government financially liable for the parched wells, Milton councillor Brian Penman said Monday night.

Speaking at town council's general committee meeting, Mr. Penman said "half a dozen" angry rural property owners have called him to relate their difficulties in drawing water from wells that are often between 80 and 120 feet deep. They all live in the general area of the dumpsite, a 250-acre complex off Highway 25 south of Britannia Road.

Recently Ray and Annette Winter, dairy farmers on the private property closest to the landfill, appeared before a regional committee to vent their frustration at chronic water shortages that they say they have been enduring since large-scale work began on the dumpsite. Councillors told their engineers to look into the matter further, but the Winters say Halton has been dragging its feet for months.

Monday night Mr. Penman made it clear he wants Halton to delve more deeply into the problems a number of property owners say they are experiencing, and in a manner the residents will view as open and co-operative.

Mr. Penman said he had reports of "muddy or clouded water" and even "some wells that are dry" or slow to refill with water on First Line and Tremaine Road, near the western perimeter of the landfill.

When he visited the site, Mr. Penman said, he saw "a

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Metroland contract negotiations continue

Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distributing, which owns *The Canadian Champion*, is continuing its bargaining talks with the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild. The Guild represents one part-time and three full time employees in *The Champion* editorial department.

Talks between the company and the Guild began January 15 and will continue with mediation meetings June 17 and 18. *The Champion* is hopeful a reasonable settlement can be achieved between the two parties prior to midnight, June 18. At that time the four employees at *The Champion* covered by the Guild are legally free to strike or be locked out.

The Guild does not represent the 30 full and part-time employees in our distribution, production, advertising and accounting departments or our editorial management. In the event of a work disruption by the Guild, *The Champion* will continue to publish, bringing our readers all the editorial and advertising news to which they are accustomed.

Baldwin school fit for physical fitness award

Robert Baldwin School has been recognized for its participation in a physical fitness program, which is said to improve students' academic achievements.

Since September, the Wilson Drive school has participated in the Quality Daily Fitness program which requires students to perform at least 15 minutes of exercise in some form every day.

Now in its fourth year, the program is gaining popularity across the country with more schools applying annually, said Stuart Robbins of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (CAHER). Robert Baldwin, which took on the program as a pilot project, was recognized among 157 schools by CAHER in conjunction with Fitness Canada last month.

"The benefits of quality, daily physical education for our children and youth can't be overemphasized," said Mr. Robbins. "They perform better academically, are less aggressive, and have better health habits than other kids."



Park patrol

Halton Regional Police officer Craig Bowen, Milton's village constable stops on the Mill Pond trail to answer a radio call. The officer uses his police bike to patrol area parks and ravines.

Magical night downtown Friday for young and old

The annual Moonlight Magic will shine again this Friday.

The event, organized by the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA), will get underway at 7 p.m. and wrap up at about 11 p.m. downtown.

Entertainment, a giant sidewalk sale, and food specials will highlight this year's version of the street party.

Doug Car and band will put on a show, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will sponsor Class of '59.

The Audrey Meredith Dancers, Milton Choristers, Irish Dancers,

and Bishop Reding Stage Band are only a few of the other performers.

A petting zoo and face painting will also be among the activities.

The downtown core will be closed to traffic from James to Commercial streets on Main Street; Martin Street at Mill Street; Charles Street at Mary Street; and the exits from Knox Presbyterian Church and Carriage Square.

The following day, Milton's first annual Bed Race will be held downtown at noon.

Eight teams will compete in four races from Martin Street west to James Street.