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Highway 401 landowners protest in Halton Hills

Landowners protesting the exclusion of Highway 401 corridor property in Halton Hills from possible development marched in protest prior to last week's municipal council meeting there. The controversial lands are just east of Milton proper, along Steeles

Avenue easterly from approximately Fourth Line.

In the currently preferred Milton growth strategy mapped through the ongoing Halton Urban Structure Review (HUSR) exercise, the lands are excluded from development so as to form a natural barrier between Halton and sprawling urbanization flowing westward from Mississauga.

The move has outraged landowners in the area, who view their properties as an investment because the Highway 401 corridor is generally built up from Mississauga through to Pickering.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz has said he doesn't mind all concerns with respect to the HUSR proposals

being aired, but will move to curtail any delay in long-awaited Milton growth plans.

Halton Hills regional councillor Marilyn Serjeantson is pushing hard to see her community's Highway 401 lands developed for commercial use, so as to provide a bigger property tax base.

Roughly 50 placard-waving protesters marched in front of the Halton Hills Civic Centre. They also attended the council meeting in support of their lawyer, Hugh Thompson.

Mr. Thompson argued for inclusion of the Highway 401 lands in HUSR expansion plans, saying development in the Halton Hills cor-

ridor is a "natural extension" of marketing opportunities that exist in neighbouring Mississauga.

Councillors voted to ask Halton Region to provide a breakdown of the financial implications for Halton Hills if the area is not developed.

Regional planners have stressed that the suggested development option may not be adopted in the long run, depending in part on the reaction at public meetings to display tentative growth strategies.

Tour new leisure centre

Tours of Phase II of the Milton Leisure Centre are now underway.

Those interested in taking an informal tour can drop into the Main Street East facility anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. seven days a week.

"We had five people this morning already," said the Town's recreation services manager, Bonnie Ward, on the first day of tours Monday.

Following the tours, people will be given application forms if they are interested in purchasing memberships.

The second phase, which features a weight training room and aerobic studio, will start its first programs July 19.



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The Committee meets on an as required basis to review appeals from the public in regard to Orders under the Property Standards By-law of the Town.

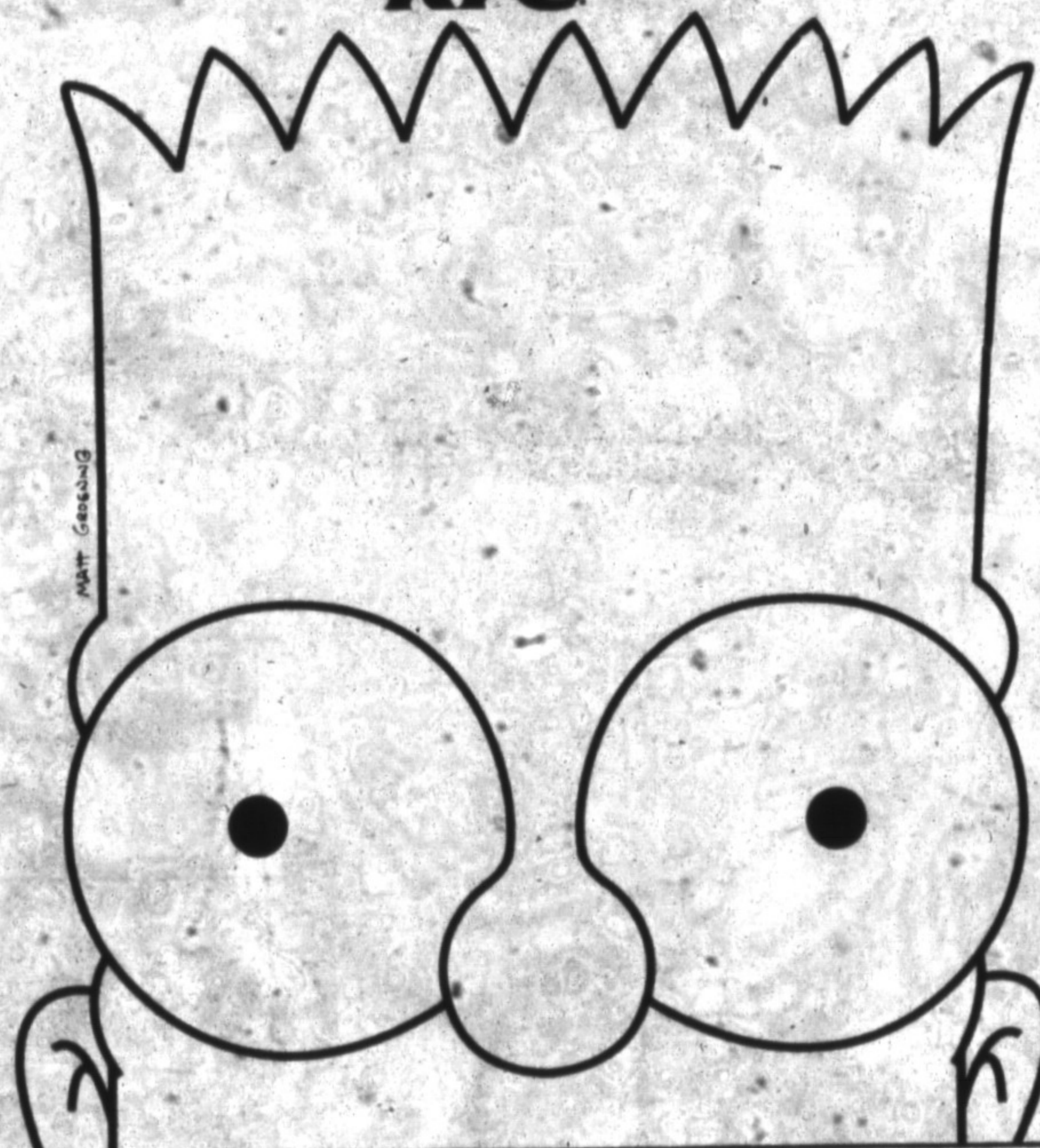
Please apply in writing, stating your qualifications. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on July 9th, 1993. Further details may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 878-7211.

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