

Town updates businesses on growth plans

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As Milton poises to triple its population and local employment opportu-

nities by 2011, Destiny Milton, the town's strategic plan, is similarly poised for public input, debate and town council approval next month. A July 4 public hearing and likely

July 11 council approval will follow Halton Region's expected Halton Urban Structure Review (HUSR) approval later this month.

Destiny Milton is billed as an unprecedented Ontario municipal planning exercise and will provide detailed local definition based on the HUSR.

That's what 90 business people heard at last Friday's Mayor's Breakfast at Memorial Arena. The breakfast kicked off Showcase Milton '94 and updated local business on Destiny Milton's Economic Development Task Force's draft strategic plan.

Destiny Milton, is essentially a blueprint for the future to guide growth in the areas of economic development, leisure/library/human services, land use, and information services.

It's a \$300,000 town planning investment that began with the 1993 capital budget. It also attracted provincial interest — and \$100,000 in provincial funding.

should be ready for distribution by fall.

An economic and development department within the town, even a means to provide the town's expertise to business in accessing government, are being investigated.

The task force recommends approaching colleges and universities to achieve better access to technological training for residents. Mr. Challinor said Milton has a highly skilled, educated labor force, yet 60 per cent of residents travel outside the area to jobs and local industries are experiencing a shortage of skilled workers, such as tool and die makers.

An executive call program is in place to link the town and local business and a similar newsletter could further improve communications.

The task force will pursue local phone calling options to Toronto numbers, an idea rejected in a Bell Canada survey a few years ago. Mr. Challinor said his task force hopes to better market the merits of the change to Miltonians.

Mr. Challinor said the current status is a hindrance to business and residents must accept that without an industrial/commercial/residential balance, residential services and low property taxes are not sustainable.

The task force is also advising relocation incentives be explored to encourage local businesses which have, over the years, been encroached upon by residential development, to move within Milton.

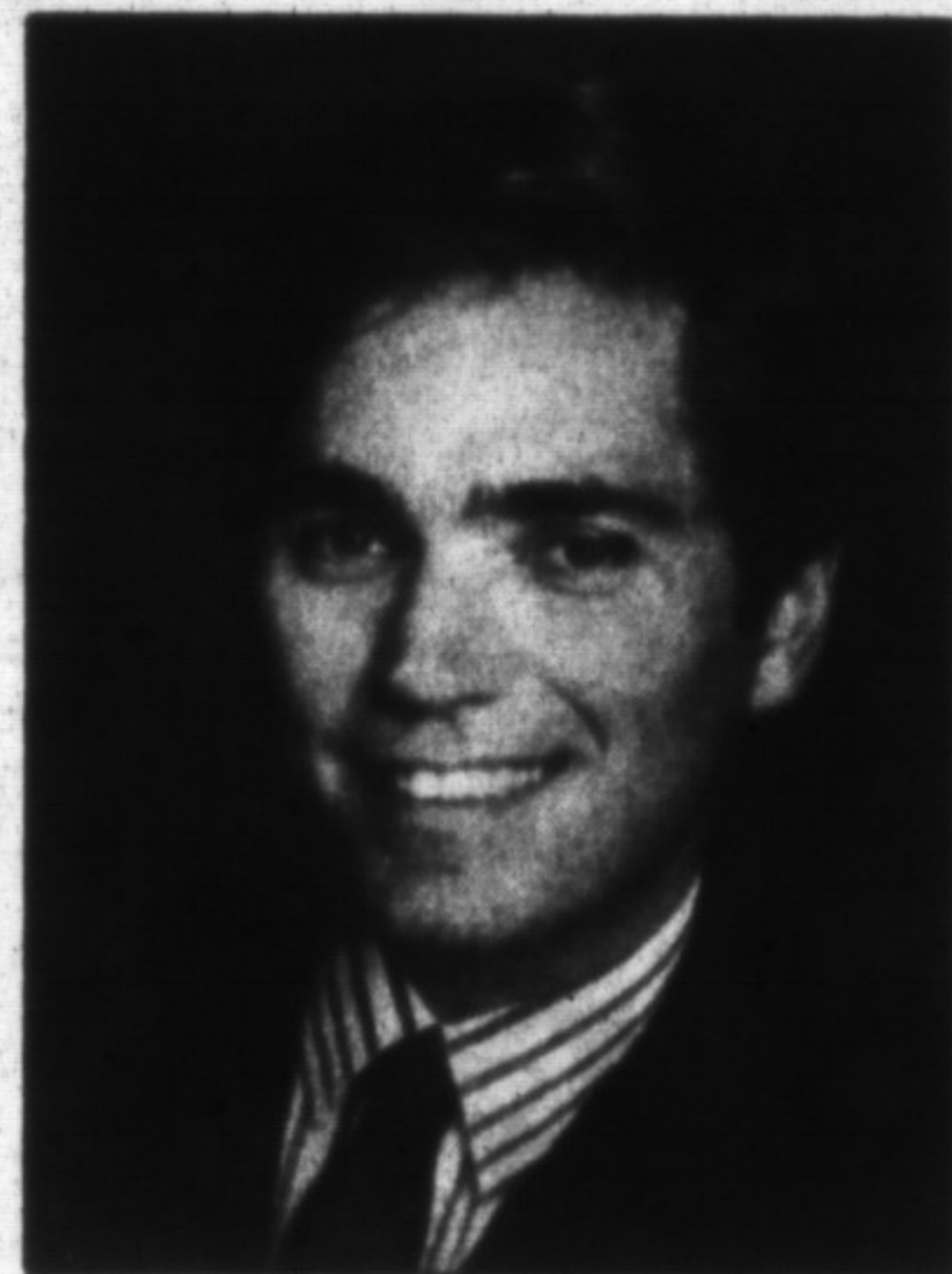
Miltonian wins top honours for ham

Meat processors from across Ontario competed for top honours in six product categories at the eighth annual Cured Meat and Platter Competition recently, and a Milton man was among the winners.

The competition was held in conjunction with the 14th annual Conference and Exposition of the Ontario Independent Meat Packers and Processors Association.

The finest of Ontario prepared products were appraised based on flavour, appearance and aroma by several judges with expertise in retail, inspection, marketing, and research of meat products.

Mario Henry of Town and Country Farms in Hornby received the Grand Champion status in Country Style Ham. The first place ham was sold by auction to The YES Group for \$175. Town and Country also received second reserve champion in Black Forest Style Ham category.



John Challinor

While all components are "equally critical", Ward II councillor John Challinor said the most pressing short-term requirement was an economic development strategy. Mr. Challinor chaired that fast-tracked economic task force, which has already completed its public consultation, study and draft recommendations. Other task force groups are in progress and should complete their work by next month, with the exception of the information systems group. The entire Destiny Milton exercise should be complete within 18 months, including a master plan and Official Plan amendments.

"Destiny Milton will decide how the growth will look, how it will be staged, the kind of industry Milton hopes to attract and the kind of character we wish to retain as the town grows from 32,000 to 85,000 in 2011," said Mr. Challinor.

Last Friday, Mr. Challinor was joined by Mayor Gord Krantz and town administrator David Hipgrave in presenting the draft economic development strategy in detail.

That strategy is targeted as pre-pipe or post-pipe, since Milton awaits the \$500 million provincial/Halton regional investment that will bring growth, \$100 million of it being the water/sewage pipelines that will give the town the servicing it needs to expand.

Mr. Challinor said Milton isn't currently "frozen" for development, at least industrial-commercial development.

With a 60/40 residential/industrial commercial ratio, the town is eager to realign that to a 70/30 split by attracting new industrial-commercial investment in town, specifically to the industrial park north of Highway 401.

The task force recently showcased Milton to business through a trade show at Dufferin Aggregates' Milton quarry, which attracted 10,000 business representatives.

"We're in the process of chasing down the leads we developed," said Mr. Challinor.

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