Council passes community planning paper

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The Champion

Milton now has a vision statement to be the best of town and country in Ontario — and a new Strategic Plan, both given the green light by regional HUSP. council Monday night.

The Strategic Plan paves the way for development this fall and early next year, of detailed strategies and planning guides for Milton's economic development, leisure and library services, new Official Plan and information technology, as anticipated growth bumps Milton's population to 85,000 by 2011.

It's all part of a comprehensive planning exercise called Destiny Milton that began last year.

The province, which funded the exercise with \$100,000, "looked upon Ontario," said town Chief Administrative Officer David Hipgrave, who has coordinated Destiny Milton efforts to date.

The vision statement and Strategic Plan approved Monday, and the research and community consultation entailed, represent Phases I and II of the exercise.

"The work is really just beginning," Mr. Hipgrave told councillors, looking to Phase III, development of the detailed plans. The newly approved Strategic Plan contains approximately 115 specific strategies to be categorized into the four detailed areas. *

The various detailed plan task forces have been struck. The Economic Development and Tourism Action Plan task force was fasttracked and already shows results for its efforts, a new Milton tourism brochure, plans for improved signage on the highways, rural areas and downtown.

in progress and should be ready for The Champion, not about Destiny

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public comment by early 1995.

Milton's Strategic Plan follows regional council approval of the Halton Urban Structure Plan (HUSP). Destiny Milton, as a planning document, will pick up locally on the

The only criticism launched at the Strategic Plan Monday was its encouragement "of increased development of arts, crafts, antique, artisan and heritage activities in Campbellville in balance with the needs of the community."

Raising constituents' concerns, Ward 3 Councillor Gerry Brooks suggested eliminating such direction from the Strategic Plan to leave it instead to the more detailed Official Plan, where residents could have further input.

Mr. Brooks worried the Strategic this as a model of planning in Plan might set a precedent regarding the direction that couldn't be changed. However, a proposed amendment died when Mr. Brooks. failed to get any other councillor to second it.

> "The only concern I have is the specific designation of a location for these type of activities," Mr. Brooks had said.

> However, Ward 2 Councillor Brad Clements said the Official Plan wasn't going to look at changing the zoning for the village of Campbellville, which has been commercial before the advent of regional government in the early 1970s.

> At the July 4 public meeting, there were concerns from both Campbellville residents who didn't want increased commerce in the hamlet, and those who supported continuation of the village's traditional busi-

Longtime Milton resident Wally Hunter was one of only a handful of The Leisure/Library Master Plan people attending Monday's council and Information System Plan will meeting to witness the Strategic begin in the fall. The Official Plan is Plan's passage. He voiced concern to

Milton, but the lack of public interest. "I think there should be a plebiscite

vote on this because residents should be more involved. That would give them the opportunity to digest it," he

said, adding such a vote would, bring the issue to a head."

ing wrong with Destiny Milton, did however look to the 1,500 persons turnout, he said.

surveyed in the exercise. He said it represented a small portion of Mr. Hunter, who said he saw noth- Milton's population. Municipal elections should at least get a little better

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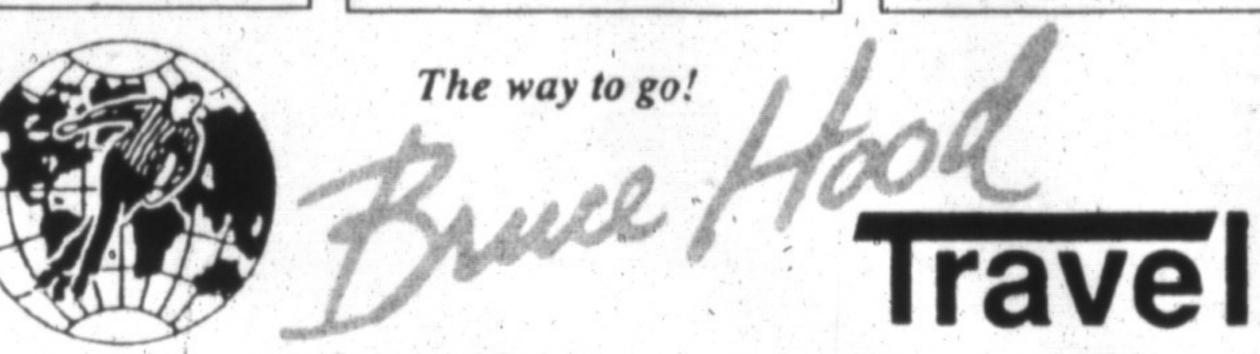
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Who May Apply?

Anyone with good communication skills who is prepared to devote time for meetings and the review of reports and technical documents is encouraged to apply. Individuals with a background in heritage, business, education, or community development, as well as, previous committee/board involvement are particularly needed for this Committee.

How To Apply?

Application forms are available from the Town of Milton Municipal Offices and the Halton Region Museum. All applications should be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 1994 to: William Roberts, Town Clerk, Town of Milton Municipal Offices, Victoria Park Square, Box 1004, Milton, Ont. L9T 4B6.

For further information, please contact: Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Leisure Services, Town of Milton, at 878-7211;

or Paul Attack, Director of Heritage Services, Region of Halton, at 875-2200 (from Aldershot phone 639-4540 ext. 7935).

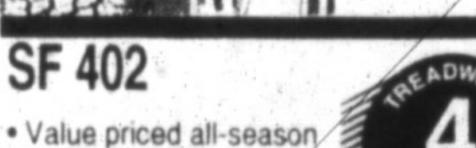




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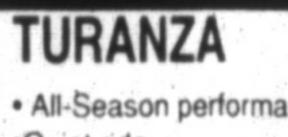


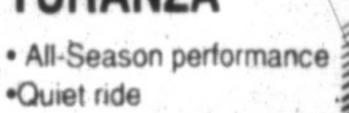


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