

Insurance break for town may be forthcoming

If federal legislation is passed as expected this fall, the Town of Milton will save \$5,200 a year in insurance premiums.

Currently Milton is forced to help pay insurance premiums for railway crossings where the Town has requested that train whistling stop. However, legislation is expected this fall which will eliminate the requirement for whistling at intersections where the municipality has met federal govern-

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ment guidelines with such devices as gates, lights and bells.

The proposal went from Milton and several other municipalities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), which lobbied the government to make the changes. According

to town clerk Bill Roberts the money saved on insurance premiums can be used to improve crossings.

Renaissance Festival rebirth

Minor changes to a zoning agreement should pave the way for the Ontario Renaissance Festival to operate on a seasonal basis in Milton.

Changes approved by town council include demanding

rehabilitation of festival lands for farm use if the event is discontinued.

Also, the festival will only take place in July, August and September. Once these changes are in place the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs will withdraw its list of concerns submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board.

In a report to town council senior planner Tom Lemon

called the modifications minor and suggested council support them.

The site is on the east side of Trafalgar Road just north of Britannia Road.

History in the making

Council has recognized Martin House as a significant heritage building and recommended the house be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Citizens have 30 days to object to the designation if they so choose. The house is currently owned by the town, which purchased it and 2.43 hectares of land in 1974. The house is used for meetings of various local groups and there is one apartment in the building.

It was built in 1857 by John Sproat, and was subsequently lived in by several prominent Miltonians.

New stores coming to Milton Mall

The new year is bringing broader shopping opportunities at Milton Mall.

Mall stores are relocating to make space for Comark, the owner of several clothing store chains. The company plans to lease more than 9,000 square feet of space.

Tentatively scheduled to open at the mall in April are Bootlegger, Cleo and Ricki's, said Milton Mall manager Marion Shannon.

To make room, Hair Dimensions, AVE Entertainment and Beechfields are on the move.

Hair Dimensions has opened at its new location across from Royal Bank while AVE Entertainment opened its doors next to Hallmark Sunday.

Beechfields was scheduled to move to the current Irene Hill location by Monday.

Irene Hill, which will be temporarily located at Milton Hobbycraft, will reopen as Cleo in early spring along with the two other Comark additions, Ms Shannon said.

Milton Photo and Ruffin's moved into larger locations in November.

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