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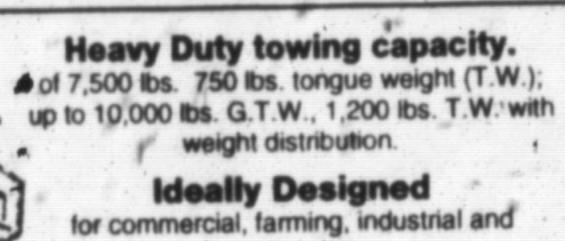
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## Town ready to present its position before GTA panel

John Challinor

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion

Town councillors put the finishing touches on their position regarding municipal reform Monday night, after several meetings and three opportunities for public input.

Milton will present its stance to a provincial panel sounding out such reactions among municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The panel and GTA municipalities are using the Golden report on municipal reform, released in January, as a basis for debate.

The Golden commission, set up by the former NDP government, was asked by the Tory government to issue its report on municipal reform in January. Municipal reforms are expected to be passed into law this fall, one year in advance of the next municipal election.

At least two Milton town councillors have written personal comments on municipal reform, and will present them to the panel, which sits at Halton regional head-

quarters in Oakville tomorrow (Thursday). Milton's presentation is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. The meeting is slated to stretch into the evening.

Councillor Rick Day will present his comments in person while Councillor John Challinor will include his submission as an appendix to Milton's. The town has also received written comments from about a dozen people, according to Mayor Gord Krantz.

Monday night councillors made minor changes to a 10-page draft position which touched on property taxes, pooling area taxes for education, economic development, changes to government structures and implementation of the reforms.

Councillors agreed to strike a mention of the need for an "opposition party" in a government as large as the GTA. The suggestion was first mentioned by

Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed at a breakfast meeting of local business people last week.

"An opposition party is laughable," said Mr. Challinor. "I laughed when I first heard it and I'm still laughing. Some individual regional governments as they are, are larger than some provinces and there are municipal governments in the United States many times larger still."

Other councillors made comments on the report or municipal reform in general. Colin Best said he saw widespread opposition to the suggested reforms, even from Toronto, and added the only thing the provincial

government is committed to is change. Councillor Wally Hunter was concerned

suggestions in the Golden report would effectively kill development in Milton for 10 to 15 years. The report suggests redevelopment of vacant land in urban areas at the expense of suburban sprawl.

Milton chief administrative officer David Hipgrave said there has been much speculation on what changes would be imposed by the province. There will likely

be municipal amalgamations and the reduction of one level of government, he said.

"We've missed a terrific opportunity to reform local government," said Mr. Challinor, who added the report is flawed because in his view it is based on conventional wisdom, not facts. "The Golden report does not go far enough. It's a highly politicized, insular view of reform from Toronto City Hall rather than from a provincial perspective."

Mr. Day summarized his position with four points. He suggests getting rid of regional government, amalgamating boards of education with local councils, putting the motion of super-cities to rest, and ending industrial development charges.

Mr. Day predicted the Golden report will be shelved when the province introduces its measures.



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON 878-7211



## LETTERS OF INTEREST John Sproat House

The Town of Milton is accepting Letters of Interest for the development of the property known as the John Sproat House at 191 Margaret Street, Milton, Ontario. Information Packages may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Department at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario. The Town of Milton is accepting Letters of Interest until Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. The Town of Milton retains the right, in its absolute discretion, to reject any or all Letters of Interest and to issue further calls for proposals if the Town deems that to be appropriate.

William Roberts, Town Clerk The Corporation of the Town of Milton Victoria Park Square, P.O. Box 1005 Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton intends to designate the exterior of the house only at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act.

R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18. funicipal Address: 191 Margaret Street, Part Lof 14, Concession 2 and Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Martin's Survey, in the Town of Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton. Owned by The Corporation of the Town of Milton.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION The detailed feasons for designation of this property can be seen in or obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Victoria Park Square, P.O. Box 1005, Milton, Ontario, L9T 486 during normal office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday).

ANY PERSON who objects to this intended-designation shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication, serve

on the Town Clerk, a notice of objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts. The date of the last day for fil-ing an objection for the intended designation is March 15, 1996. The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board which, as soon as practicable, shall hold a hearing open to the public to determine nether the property in question should be designated, and the Council, the owner, any person who has filed an inch other becomes as the Review Board may specify, are parties to the hearing. After the conclusion of the hearing

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## Town of Milton Public Open House CONCERNING PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES

The Town of Milton is currently undertaking a review of its duplicated street names. The duplications are the result of the formation of Halton Region in 1974 at which time Milts was amalgamated with parts of four other municipalities

Several informal Open Houses are being held to discuss the proposed street names. The streets affected are the Milton-Eramosa Town Line, Milton-Puslinch Town Line, Milton Halton Hills Town Line, Nassagaweya First Line, Nassagaweya Second Line, Nassagaweya Fourth Line, Nassagaweya Fifth Line, Nassagaweya Sixth Line, Esquesing Third Line, Esquesing Fourth Line, No. 1 Side Road, Campbell Ave E and Guelph Junction Road.

Displays showing the proposed street names will be available for view at the Open Houses. The dates and times for these sessions are:

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Nassagaweya Community Centre, March 20, 1996, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Campbellville Lions Club Hall, March 27, 1996, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Milton Town Hall Foyer, March 28, 1996,

If further information is desired, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 878-7211.

If you wish to provide written comment concerning the proposed street name changes, responses will be received until April 12, 1996 and can be directed to:

Mr. E. Iqvio, MCIP, RRP Director of Planning & Develops P.O. Box 1005 Victoria Park Squa dilton, Ontario