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## Council sees change charge toward town; Day says he'll fight

By BRAD REAUME / *The Champion*

Many local politicians simply want the province to make its restructuring announcements so they can get on with their business. That business includes making changes to the number of councillors and wards they represent.

However, most seem frustrated with a provincial government which promises changes but so far delivers only proposals. And one is definitely angry.

Councillor Rick Day railed against possible changes, saying he would fight with every weapon at his disposal any attempt to change ward boundaries. He also challenged the idea that savings result from cutting councillors. He said with fewer councillors those that remain must be full-time and often require more staff support, which is more expensive than the current system.

"We'll look at our urban area," he said. "We'll open that whole can of worms. I mean the whole can."

Mr. Day said there are a number of important issues in his ward which will crop up in the next three years and he wants to be in position to address them. After the next term he was less concerned, he said.

"I hope we don't succumb to any rush to destiny," said Mr. Day. "For those who think the only way is rep by pop (representation by population) look at the damned U.N. Canada wouldn't even get a Christmas card if that's how they operated."

According to Milton chief administrative officer David Hipgrave the government is preparing legislation to be passed before Christmas which would make massive



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changes to Ontario municipalities, chiefly through amalgamations.

Changes must be in place prior to Jan. 1 in order to take effect for the next municipal election, slated for November 1997.

In addition to amalgamation of municipalities there is also the question of internal restructuring, with alterations to the number of wards and their boundaries. The deadline for that is March 31.

Milton council passed a plan Monday night to have a special council meeting to discuss issues surrounding the downsizing of local council and the possibility of amalgamating Milton with other municipalities.

"Downsizing is the order of the day," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, addressing only local restructuring. "We can look at our own structure and if we don't do it

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Hello dolly

Last weekend's Community Bazaar at Milton Mall provided the perfect opportunity for Stella Snow of Milton Baptist Church to display these cute clown dolls for sale. She says the handmade dolls are ideal as Christmas gifts or for giving any time.

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