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Ready for the big day

Valentine's Day is one of the busiest days for florists, second only to Mother's Day, but first when it comes to the sale of roses. Local floral shop Business is Blooming ordered in 2,000 roses in a variety of colours including the traditional red to handle the demand. Here, shop owner Janice Nicholson (left) and floral designer Terra Proulx get to work filling the many orders.

Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

Meeting planned

Local and Regional Councillor Colin Best has invited Metrolinx staff to Milton to speak about The Big Move next week. Residents can attend the meeting at the Milton Sports Centre Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and ask questions about Metrolinx's plan to tackle gridlock and improve transportation access, integration and efficiency in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area over the next 25 years. Last month at a town council meeting, Best called The Big Move 'The Big Stall' because he questions whether the plan addresses the transportation needs of Milton's growing community.



Sports stars shine at celebrity dinner

World Series hero Joe Carter, former Toronto Maple Leaf captain Wendel Clark and CFL Hall of Famer Damon Allen were among the guests at the Milton Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction Tuesday. See story in Sports page 33.

Committee discusses snowstorm response

By Julia Le
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The weather and what the Town of Milton could do better to respond to a major snowstorm stirred up heavy discussion at the Town's administration and planning committee meeting Monday. Engineering Director Paul Cripps told councillors it was the worst snowstorm Milton has seen in five years, dropping about 25 to 35 cms of snow over the course of Friday. Even with the snow removal team out during the afternoon before the storm to salt and sand the roads, he explained, the trucks

had a challenging time keeping up with the snowfall, especially near the end of the night. The snow stopped falling at about 10 p.m. "Clearing operations on our local roads started at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening," said Cripps, explaining that by 10 or 11 p.m., most of the fleet had moved off the arterial roads and through residential streets. "Local roads were finished up Sunday morning at approximately 1 a.m.," he continued. "That's about 26 hours after the snow stopped so we did not meet our 24-hour service projection."

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