Concems raised over closure

Milton councillors passed a resolution that stated while they understand the sorting facility has to be moved elsewhere, they believe a retail postal office should remain in the area to serve the long-time residents and merchants in the area.

Downtown Milton BIA wrote a letter with a similar recommendation.

BIA executive director Donna Danielli said in November when it was confirmed that the post office would be moving she was concerned the post office would be too far away - located on the other side of Hwy. 401.

Mayor Gord Krantz told the Champion Tuesday he still believes a retail outlet is needed in the downtown area, especially with the intensification it faces in the coming years.

"It will certainly be warranted," he

But Canada Post spokesperson Eugene Knapik said that at the present time, the corporation isn't considering opening a retail outlet in the downtown area.

"We review our retail network on an ongoing basis and if the business changes and demographics change (as well as the) need for additional outlets, we'll look at it sometime down the road," he said.

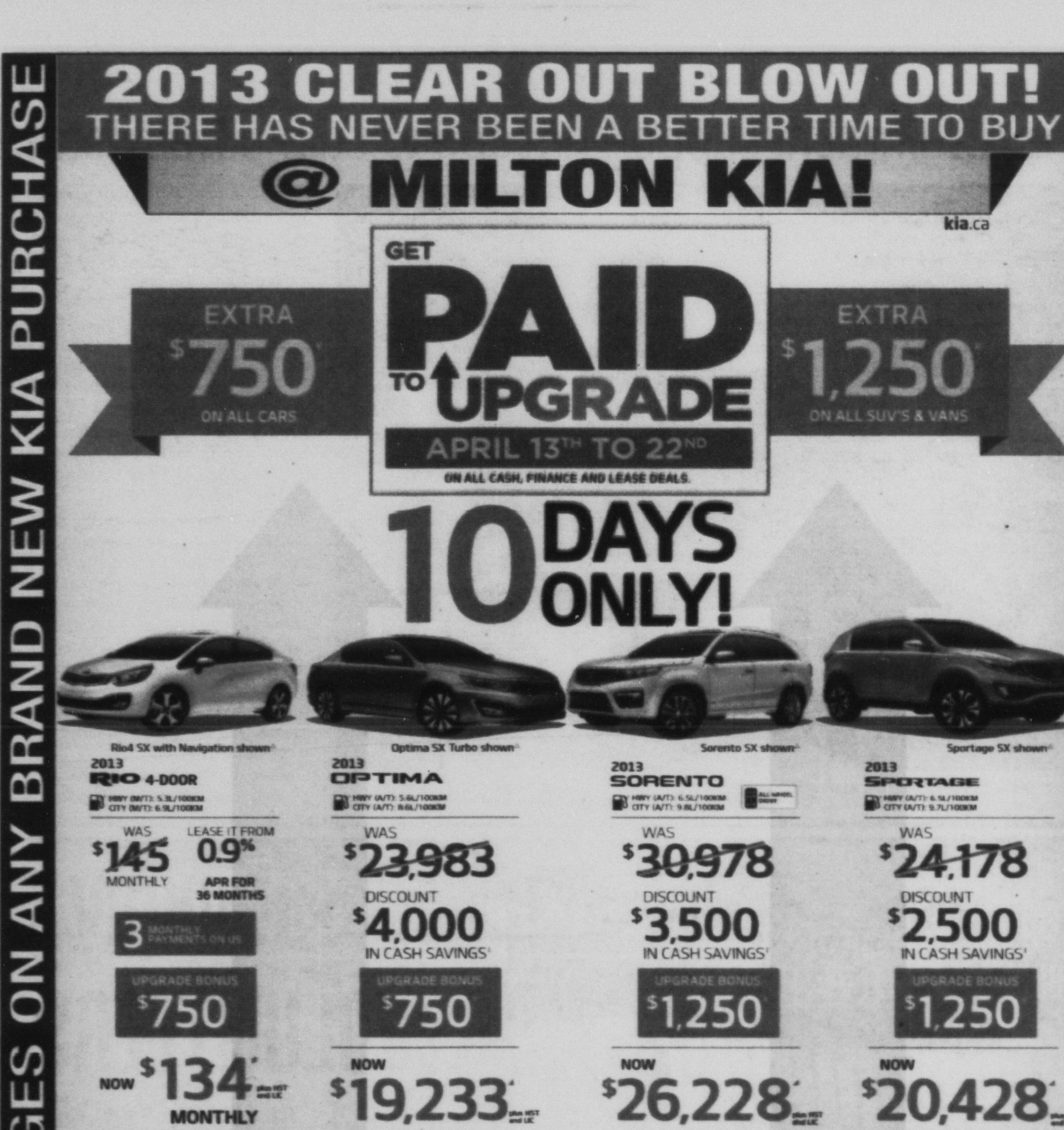
Meanwhile, he said the new location at 8490 Lawson Rd. will feature a more convenient way for postal box customers to pick up parcels.

"For parcels that don't require a signature or other personal contact, we'll provide a key to a parcel compartment in the postal box for the customer receiving the parcel."

The retail hours of operation will change slightly to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Customers who have a postal box will maintain their current box number and postal code and will continue to have access to it 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Town of Milton is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the Brown Street property as it looks ahead to expand its operations in the next five to 10 years. Krantz said the Town will likely take possession during the summer and lease it out over the next five years until it has more definitive plans.

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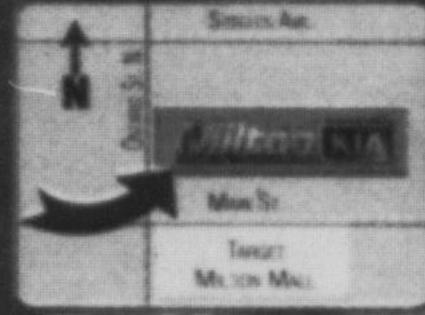
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