

Cold weather will linger into spring: meteorologist

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Don't put away your hats, mitts and scarves just yet.

Spring may be officially here, but the warmer temperatures that come along with the season are still a ways away.

The Weather Network meteorologist Elena Lappo — based in neighbouring Oakville — said it will be "a slow start to spring" with the colder, winter-like temperatures lingering into the first half of the season.

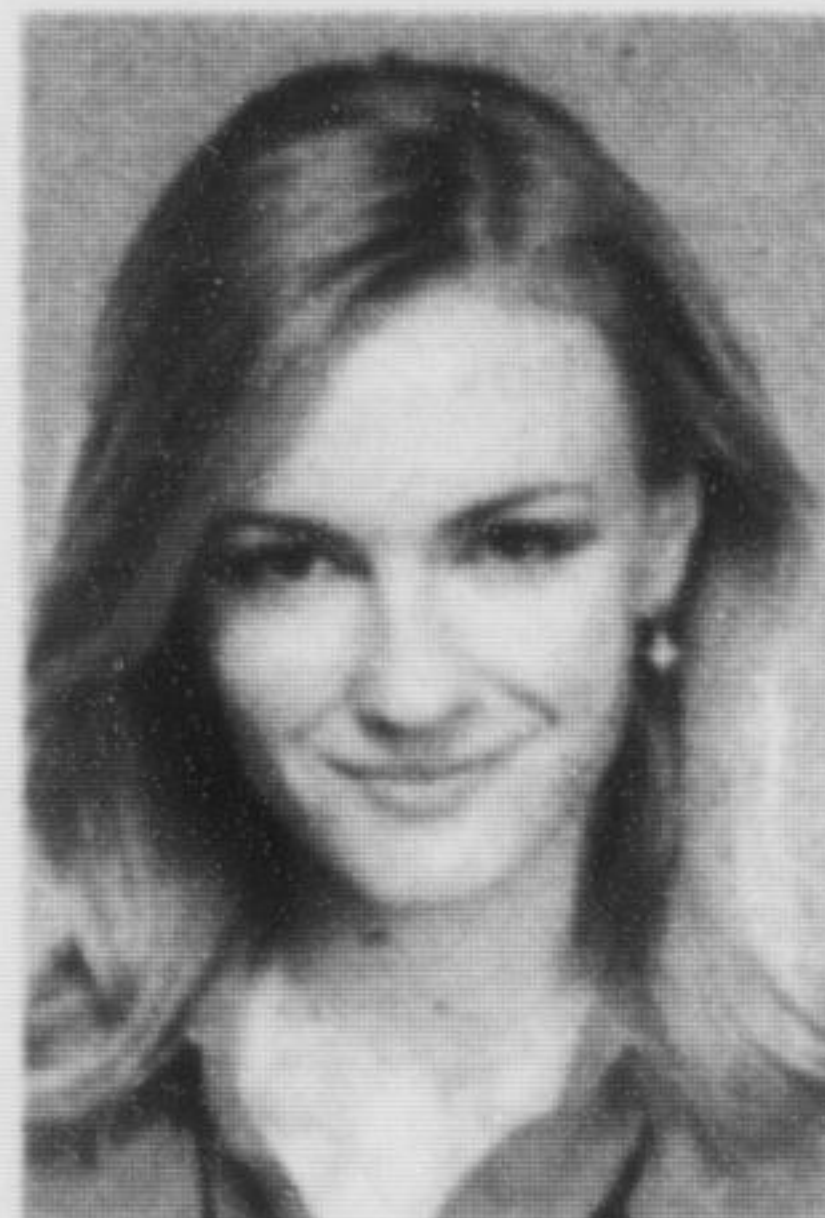
"In terms of March, and even into the beginning of April, we're expecting to have more below seasonal days than above seasonal," said Lappo.

More snow could come as a result, she said.

"With so much snow on the ground already and with cooler temperatures to start the spring off, we just might see snow on the ground for a bit longer than what we have seen in the past few years," said Lappo.

This winter has been especially hard on Greater Toronto Area (GTA) residents, the coldest since the 1993/94 winter season.

"The winter has definitely been much colder than what we have seen in the past 20 years, but also we've been seeing much milder winters in the last few years and that also adds to the affect of why people feel so much colder," said Lappo.



Elena Lappo

Halton communities have faced 10 cold alerts affecting a total of 36 days so far this year compared to just three cold alerts spanning six days in 2013.

The alerts are issued by Halton Region when temperatures are expected to fall below -15 C (without wind chill) or when weather con-

ditions are severe enough to warrant alerting the community to the risks involved with prolonged exposure.

But things could be worse.

Lappo said Southern Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, which are already two areas that are typically colder than the GTA, faced a harsher winter, with frigid temperatures 5C colder than normal.

In the GTA, she said, people have been facing temperatures 2-3C below seasonal.

However, Lappo assures that relief is on its way, despite the possibility of seeing colder air outbreaks over the next month.

The sun is becoming stronger, the days are becoming longer and the average temperatures on the rise, she said.

"We'll definitely see some warmer spells as well. The overall feel is just going to be milder. Even though days are below seasonal."

With an average daytime high of 5C in March, Lappo added even if temperatures are around zero it will already feel better than the -15C people have been experiencing over the last few months.

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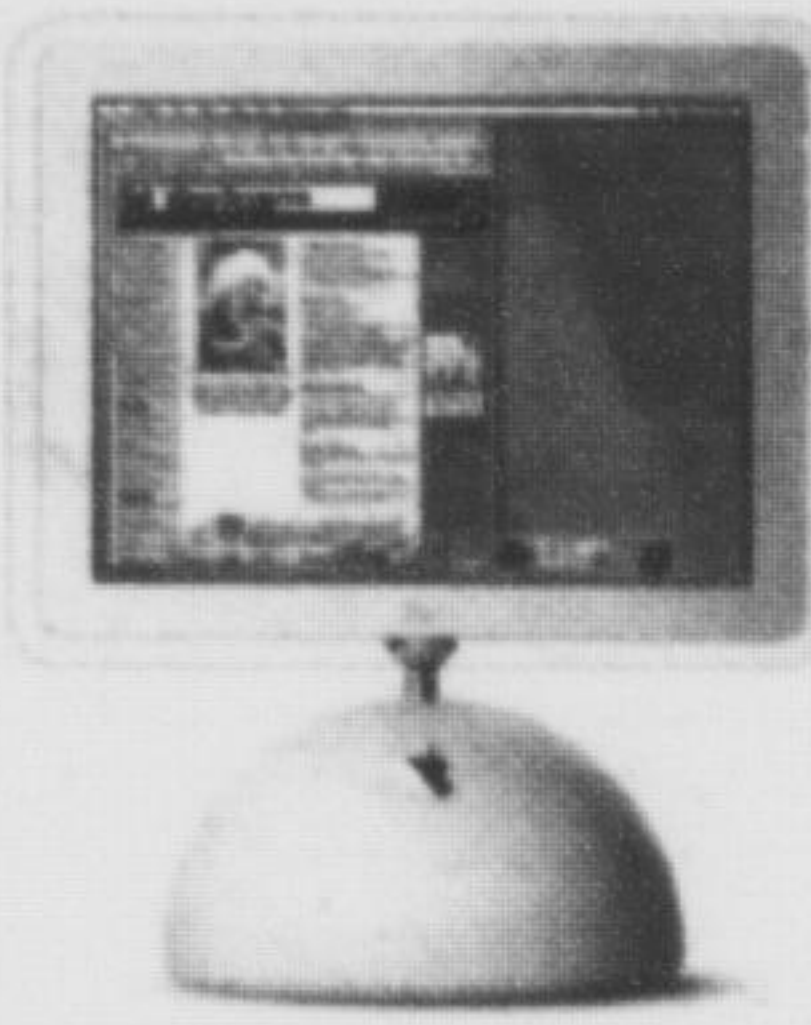
The Downtown Milton Street Festival has been named one of the top 100 festivals and events in the province by Festivals and Events Ontario.

The list was announced earlier this month.

Set for Saturday, June 7 this year, the annual

downtown festival is a day-long kick-off to summer held along Main Street.

It features a host of musical entertainment, as well as a number of performers and children's games. A wide variety of food and vendors round out the festivities.



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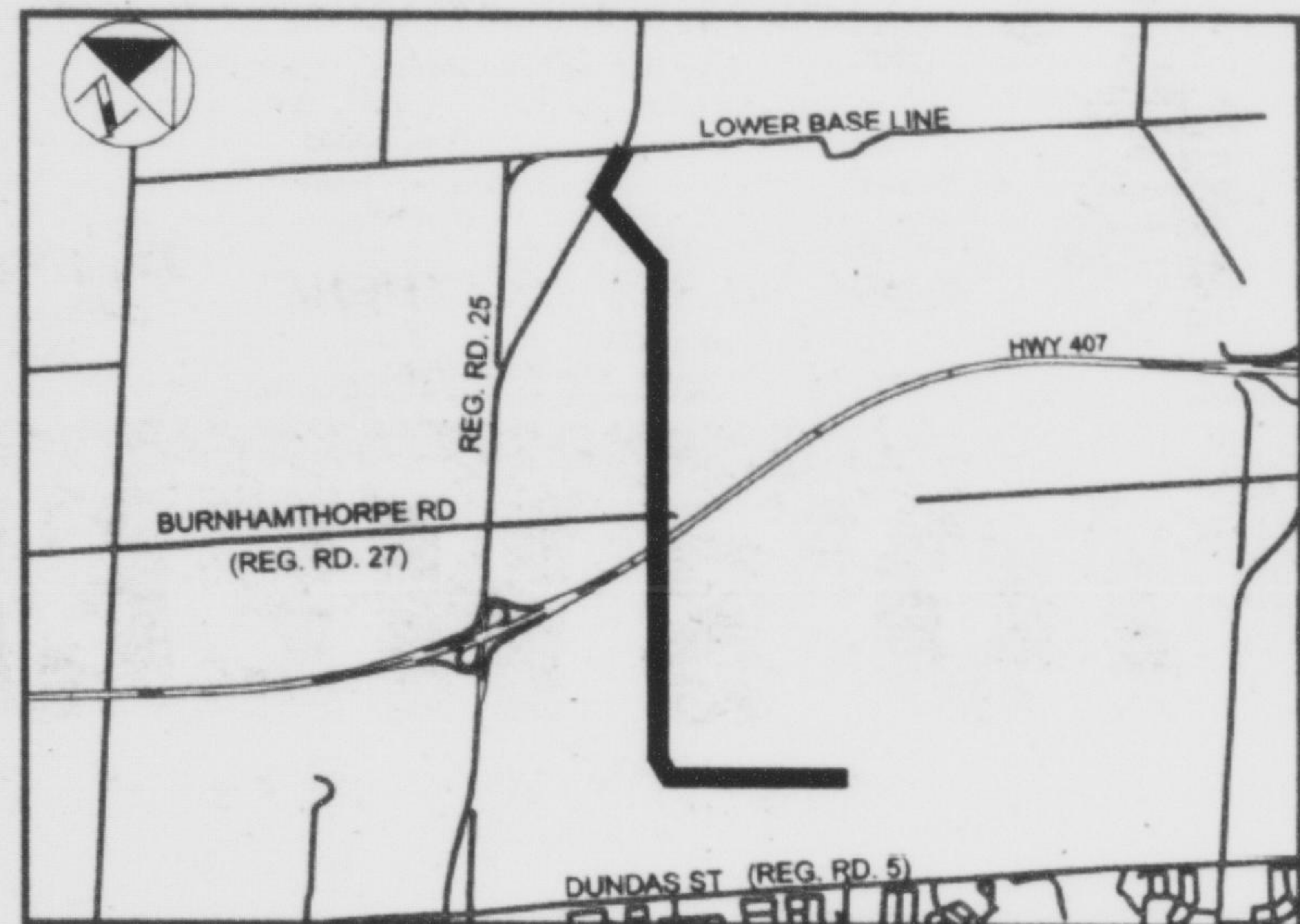
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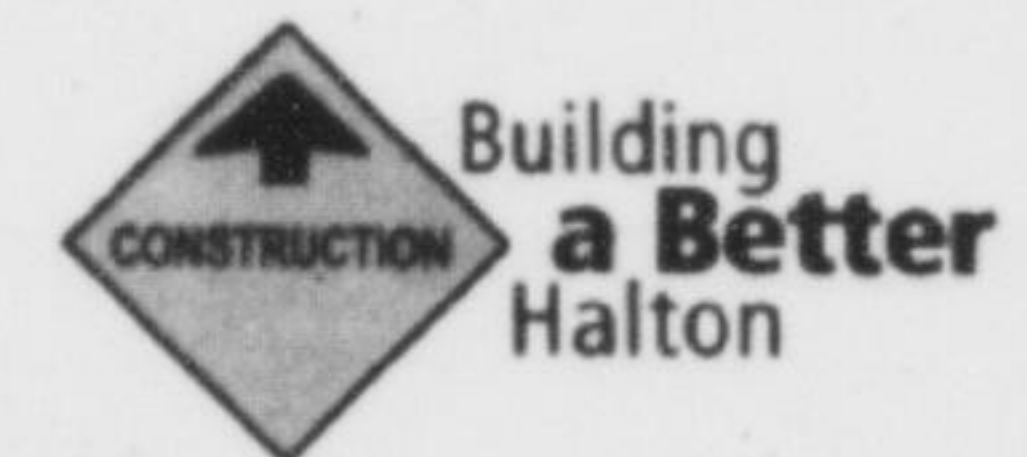


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