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Stellar spellers

Literacy North Halton held its 12th annual Grate Groan Cup Spelling Bee fundraiser last Thursday at Granite Ridge Golf Club. Taking top honours this year were the Fine Arts Society of Milton's 'Bee Keepers', who clinched first place with the word soutache — a decorative braid. Above, Bee Keepers members (from left) Trixy Benner, Jenny Panda and Jean Rivers proudly display their trophies.

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Developer suing Town, mayor, two staff members

By Rachael Williams
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The Town of Milton, Mayor Gord Krantz and two Town staffers are being sued for more than \$150 million by a Mississauga-based real estate developer. TSI International Canada is suing the Town, Krantz, CAO Bill Mann and Planning and Development Director Barb

Koopmans for allegedly holding a special council vote that revoked a decision to permit TSI from going ahead with a proposed residential development. The lawsuit was filed and served on May 11. In an email to the *Champion*, the Town's communications co-ordinator, Brett Kelly, wrote: "It is the Town's position, and that of Mayor Krantz, Mr. Mann and Ms Koopmans, that the claim has

Some residents wary of park redevelopment

By Rachael Williams
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Victoria Park is next on the Town's priority list for park redevelopment, but according to some local residents, if it's not broken, don't fix it.

A park redevelopment meeting took place at Town Hall on May 6 to gather public input regarding one of Milton's most historic community hubs — Victoria Park. Known for its rich history as a courthouse and county jail dating back to the mid-1800s, the park has been the site of community events in Milton for more than 150 years.

"You can't just leave it and hope that it'll be fine after over 100 years. Everything needs a little TLC (tender loving care) after awhile," said Lisa VanderVliet, the Town's project co-ordinator for the Victoria Park redevelopment.

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