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Milliken diversity-rich community

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Arguably and most extensively, one might define Milliken's borders as Steeles to the south, Brimley Road to the east, just a touch east of Birchmount Road and just south of 14th Avenue.

Those who know the community say the first recent immigration wave was led

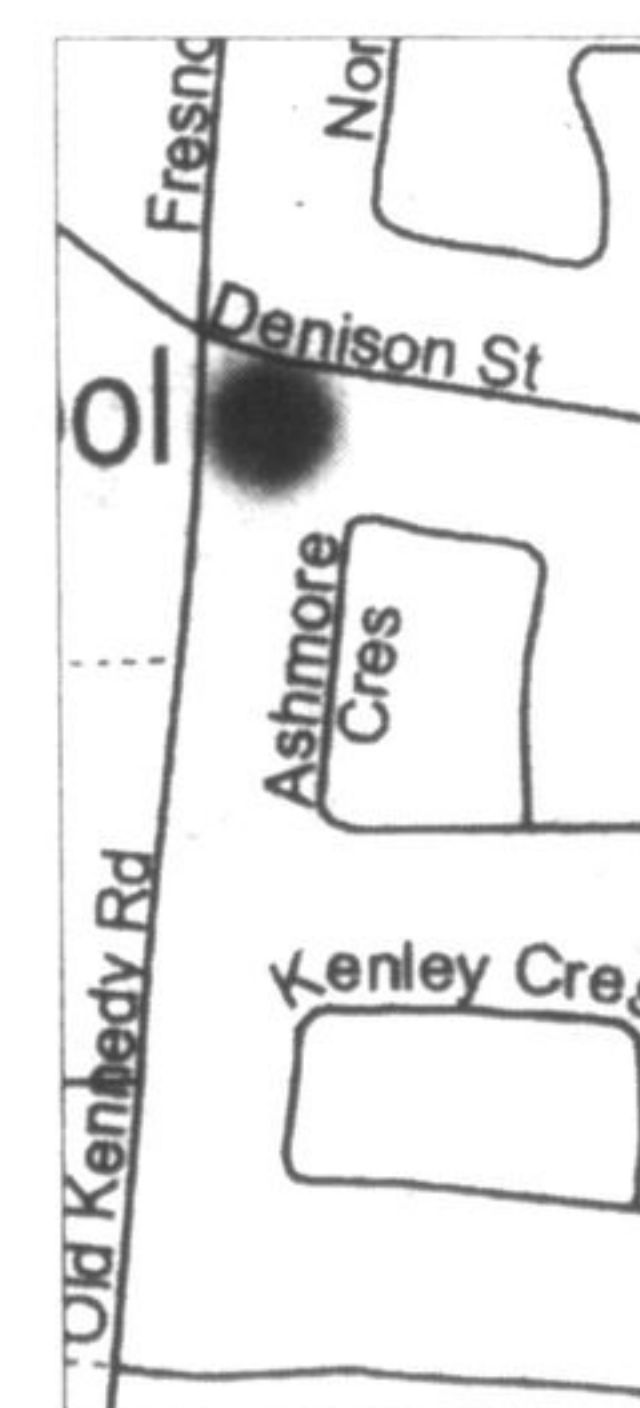
by southern Europeans. In the late 1980s and early '90s, Chinese immigrants began to move into the neighbourhood when Market Village was established.

More recently, increasing numbers of South Asians and Caribbean-Canadians have made Milliken home.

Milliken may be a new world to some residents, but is also a neighbourhood with deep roots.

Records about the community's origins show it was a quaint settlement in its early days; its centre being what was then Steeles, now referred to as Old Kennedy.

Today on Old Kennedy, vehicles zip up and down the four-lane road between Steeles and Denison. On the east side of Old Kennedy, homes peek over a long wooden fence. An auto body shop with cars and dump trucks gleaming in the sunshine on its lot are



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