



# MILTON WARD 1

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WARD 1 TOWN COUNCILLOR

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### Councillor Spotlight

I'm Kristina Tesser Derksen, your Ward 1 Town Councillor since 2018. I am a born-and-raised Miltonian, wife, mother, lawyer, funeral director, and community member. I sit on the Board of Directors of Milton Public Library, Milton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Milton Business Improvement Area, and Townsend Smith Foundation. I am a member of the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee, Canadian Federation of University Women, Italian Cultural Centre of Milton, and Chair of the Townsend Smith Fundraising Committee. I'm always open to hearing from you. You can reach me at **905-691-8988** (text or call) or [kristina.tesserderksen@milton.ca](mailto:kristina.tesserderksen@milton.ca).

Thanks for reading and see you around town!

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### Dear Neighbours

As we mark the half-way point of the year, it's a good time to reflect on the progress we've made emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic and look towards the future. Its starting to sound cliché: its been a challenging few years. As we move into post-covid life, challenges remain: Daily expenses keep rising. Businesses struggle to make up lost revenue. Charities are experiencing decreased donations. Despite the challenges, though, the silver lining has been to see the community galvanize in a way that confirms what we all knew: Milton cares. Our citizens want success and safety for all. The results that we see in our community are proof plenty.

At the Town of Milton, years of sound financial management have helped us avoid fiscal degradation, despite the intense financial pressures arising from the pandemic. We have weathered the storm well, and continue to do so. That being said, there are places where taxpayers want to see investment: sound infrastructure, expanded services and programs, sustainability and climate change mitigation...and the list goes on. As we settle into the second half of 2022, I am confident that the same industrious and compassionate spirit that navigated us through last the last two years will only increase in momentum. We have a lot to work towards, and a lot to be proud of.

Take care,

*Kristina*

### Council Notes

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

*One of the most common complaints I receive is speeding and road safety.*

As a result of your outreach and concerns, the Town of Milton has initiated a Traffic Safety Plan, which will include introducing projects associated with traffic calming, (flashing 40 Km/h signs, roundabouts, speed feedback boards), school zone safety, (crossing guards, driver awareness, pedestrian safety), and Community Safety Zones (increased fines for speeding). In 2022, nine additional Community Safety Zones will be established in areas throughout Milton to help improve road safety.

Learn more at

<https://www.milton.ca/en/living-in-milton/traffic-and-safety.aspx>

### 2023 Budget Planning Begins This August

*During the 2022 Budget deliberations, several residents expressed concern for the process in which public input and delegations are received through the budget process.*

Their concerns have been heard and we have worked together with staff to re-evaluate and democratize the way the public provides input in the budget process: with more transparency and earlier consultation.

Visit

<https://www.milton.ca/en/town-hall/budget-engagement.aspx> to

submit your comments and ideas. Or reach out to me to share your thoughts.

### Newsletter Tip

Want to get up-to-date on roadway construction projects in Milton? Visit <https://www.milton.ca/en/living-in-milton/road-construction-projects.aspx#Road-construction-projects-forecast>

## Going concerns...

### QUARRY QUALMS

All residents should be aware of the proposed Campbellville Reid Reservoir Quarry application by James Dick Construction Ltd. (“JDCL”). The Town of Milton, along with Halton Region, Conservation Halton, and Woodbine Mohawk Park, have sent letters of Objection to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. In 2019, Residents asked for an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the environmental impacts, including the impact on water supply and air quality. The provincial government ordered the EA to be completed as part of JDCL’s application, but so far, JDCL has not started the EA process. When it does, the Town of Milton will be participating to ensure resident concerns continue to be front and center.

Since the province is the ultimate decision-maker on quarry applications, Councillor Colin Best, Mayor Krantz, and I have requested a meeting with the new Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to express the community’s urgent concerns and our continued opposition to the quarry application.

Earlier this year, Councillor Best and I brought a successful Motion to have the Town solicitor provide a fulsome update memo on the legal elements of the situation confirming that the Town has actioned the best legal options to date.

Citizen’s group ACTION has rightly expressed that this is not merely a rural issue, as the proposed quarry threatens to interfere with the water supply to old Milton. Many will recall the Premier’s comments at a news conference in the summer of 2019, where he committed to stand in opposition to the quarry application in solidarity with residents.

Visit [www.actionmilton.ca](http://www.actionmilton.ca), and the Town’s website <https://www.milton.ca/en/business-and-development/reid-road-reservoir-quarry.aspx> for more information.

### CN UPDATE

Residents have been inquiring about activity at the CN site. The Town is aware of this activity and staff are monitoring on a regular basis. CN has no approval from any local or regional authority to carry out any activity at its site and the Region of Halton has communicated this to CN.

A court hearing commenced on May 30, 2022 in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to clarify the constitutional powers of Halton Region, Town of Milton and Conservation Halton over CN’s current activities. The court has deferred its decision to later this year.

The long and arduous saga of the CN Hub has been ongoing for decades. The Town of Milton and Region of Halton have officially and forcefully opposed the project and invested significant time and resources fighting CN’s proposal. Community groups such as RAIL and Milton Says No have brought crucial information to the community and galvanized opposition. The Environmental Review Panel held public hearings between June 19 and July 17, 2019 to listen to all views on the project. An Environmental Assessment was submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and a final decision was released in January 2021, disappointingly, approving the project to go ahead. The Region’s recent court application is a response and a chance for the federal court to review the decision. All residents are urged to voice their opposition.

Visit <https://www.milton.ca/en/business-and-development/cn-logistics-hub.aspx>, <https://www.miltonsaysno.com/> or <https://www.miltonrail.com/>

To learn more about the Halton municipalities’ position on the project, please visit [halton.ca/CN](http://halton.ca/CN) and <https://www.milton.ca/en/business-and-development/AboutTown...>



## Green Corner

In 2019, I brought forward a motion to establish a climate emergency and community action steps to address climate change. The Town of Milton has been committed to applying a green lens to planning and operations for many years, and our staff have been working hard to identify areas where Milton can cut further emissions and “increase our green”.

Council has approved our climate plan, and Milton has become a member of Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) (which membership requires our commitment to five milestones, one of which is an emission target goal of a 20% reduction in corporate emissions over a 10 year period and a 6% reduction in community emissions).

Building on the momentum of the Climate Emergency declaration, in May 2021 I brought forward a Motion directing staff to produce a report on the feasibility of reducing/deleting harmful single-use plastics at Town facilities; e.g. single-use water bottles, plastic cutlery, plastic bags – things that we use for mere minutes, but end up in our oceans for decades, contaminating our drinking water with micro-plastics and harming wildlife. It’s a meaningful step in the right direction towards a healthier home for all of us. Thanks to Ian Thompson of Sustainable Milton for suggesting the idea. Much more information is available at the Town’s website:

<https://www.milton.ca/en/living-in-milton/>



## Where is Ward 1?

Ward 1 is comprised of parts of Milton and Nassagaweya, and all of Campbellville. If you live North of Derry Road and West of Ontario Street, then you live in Ward 1 and I’m your Councillor!

## We Make Milton, TOWN OF MILTON OFFICIAL PLAN

The Official Plan is the document that guides planning and growth to 2051 and beyond. Housing options, sufficient employment lands, protection of heritage neighbourhoods, transit, and innovative urban development are all captured in this important, comprehensive plan, all of which must mesh with the mandated provincial and regional growth targets under a lens of environmental sustainability and sound financial management. This is a balancing act extraordinaire.

Of course, the best place to start is with the people of Milton. Our staff have designed a thorough stakeholder consultation process where everyone can share their input. Read the reports, register for updates, and share your comments at: [www.letstalkmilton.ca/WeMakeMilton](http://www.letstalkmilton.ca/WeMakeMilton). This is a community building project that we can all contribute to.

### About Town



The ICCM (Italian Cultural Centre of Milton) is hosting ItaliaFest on Sunday, August 14th at 104 Tremaine Road. Great food and entertainment in the style of La Bel Paese!

<https://iccm.ca/>



Milton Farmer's Market hosted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce is being held each Saturday morning from 8am-noon at the Milton Fair Grounds.

<http://miltonfarmersmarket.ca>



Townsend Smith Foundation is holding a charity golf tournament, The Compassion Classic, on Thursday, August 25th at Granite Ridge Golf Course. Register for this great event for a great cause.

<https://www.townsend-smith.ca/event/townsend-smith-foundation-2022-golf-tournament/>

If you would like your event included, or have other comments, please email: [kristina.tesserderksen@milton.ca](mailto:kristina.tesserderksen@milton.ca)

### Preserving our Heritage

#### REVIEW OF THE DOWNTOWN CHARACTER AREA

Many of us have seen changes in the residential area of downtown Milton, particularly the development of residential lots in our mature neighbourhoods in "Old Milton". With an eye on this development, the Town of Milton commenced a Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study to review the zoning and planning policies within the current Official Plan. This study was the first step in updating these policies. Phase 3 of the Study has been completed, during which time an Interim Control By-law was established to limit construction/development in the mature area while the study was being complete. As a former history major, I recognize the importance of built structures and architecture as a fundamental feature of the historical record of a town. Do you have something to say about zoning and development in the character neighbourhood? Let me know.

<https://www.milton.ca/en/build>

#### BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an obvious impact on small business in our community. As Board member of the Milton Chamber of Commerce, I've been pleased to see a number of supports and initiatives at the federal and provincial level, as well as a truly inspiring rallying of community members raising up local business.

As part of our Official Plan review, agriculture and farming is a key component, as it is with the Regional Official Plan also. The Official Plan will also review uses for other types of rural lands and properties, including agritourism and other business possibilities. Our Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC) has been alive to the issue of rural land use and has been identified as a stakeholder for consultation. I encourage you to submit your ideas through the Town's "We Make Milton" website.

<https://www.letstalkmilton.ca/WeMakeMilton>

## New and (Soon) Improved...

### RURAL ROADS

Milton Council has endorsed a new Traffic Safety Plan (detailed above) to address the many instances of speeding and general unsafe driving that we face all over town and country. The pilot includes projects associated with traffic calming, school zones, and Community Safety Zones, like the one at Campbell Avenue between Guelph Line and east of Wheelihan Way. I receive concerns from rural residents on a regular basis regarding road safety, on both infrastructure (lighting, stop signs, road surfaces) and enforcement (speeding). Concerns are passed onto Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) or Town Staff to get those pressing issues investigated and resolved. This past year we have dealt with a number of road improvements and also coordinated with HRPS to catch reckless drivers. If you have a concern, contact me. We all have to work together to keeping ahead of unsafe driving.

In consultation with engineering staff, we have implemented a new road re-surfacing technique that improves the messy and dusty “tar and chip” process. This new “micro-paving” material results in a smoother, less dusty surface that melds with the existing surface much faster than the old tar and chip. It’s a great innovation that will make your drive, jog, or bike ride cleaner and safer. Take a look at 2nd Line Nassagaweya, Appleby Line to Tremaine Road, Canyon Road, and Limestone Road to see the new micro-paving surfacing (the shoulder work will be completed soon).

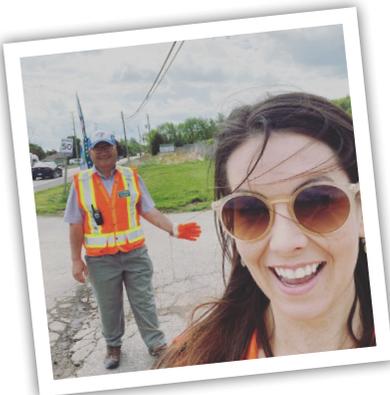
Let me know what you think of it.

### CONSTRUCTION

Of course, summer is construction season in Ontario. Guelph Line is undergoing improvements until the next Spring, and will be re-opened later in the season. We thank residents for their patience and adaptability as traffic is re-routed to other roads, and we ask drivers to respect the community by driving responsibly and not speeding through our neighbourhoods.

Bronte Street between Steeles Avenue and Victoria Street remains closed for major improvements until November 2022. Businesses along Bronte, including Aspire Rock Climbing and The Gallery Upstairs remain open.

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for reading!



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## Important Contacts

HALTON POLICE

905-878-5511 or

519-853-2111

Emergency : 911

POISON CONTROL

1-800-268-9017

TELEHEALTH

ONTARIO

1-866-797-0000

MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

905-878 -2383

HALTON REGION

(waste, recycling, etc.)

905-825-6000 or

1-866-442-5866 or 311

MILTON TOWN HALL

905-878-7252

BYLAW

ENFORCEMENT

905-878-7252 ext .2137

MILTON FIRE

DEPARTMENT

905-878-9251

BURN PERMITS

On-line:

<http://burnpermits.milton.ca>

ANIMAL CONTROL

905-878-7252, ext. 2254

MILTON HYDRO

905-876-4611

To report an outage:

1-844-NOHYDRO (664-9376)

or Twitter: @MiltonHydro