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### **Milton secures 150-acre university campus site**

The Town has taken a major step in its effort to bring a university to Milton by converting hopes for a satellite campus into plans for the Milton Education Village neighbourhood.

At Monday evening's meeting, Milton Council approved a series of staff recommendations that will initiate the planning process for the Milton Education Village neighbourhood. The site would consist of a 150-acre university campus that would become the heart of a larger neighbourhood, which could also include on-site student housing, a business/research park, supporting services and a comprehensively planned adjacent residential neighbourhood. The goal is to build an integrated community that will grow with the institution.

"Once again, Milton is proving to be an innovator in community planning," said Town of Milton Mayor Gord Krantz. "We have a unique opportunity to realize a greater vision for Milton's future that will build on the relationship between education and economy."

"Higher education means more opportunities for local residents and contributes to a stronger, more vibrant community overall," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Halton Region is pleased to support this initiative, and we look forward to working with the Town of Milton to help this vision become a reality."

Data released from Statistics Canada's 2006 Census Report shows that Milton is not only Canada's fastest-growing community, but is also among the youngest and most highly educated communities in Ontario. "Through Destiny Milton II, the community told us that attracting post-secondary education to Milton is a priority," said Mayor Krantz. "By securing this site, we are working to provide young Miltonians with an option for higher education close to home."

A crucial stage in the planning process for the Milton Education Village neighbourhood will be to host a design charette, a workshop attended by experts in the fields of education, economy, environment, land development and others. The proposed location of the Milton Education Village neighbourhood is along Tremaine Road between Derry and Britannia Roads.

"Mattamy is very pleased to be community partner to the Town and Region," said Dave Stewart, President of Mattamy Homes. "As a community builder and developer we continue to demonstrate our commitment to full involvement in the Town of Milton and Halton Region. We are delighted by this opportunity to give back and get involved in this important, innovative initiative that will enhance the quality of life of our homeowners and all Regional residents."

"The Town is pleased that Mattamy Homes has become a partner by dedicating such a large site for this very important community project," added Mayor Krantz.

The full report (ES-012-08) is available at [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca).

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