

Students' murals brighten downtown lot

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The Back St. parking lot in downtown Georgetown has been spruced up with the addition of two colourful large murals done by local high school students.

The 8' x 16' mural panels have been erected in wooden frames on an embankment at the north end of the parking lot (next to Back St.).

"Community in Unity" is the title of the mural done by Grade 11 art students at Georgetown District High School, which features silhouettes of people and activities within the downtown core. The mural done by Grade 10 art students at Christ the King Secondary School is entitled "Rural, Urban" and shows the downtown and rural area.

"We wanted to show the diversity of Georgetown," said GDHS student Nathalie Evans of their mural.

CTK student Nicole McCallion came up with design for that school's mural, which was painted by the Grade 10 art students. The students worked on the murals in between other projects beginning in April.

"Their enthusiasm for the project has been phenomenal," said Georgetown BIA manager Wendy Farrow-Reed.

BIA member Sandy Mackenzie decided to approach the high schools about the art project after he saw the murals installed on the Royal Canadian Legion Georgetown Branch exterior wall.

"I thought it would be a great idea to have the art department of both high schools do murals downtown," said Mackenzie. He added the embankment "needed a little help, so we thought the murals would brighten them up."

"It took a while to get it altogether, but it was well worth the wait. I would like to thank the two schools for doing an excellent job on the murals. We've had a lot of positive comments," said Mackenzie.

He also thanked Len Lovely who designed the structures the murals are on, John DeHaas who built them and Ray Clark and Dick Scheringa of the Legion who he said did "a lot of the heavy slugging."

Farrow-Reed said many people col-

laborated to bring the project to fruition.

"From getting permits and permission of the property owners to put the mural up, help from the Town to clear the land and dig the post holes, the synergy amongst everyone has been part of the project from the beginning," said Farrow-Reed.



Christ the King student Nicole McCallion poses with the Ctk mural along with, from left, Georgetown BIA manager Wendy Farrow-Reed, Halton Hills Regional Wards 3-4 Councillor Jane Fogal, BIA member Sandy MacKenzie and Halton Hills Ward 3 Councillor Dave Kentner.

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Unveiling the GDHS mural, are, (back row, from left) Rebecca Reid, Olivia Keats, Nathalie Evans, Julia Schmidlin, Malcolm Darko. Front from left: Randy Kerman, Vice-Chair Georgetown BIA, Halton Hills Regional Councillor Jane Fogal, BIA member Sandy MacKenzie, BIA manager Wendy Farrow-Reed, students Annie Chen, Liana Sneltjes, Matt Makovnyk and Ward 3 Councillor Dave Kentner.

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