

# GDHS robotics course gets good reviews

For Eric Leslie, the new robotics program at Georgetown District High School is a great way to earn a Grade 9 credit while investing in something he loves— computer programming.

Leslie visited a robotics competition in Waterloo last year and became hooked with the idea of programming. An opportunity to write code and make things move mechanically and learning robotics at a younger

age is really enticing, he explained. So when his school offered robotics as a course, he didn't hesitate to sign up for it.

"Robotics is an interesting program," Leslie said. "You have a little bit of mechanics. It's a great starting course for Grade 9 students. I like to learn hands on and getting up and moving around."

The course is lauded as a great and effective way for stu-

dents to learn science, technology, engineering and math skills, explained teacher Dale Lynds.

Instead of students asking why they are learning a mathematical formula for example, they see its application first hand, he said, adding teamwork and communication skills are a big component, too.

While early into its course infancy, Lynds is very excited about the prospects of the robotics class.

"The students in this class are great. There is a saying in the robotics world that 'motion creates emotion' and I get to see this constantly as the students progress through various iterations of their designs," he said. "I have always been a believer of the activity-based approach to teaching. This course covers so many subject areas, some you may not have even thought about until you look closely. The obvious areas covered are engineering, technology, science and math but the less obvious areas are problem solving, perseverance and getting along with oth-



From left, GDHS students Sang Jun Bak, Jack Wery and Eric Leslie are working on their robotics project.

ers. All of these skills are needed in the real world."

The course is contained in the Ontario curriculum for Grade 9 Technology Programs and robotics was a "perfect fit" for the school, explained Lynds. It addresses areas like computer systems, networking, programming, electronics and robotics. He said there were various reasons why the school started the robotics course, notably that a number of feeder schools are involved in robotics so these students would likely be interested in enrolling in the course at Georgetown District High

School.

Student Nick Kroeger said the course is really fun and allows for trial and error. If the robot doesn't work, you simply start over and try again, he said.

"Everyone is up and moving all the time. I like designing the robots," said the math-loving student, adding they are designing a robot to lift and throw a ball. "I want to become an engineer."

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 11494 Trafalgar Road (Esquesing),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate Devereaux House under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.8.

### Description of the Property:

Devereaux House is located at 11494 Trafalgar Road, Esquesing Township, in the Town of Halton Hills, Ontario and being part of Concession 7 Lot 18. Owned by the Town of Halton Hills, the building was restored and is operated by a non-profit organization, the Friends of Devereaux House. The house is situated within a 100 acre parcel of land which has been farmed since 1831 and is now a public park. The property was a "Century Farm", owned by three generations of the Devereaux family. The legacy ended in 1972 with the death of bachelor John (Jack) Brown Devereaux and the sale of the 100 acre property to unrelated parties.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

### Design or Physical Value

The building, with notable interior and exterior architectural features, is an exceptional example of a 19th century simple High Victorian farmhouse. It is thought that the house was built in two stages, with the west arm being first, in the 1860s, and the second stage being the larger structure, perhaps built in the 1880's. The site also includes a renovated outbuilding which was originally built in the mid-twentieth century to serve as a workshop or garage.

### Historical or Associative Value

The site is an excellent example of the second stage of farm development in Esquesing Township after the prosperity generated by the trade in agricultural crops with England allowed for the construction of enhanced and embellished dwellings. This

one-and-a-half storey brick home was built to provide a more comfortable and stable living structure for the Devereaux farm family. The house would have replaced their log cabin, built some three decades earlier when Elijah Devereaux, a soldier with links to United Empire Loyalists, first purchased and settled on the land in 1831.

### Contextual Value

Devereaux House, located as it is within a community park, will continue to evoke memories of the rural landscape which has defined the character of Esquesing Township since the mid 1800's. The vista created by the house and its surroundings are unique and will become more precious as north Halton transforms from rural to urban in nature.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

The architecture of Devereaux House is often referred to as a "vernacular" style because of eclectic design features and the fact that it was constructed by builders from pattern books rather than by an architect. The current structure was likely built in two phases, with the west arm being the original brick house (circa 1860) with main level consisting of a large living area and two smaller rooms. A steep wooden staircase led to a large common bedroom.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing at the Corporate Services Customer Service Counter - Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, during regular business hours. Refer to the Devereaux House Designation Report for the description of heritage attributes, site analysis and historical background.

Any person may, by February 21, 2014, (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with Corporate Services - Clerks, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2014.

Ashley Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2.

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