

The memory of Terry Fox lives with Halton residents

The memory of how Terry Fox touched the lives of Halton Hills residents 10 years ago just may seem like yesterday again.

By tracing their son's Marathon of Hope route, Betty and Roland Fox are recapturing the dreams of their son and they will be stopping at the Halton Hills Civic Centre to hear the tales of people who met their son. Terry Fox's parents will be the honored guests at a luncheon on Aug. 17 at the Civic Centre from 1 to 4 p.m.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of their son's marathon which raised \$25 million for cancer research, the Fox's are visiting various areas Terry passed through. They are hoping to learn the impact of Terry's mission by listening to individuals from each area who spoke to their son on his travels. Anyone who met Terry Fox during his run through Halton Hills are especially invited to the luncheon.

A photo display of Terry Fox's visit to Halton Hills will be featured at the luncheon and an album will also be presented to Betty and Roland Fox.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon to meet Terry Fox's parents or who may be able to lend photographs to be featured in the displays is asked to contact Cynthia Greene at 877-4992. John Hurst can also be reached at 853-2015. Those interested may also contact the Cancer Society at 877-1124.

New members appointed to council on health

TORONTO - Premier David Peterson announced that two new members have been appointed to the Premier's Council on Health Strategy:

-Dr. Edward Moran, general secretary for the Ontario Medical Association; and

-Ken Signoretti, executive vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Labour.

The appointments bring the Council's total membership to 40.

Before joining the staff of the O.M.A., Dr. Moran was the chief of general practice and the supervisor of emergency for Scarborough General Hospital. Dr.

Moran has been head of the O.M.A.'s medical services division and, as general secretary, is responsible for senior staff programs. He has served on many government advisory committees on health.

Mr. Signoretti brings to the council over 29 years of trade union experience, having held positions with the United Steelworkers of America and the Metro Toronto Labour Council, and recently as executive vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Labour. Mr. Signoretti is a member of the Ontario Advisory Council on Occupational Health and Safety.

"The Premier's Council is pleased to have these individuals involved in its work", said Mr. Peterson. "Their breadth of experience in dealing with complex health issues will make a significant contribution to the Council in its efforts to bring continuous improvements to Ontario's health care and the health of the people of Ontario."

The Council is chaired by the Premier, with Health Minister Elinor Caplan as vice-chair. As well, seven cabinet representatives are active members of the Council (see attached membership list).

The Council's first report "A Vision of Health: Health Goals for Ontario," released last year, set out five health goals for Ontario. This vision and goals were subsequently adopted by the provincial government.

The second report "From Vision to Action", issued in May of last year, examined the major issues facing the health system and put forth some strategic directions for Ontario. Based on these recommendations, the Ministry of Health has taken a number of initiatives. These include modifications to global funding methods for hospitals, and identification of new priorities for capital planning. Council's recommendations to shift the emphasis to community-based services is reflected in the comprehensive long-term care reform now underway.

Last July, Council announced \$3.8 million for the first 10 projects to be financed by the Health Innovation Fund. The first round of funding included projects which focused on children, health promotion and community-based care. The second round of projects to be funded will be announced shortly.

"The Council brings together representatives from labour and business, health and social services, consumer organizations and the government, to provide leadership and guidance on matters relating to health care and the health of the population," said the Premier. "It reflects our commitment at the highest level of government to examine our options and to improve the health of the citizens of Ontario."

Money is pledged to skill development

Ontario will contribute up to \$12 million over five years to a major training program that will benefit thousands of people in the electrical and electronics manufacturing industry, Skills Development Minister Sean Conway announced.

A declaration of trust was signed in Ottawa to launch the Sectoral Training Fund, which was initiated by labour and management in the Canadian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturing Industry (CEEMI).

The fund is a cooperative effort involving employees, employers and government to provide workplace skills training and updating in an industry that is experiencing rapid technological change, and stiff international competition.

"Skills training is everybody's business," Mr. Conway said. "This fund will encourage business and labour to take more responsibility for creating and managing training programs that are tailored to the needs of a specific industry sector."

Ontario's Ministry of Skills Development and Employment Canada have each agreed to provide up to \$12 million over the next five years to support the project. Each level of government will allocate \$4 million over the first three years, with the possibility of an additional \$8 million over the fourth and fifth years if the program meets its goals.

Participating industry employees and employers will contribute matching amounts to the Sectoral Training Fund, which will be administered by the Sectoral Skills Council of CEEMI, representing employers and employees.

The program is similar to the Ontario Training Trust Fund program, which involves equal financial participation by individual firms, employees and the Ministry of Skills Development.

The Ministry of Skills Development contribution will cover direct training costs in Ontario, including tuition, instructor salaries, travel,

accommodation and equipment, and the development of curriculum and training materials.

Participation in the fund will be voluntary for firms and worker groups. Management and employees at specific workplaces must both agree to participate in the fund, which will be available to all employees in those firms. Participating firms will contribute 0.25 percent of total payroll, while employees will put in 0.25 percent of their wages.

"To remain competitive in the global economy of the 1990s and beyond, it is vital that all Ontarians have access to a full range of educational and training programs," Mr. Conway said. "This initiative will help us meet this challenge by ensuring employers and employees in this highly competitive field have access to a comprehensive range of up to date skills training opportunities."

The Sectoral Training Fund represents the first time that labour and management have jointly developed a training initiative for a specific Canadian industry.

The electrical and electronics industry has annual sales in Canada of \$18 billion, with \$5 billion in exports. About 90,000, or half of the industry's employees, work in Ontario. Eighteen Ontario firms and three unions have already decided to participate in the training fund.



Ten years ago this month, children swimming at the Licata Memorial Pool anxiously awaited to receive Terry Fox's autograph as he left a nearby banquet hall from a luncheon held in his honor.

Consumer warning

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OTTAWA - Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada advises consumers to take extreme care when using open flame outdoor wax torches, also known as "lawn candles" and "torchlights." The very high temperature of the accumulated liquid wax in these products can cause severe burns if the wax is accidentally spilled or splashed. As well, flame heights can reach up to 22 cm (9 inches).

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 Do not place torches near flammable objects;
 Ensure that torches are firmly placed in the ground before using;
 Maintain a safe distance from torches during use;
 Always keep children and pets away from torches;
 Burning torches should not be moved - the very hot melted wax can result in burns;
 Burning torches, or any open flame, should never be left unattended;

Do not use water to put out the flame;
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