

Erin village responds to residents needs

Growth is important to any municipality - particularly to the dozens of small towns and villages that rely on the economic spinoffs of Metropolitan Toronto to survive.

The village of Erin, a few minutes

southeast of Orangeville, is no different.

But Erin's reeve, Terry Mundell, won't let the village's need for growth and investment outstrip concerns for a well-planned community

that responds to the concerns of existing residents.

For instance, village council has limited residential growth to 25 new units per year. "We do not want to get too big too fast," says Reeve Mundell.

The village's infrastructure simply isn't set up to handle such quick and unplanned growth. "Growth is necessary, but in controlled amounts."

In Erin, says Reeve Mundell, "a 200 to 300-unit project can make a major change to the character of the

municipality. We need growth, but we need it on our own terms."

The citizens of Erin, through their council, have spent the last few years focusing on downtown improvements because, explains Reeve Mundell, the main street is the centre of village life.

"That's what everybody identifies with," says Reeve Mundell. "Our downtown core has come a long way."

Local business leaders recently

formed a Business Improvement Area to further stimulate trade and development in Erin's downtown. The BIA is working with the village on a program to continue to update the village core. And, says Mr. Mundell, "a strong commitment has been made by village council."

Just north of the main street area on the outskirts of the village is a newly-serviced industrial park.

Village leaders think Erin is an excellent location for new business.

Railway museum relives the past

The Halton County Radial Railway Museum takes visitors back to the days of the electric railway during the 19th and 20th century. Located on the Guelph Line just outside of Rockwood, the Museum was founded in 1953, sponsorship coming from the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association. The association is a non-profit educational organization.

One can take a scenic mile-long ride through the woodlands on a classic antique train, hopping aboard at a turn of the century

railway station. On the grounds there is a gift shop, restoration centre, the Rockwood Train Station and a car house.

Volunteer craftsmen and artisans can be watched in action as they aid in the refurbishing and rebuilding of trains soon to be added to the museum's collection. The gift shop offers a variety of railway nostalgia for the visitor to buy, including books, prints and artifacts.

There is plenty of parking and families can bring a lunch and use the picnic tables located nearby.



SEPTEMBER 7th, 8th, 9th

"A Fair To Remember"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

"YOUTH NIGHT"

6:00 p.m. Midway Opens

7:00 p.m. Much Music Video Party

Exhibit Hall Opens

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

"FAMILY DAY"

9:00 a.m. Kinsmen Girl's Softball Playoffs

10:00 a.m. Paint Horse show

11:00 a.m. 4-H Beef & Dairy Show

NOON SATURDAY FALL FAIR PARADE

12:00 Noon Dairy & Beef Cattle

Noon to 6:00 p.m. Entertainment Featuring:

"The Glen Band"

"Rebel Hill"

3:30 p.m. "Canadian Tire Stunt Drivers"

7:00 p.m. "A.T.V. Pull"

8:00 p.m. Rock Concert

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

"CHILDREN'S DAY"

10:00 a.m. Heavy Horse Show
Featuring The Eight Horse Hitch

10:30 a.m. Open Western Horse Show

11:00 a.m. Light Horse Show

12:00 Noon Pony Show

1:00 p.m. The Farm Olympics

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"Lincoln Leapers"

"Sphere Clown Band"

-GATES OPEN-

Friday, September 7th 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8th 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9th 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

-ADMISSION-

	Daily	*Weekend
Adults	\$3.00	\$4.50
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