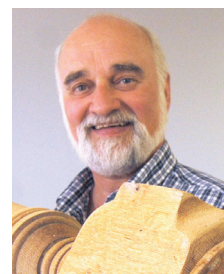


Trillium grant cash to bolster Halton Hills projects

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Trillium grant application. The Town money was the amount originally set aside by the Town in 1979 to restore the building, but was eventually reabsorbed into Town coffers.

Birrell said, "We turned our sights onto phase two and that is an incorporation of an elevator in an addition on lands we have available next to the building, and at the same time make a new entry that we're calling "citizen hall". It will have an historic flavour to it but it would also at the same time provide easy access to those using the facility."



RON BIRRELL

He said the community is behind the project with pledges of donations and of gifts-in kind to see the project through to its completion.

The Georgetown Slo-Pitch League has been awarded

\$100,000, which the group will hand over to the Town to go towards installation of lighting at the Trafalgar Rd. Sports Park. This will increase access and playing time for over 1,900 players.

Work on the installation of lighting for the ball diamond and two soccer fields will be done between August and May of

next year with the light switch to turn on in time the new season to begin in May. The lighting will be the most energy-efficient available— using approximately 25 per cent less than other systems— and it has spill control visors to minimize light pollution to surrounding properties.

"It's a generous donation from the Georgetown Slo-Pitch League to get this (the lighting project) moving," said Mayor Rick Bonnette at the July council meeting. He noted that two years ago the group committed \$100,000 to kick-start the building of ball diamonds at the Sports Park, and, "and now we need to do the lights and they have come to the table again."

The mayor commended the group's perseverance after being denied last year for the lighting grant.

Light Up the Hills Festival will receive \$21,500 over one year to enhance its winter light showcase during the month of December. The volunteer organization plans to expand lighting displays from Georgetown, centralized at the Dominion Gardens Park to Acton. Ignition night is already be set for Wednesday, Dec. 1.

"Light up the Hills is very excited and extremely grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for these funds and their endorsement of our endeavors," said chair Gerry Kentner. "This boost will help us to illuminate the tree in Acton this year as well as support our purchase of a new



GERRY KENTNER

display for our focus park in Georgetown at Dominion Gardens. This will also assist in covering some of our annual costs of insurance, maintaining displays and adding to the existing power in the park."

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Georgetown Little Theatre will get \$20,200 over one year to help pay for marketing activities of its special birthday, plus fund various projects at the GLT Studio.

"Georgetown Little Theatre Productions (GLT) is delighted to be the recipient of a \$20,200 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation... these funds will help us with our ongoing work to mount top level shows for audiences of all ages," said Virginia Bancur, president of GLT.

"Over the next year, the theatre company will be using these funds to buy new equipment for the stage and create an innovative new set of marketing strategies. Everyone at the Georgetown Little Theatre Productions is looking forward to an exciting new chapter in our history and wish to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its support," added Bancur.

Halton Hills Concert Band will get

\$15,000 over one year to purchase musical equipment that will enhance the development of this new community band and improve the quality of its performances.

"On behalf of all members of council, I thank these volunteers in our community on their funding proposals as they continue to enhance the services they provide to our community," said Bonnette. "We should all be proud that the Ontario Trillium Foundation is funding these initiatives and we look forward to working with these groups on their initiatives."

Some of the other Halton groups receiving cash were: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton, \$160,000 over three years to hire a program director and Hope Place Centres, \$50,000 over one year to purchase vans to enable women in residential treatment for addictions to attend health-related activities and engage more fully in volunteer and community activities in North Halton, where public transportation is limited.

"This is an exciting time for community organizations, as they try new ways of working together and partnering to change their communities for the better," said Lindsay Williams, Chair of the Halton-Peel Grant Review Team, OTF in a press release last week.

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