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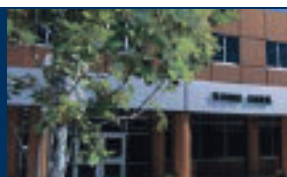
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Kathleen Dills of the Acton BIA explains one of the stops on the Acton Historical Scavenger Hunt to Kian Ashrafi during the Big Daddy Festival last weekend.

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Notice of Special Council Workshop on the GTA West Corridor



Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall, Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J6

Since 2007, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has been undertaking an Environmental Assessment process for a potentially new 400-series highway from Highway 400 to Highway 401 in Guelph in a study area that includes much of Caledon's south from King Street to Mayfield Road. Earlier this month (June 2012), MTO released a Preliminary Route Planning Study Area where the future 400-series highway will be located. The area in Caledon has been narrowed down with additional details in southern Bolton and Mayfield West areas including potential alternative connections to Highway 410. Details of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area can be found at <http://www.gta-west.com>.

The proposed Preliminary Route Planning Study Area overlays the Town's planned developments in both Mayfield West and Bolton areas. There may be restrictions on affected lands that are already Secondary Plan approved for development to proceed. Development in some areas may be put on hold until such a time when the final highway route alignment is decided. Ongoing Secondary Plans for future growth will also be affected.

The proposed Preliminary Route Planning Study Area is an interim document of the Environmental Assessment process. MTO is currently seeking public input before the route planning study area is finalized. As part of its public consultation process, MTO will be delegating the Town of Caledon Council on June 27, 2012. Interested parties and individuals are welcome to attend. Should you wish to speak at the Council Workshop, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.582.2272 x. 2366 or by email at agenda@caledon.ca.

Acton goes all out on Dad's day Next up: Canada Day in the Park

By **KATHLEEN DILLS**
Special to The IFP

As part of the Big Daddy Festival Acton hosted many very special events for the entire family! The morning began with a tree planting in Prospect Park with POWER and the Credit Valley Conservation group.

The Acton Library announced the 2012 launch of One Book, One Halton Hills and in the afternoon many families experienced Acton's history through a scavenger hunt that led them through the downtown with stops at local businesses ending with the Acton Town Hall and an opportunity to spend some time in jail!

The large crowd at the Acton Town Hall last Saturday night will proudly tell you that Acton does indeed have talent. The Acton's Got Talent contest replaces The Acton Idol competition held in other years and winners of the contest will perform on July 1 at the Canada Day celebrations.

The contestants were judged on three criteria: technical expertise, stage presentation (material, dress, props, appropriateness) and audience appeal. Judges David Burland, Sean Ryan and Sharon Dutton, all very qualified and talented themselves, had a very hard job to pick the winners.

The evening was full of surprises and diversity in talents opening with a spectacular contortionist routine by Nikki Grelle, 11. Singers of many genres included Raychel Thornhill, 13, Vivian Hicks, 8, Zoe Greig, 12, Kelsey Kirkpatrick, 19, Rebecca O'Connor, 4, Claire Allan, 17, and Meghan Praught, 15. Dancers included the McGinley Academy of Irish Dance and two acts from Total Dance Innovations. The audience was treated to a brilliant classical violin performance by Sasha Daleman, 14, and an equally impressive piano performance by Jake Hazzard, 18.

The winners under 14 years old were Rebecca O'Connor, age 4, who sang *O Canada* and hoola-hooped to a standing ovation, and three very energetic

diva girls, Jordyn Bartholomew, Alicia Byron, and Amy Pike, from Total Dance Innovations performing a dance routine called Soda Pop. Honorable mentions went to Nikki Grelle, 11, who amazed the audience with her very complex contortionist routine.

The 15 years old and up winners were Meghan Praught, age 15, who sang Adele's *Rolling in the Deep* beautifully. One judge asked if her middle name was Adele. Also winning were Katherine Zawadzki and Amelia Torville from Total Dance Innovations performing the very graceful interpretive dance routine, Cosmic.

You won't want to miss these winners performing again on Canada Day!

To complete the evening everyone brought blankets and flashlights to watch *The Incredibles* on the big screen with Movie In The Park with Party Cinemas, sponsored by the BIA and a number of businesses. A magical way to end a great day in Acton.

Canada Day Celebrations in Acton will be held on Sunday, July 1. Concerts in the Park start at 6 p.m. with fireworks, presented by the Acton Fire Fighters Association, to follow at dusk. Free, but donations gratefully received.

Acton Legion has live entertainment on the patio, 3-7 p.m., with Bruce Heir.

Acton is celebrating the arts, June 1-30. Check out local artwork in downtown storefront windows. Info: Acton BIA, 519-853-9555 actonbia@cogeco.net or www.downtownacton.ca

Acton Farmers' Market comes alive every Thursday afternoon, 3-7 p.m. on Willow St. Come out and enjoy home-grown produce, meats, baked goods, crafts and more. Today (June 21) don't miss the Market's Strawberry Festival. Info: www.downtownacton.ca or 519-853-9555.