

# Think Global/Source Local event coming to Caledon

Think Global/Source Local signature business event is coming to Caledon Thursday, Oct. 20, appropriately held during National Small Business Month.

Designed to drive business growth, knowledge and sourcing for small business owners/managers and entrepreneurs across the GTA key rim communities, the Small Business Summit will be a game-changer for both visitors and suppliers.

The Town of Caledon is proud to participate in the 2016 Small Business Summit. Our Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness will be a beautiful backdrop for what's sure to be a terrific opportunity for entrepreneurs in the Peel, Dufferin, Halton Hills and York regions to learn, network and

participate in thought-provoking seminars then shop for those services on the trade show floor, says Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

The 2016 Small Business Summit features globally renowned speakers including: Americas Business Expert Bill Walsh of Powerteam International, www.ipowerteam.com considered one of the top success coaches in the world. Lance Secretan, one of the most insightful and provocative global leadership teachers of our time from The Secretan Centre, www.secretan.com and Dragon's Den success story Claudia Harvey, Founder of On the Verge, a highly sought after international speaker, who will impart business-savvy advice. www.on-the-verge.ca. Also joining The Small Business Sum-

mit, Bassem Ghali, of Green Lotus, the 2015 Winner of Entrepreneur of the Year, www.greenlotus.ca. After hearing from these and other keynote business speakers, complete your visit by walking the trade show floor to experience all that both our local and industry-leading experts have to offer.

A comprehensive line-up of exhibitors under a number of categories includes: Government Services, Special Guests, Financial Planning and Investments, Business Insurance Advisors, Legal Advice, Work/Life Balance, Information Technology, Promotional Products, Advertising and Branding, Social Media, Marketing and Communications Experts, and Coaching and Motivation.

In addition to the powerful line

up of global speakers, the Small Business Summit will offer a focus on Green Business Opportunities. Hydro One and Enbridge will be on hand to share insights on sustainability, green business practices and will be joined by regional and local business suppliers and services. Hydro One will provide details on several programs offered for Commercial customers including the Small Business Lighting Program, High Performance New Construction, and the Retrofit Program and (they) encourage attendees to visit www.hydroone.com/SaveEnergy for information on all Conservation programs.

Additionally, the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises (OSME) will be available to answer your questions about the Government

of Canada's commitment to a procurement system open to small and medium and regionally based businesses.

Tickets are \$30 online and will be available at the door for \$35.

The Opening Night Business Achievement Awards and Show Preview Reception on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 19, featuring awards presented by The Town of Caledon, Metroland Media Group and the Small Business Summit.

This special evening will honor local business enterprise success stories. Come for the evening and return the next day! A separate ticket is required for the business achievement awards and reception and are available for \$25 by contacting Lauren at admin@thesmallbusinesssummit.ca

# Acton ice pads named after Townsley, McKnight

Ron McKnight and Harold Townsley, two long-time local sports volunteers, were celebrated on Saturday by having ice pads at the Acton Arena and Community Centre officially named in their honour.

The McKnight Ice Pad and Townsley Ice Pad name unveiling was celebrated by Mayor Rick Bonnette, members of Council, and McKnight and Townsley family members.

Harold and Ron are very deserving of this recognition, said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

They represent everything that is great about our community. They gave freely and often of their time, energy and talents. Their contributions have enriched our Town and they have left a wonderful legacy.

The McKnight Pad will be the new name for Pad B and the Townsley Pad is the new name for what was Pad A.

Townsley was a hard worker and leader in sports in Acton since he was old enough to hold a hockey stick or baseball glove. He had a long history in minor and later, semi-pro hockey.

He spent several years as a volunteer with the Town's Recreation and Parks Department before becoming the Acton Arena manager in 1967, where he remained until 1988.

He spent 30 years as a volunteer with the Acton Fire Department.

Originally from Newmarket, Townsley was a resident of Acton for 70 years. He was a referee with the Acton Hockey

League and also coached the Acton bantams for approximately 17 years.

He was a life member of the Acton Fire Department, the Acton Minor Hockey Association, OMHA, and the Acton Figure Skating Club.

Townsley was Acton's Citizen of the Year in 2000 and was inducted into the Halton Hills Sports Museum Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions as a builder for hockey and baseball.

McKnight looked beyond his physical limitations and gave his all to the community for many years. Although McKnight could not be involved in sports actively as a player he gave his time from the sidelines both in Acton and in Georgetown, whether it was hockey, lacrosse, figure skating or baseball.

McKnight was known as the Voice of Acton as he spent many years driving around advertising events or working in the arenas as the announcer.

In 1969, at the young age of 20, he became the youngest president of the Acton Minor Hockey Association in the history of the club. He was the president of the Georgetown Referees Association, secretary of the Tri-County Hockey Minor Hockey Association and in 1989 was awarded a life membership.

McKnight would be seen every year at Tim Hortons promoting its Camp Day, helping raising funds for the Three Musketeers Skateboard Park, helping at the Terry Fox Run and the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament raising funds for



The official ice pad naming ceremony took place Saturday at the Acton Community Centre. The ice pads are being named after Harold Townsley (Pad A) and Ron McKnight (Pad B), individuals who dedicated their lives and played significant roles in promoting and improving sports in the Acton community. Pictured above are relatives of McKnight (from left) Colleen, Bev and Steve.

Picture by Neil McKenzie-Sutter

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He worked on the Accessibility Committee for the Town of Halton Hills, the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion and was past president of the Rotary Club in Acton.

McKnight was named Acton Citizen of the Year in 1980, received the 1984 OMHA Honour Award, the 1988 Hockey Heritage Award and was inducted in the Halton Hills Sports Museum's Hall of Fame in 2009.

The naming contest for Acton Arena and Community Centre ice pads was launched in January 2016 and received 349 entries.

The winning entries from Kendra Kelias and Wayne DeForest of Acton were selected randomly from the eligible entries chosen by a steering committee made up of local residents. The winners were given an iPad mini courtesy of Dufferin Aggregates, which sponsored the naming contest.