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Halton Hills to chase record for Canada 150

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Organizers are also encouraging businesses to add permanent flag installations and invest in street banners.

Cheryl Cardon from the Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation to council on April 10 on behalf of the chamber and the towns tourism committee, seeking corporate town participation in the project.

We re looking for ways to really get on the map, so to speak, said Cardon in her presentation to council. For Canadas 150th birthday, we had to come with a big and bold idea, and it s a big and bold that we ve come up with.

We decided to come up with something that would really speak to how great Halton Hills is, to really encourage people to visit and to rally around a common goal and to create a real sense of local and national pride that will extend beyond 2017, she added.

The town will help out with the purchase and installations of banners, as well as two new permanent flag installations with a contribution of more than \$23,000 to these ends.

Organizers had considered aiming for the Guinness World Record held by Waterloo, N.Y., which flew 25,890 flags in a 24hour period, but they ultimately decided to spend resources on something that would leave a legacy rather than just a one-off accomplishment.

I d like to encourage everyone to put a flag out. I think this is a great thing. Halton Hills is known for a lot of things, and this would be a great one (to add to our resume), said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bon-

While the details are yet to be ironed out, a kick-off event is planned for early May with the Mayor and councillors attending, as well as a wrap-up celebration on Canada Day.

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