

Book published by FriesenPress and eagerly awaits readers

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The project began with little sketches during those talks on Wednesday evenings, and putting the graphic novel together made Flynn refine his skill. After four years of putting pencil to paper, Flynn was prepared to start the novel.

"I thought it would be a 15-page little thing for my family," he said. "It's 120 pages."

Each page features around four panels, much like a comic book. Each panel is hand-drawn by Flynn and every single one took around eight hours of work. The project took around seven years to complete. Flynn has even written in his grandfather's certain way of speaking and all the idiosyncrasies he carried.

"In doing this project, you learn just how well-respected he was in the community, which speaks volumes about him because he was a custodian," he said. "You don't normally speak

about a custodian with that much love and respect."

Flynn mentioned the idea to his family in its beginning stages and they were thrilled to see it in chronological order. Over time, Flynn stopped bringing it up and they stopped asking about it, which made the finished product that much more exciting.

"I wanted to preserve his memories for my family," he said. "I'm a teacher, so in seeing my grandfather's values, I wanted to pass those values down to students. I wanted to also make a book for young Portuguese boys."

In 2013, Pires passed away, now his family has this to hold on to.

"When I got (the book), it was like the grieving process was done," Flynn said. "It was hard looking at his face every day for four years, so to have this done, it's like he's alive again. That's what my mother said and that's what my uncle said: you can hear his voice and you can see his face and you can see his expressions, and he's been brought to life."

Ultimately, Flynn would like to see the novel be translated into Portuguese. He also plans on donating part of the proceeds to local schools for graduation awards as well as to the Georgetown Hospital.

The novel is currently being

sold at White Rabbit Books and the Hooded Goblin in Georgetown, and can be purchased on a number of websites, including Amazon, Indigo, Barnes and Noble, Google Play, iTunes and more.

"I don't know where this is go-

ing to take me," he said. "I'm pleased that it's reached a number of Georgetown residents. I just hope it continues to be a story that helps people take an interest in their own cultural roots."

Check out Flynn's website by visiting theaveragejose.ca.



Kathryn Boyle/Metroland

This past July, Georgetown teacher Ken Flynn published a novel he wrote and illustrated telling the story of his grandfather's immigration from Portugal. The book will be on display at White Rabbit Books and the Hooded Goblin in Georgetown. Here, Flynn shows off the book with his five year old daughter, Cordelia.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Application for a Tourism Exemption for Holiday Openings for Kerr Village Business Improvement Area in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton

NOTICE is hereby given that The Regional Municipality of Halton's Administration and Finance Committee will hold a Statutory Public Meeting to consider an application from Kerr Village BIA for a tourism exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter R.30, to permit the Kerr Village Business Improvement Area to open on all statutory holidays, except Christmas Day.

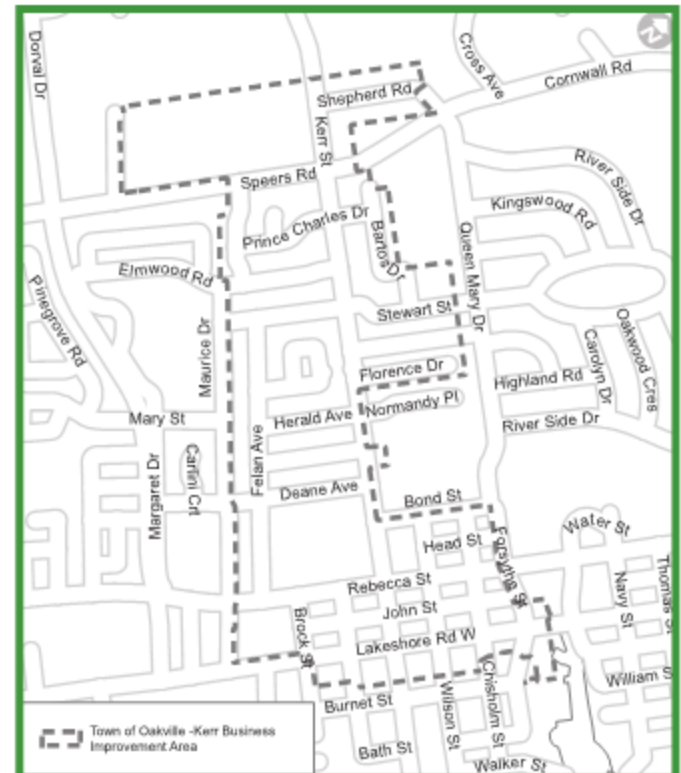
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario

A copy of the application is available to the public in the Office of the Regional Clerk located at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those wishing to address the Committee or make a written submission should contact the Regional Clerk's Office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7405, or by email to regionalclerk@halton.ca, prior to September 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in order to be listed in the agenda. You may also register with the Regional Clerk prior to the public meeting.

For further information about the application for a Tourism Exemption, please contact:

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Dated at the Town of Oakville
 August 30, 2017
 Graham Milne, Acting Regional Clerk
 and Director of Council Services



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