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Ward 1 - June 25, Acton Town Hall (19 Willow Street North)

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Ward 4 - September (date TBD), location TBD

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NEWS

DYLAN FINALLY ABLE TO RIDE HIS BIKE

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For the first time since Dylan Best-Degeer was bullied, he was able to ride his bike. Now fitted with a GPS, Dylan's parents can check in and even listen in to the conversations their son has as he rides his bike around the neighbourhood.

But as sunlight peeked through the clouds, and Dylan returned home, the rumble of what might have sounded like thunder in the distance increased.

On May 14, more than 40 bikes turned off Guelph Street toward Dylan's home and eventually lined the street in front of the house.

Riders from six chapters of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club, some from as far as Port Dover and Wasaga Beach, came out show their support.

"I'm overwhelmed," Wendi Best, Dylan's mother, said. "Several of these

people know Dylan."

Dylan greeted the bikers excitedly, waving to each rider as the bikes lined his street.

"He absolutely loves motorcycles and he loves people," Best said. "He hasn't stopped hugging and talking and getting on bikes. He's a superstar."

Dylan wove his way through the crowd, talking with and high-fiving club members.

"I'm overwhelmed that this many people would do this for my son," Best said.

"Dylan and his dad used to ride with us about nine years ago," Tommy Branco, first officer for the Peel Chapter of the SCRC, said.

After sharing the Independent's story on Dylan to the club's Facebook page, plans to visit started to materialize.

"A lot of these people know Dylan," Branco said. "And we just want to support him, there's not better freedom than being on two wheels."

The club supports a va-

riety of charities through different rides, but this visit was not about money.

"This was getting a show of support and getting Dylan to smile," Branco said. "There's no money ... nothing could buy this."

What started with the Peel chapter of the riding club quickly spread to other chapters, including Burlington, where the assistant provincial officer of the club, Mike 'Jimmy G' Garrison, rides.

"We've come in support of our Peel chapter," Garrison said. "This doesn't happen often, it's a special event."

The club is considered a riding club, a separation from motorcycle clubs (or MCs for fans of Sons of Anarchy), generally associated with outlaw culture. Garrison said the club is in the 99 percentile of riders, a reference to the American Motorcyclist Association quote that 99 per cent of riders were law-abiding citizens.

"We're a family-oriented club, we've raised money for 15 to 20 charities throughout the season," Garrison said.

The family has since received a letter of apology since the Dylan was pushed into a nearby pond by two youths on May 3.

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