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TOWN CELEBRATES SKATE PARK OPENING

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Halton Hills residents and skating enthusiasts from around the area came together for a celebratory event of a skate park upgrade in Georgetown on Sept. 20.

A rebuild of the nearly 8,300-square-foot skate park located at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex (221 Guelph St.) — originally built in 1998 — offers enhanced opportunities for skaters.

"We love this place. We would definitely be coming back because there are so many good obstacles," said St. Catharines' 19-year-old Eric Campbell, who was visiting town with friends to attend the event. "For how small this place is, they've really done a good job at fitting things in, especially with the bowl," he added.

The skate bowl at the park is also a favourite of Payton Courchesne — a Halton Hills youngster setting foot in the world of skating.

"I like going in the bowl when there is nobody here. Sometimes my dad takes me at night, and I get to go on the bowl and anywhere I



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Eric Campbell practises some skateboard tricks at the new park.

want on the skate park," said Courchesne.

The central location of the sportsplex offers easier access to several users, said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Located closer to home, as compared to the three other Halton Hills skate parks, Payton's father, Adam, said the upgrade allows him to spend more time skating with his kids and less time travelling.

The park has seen heavy usage since reopening earlier this month, stated a town release. Around

\$650,000 from the town's capital budget was invested in the project.

Campbell, who started skating nearly a decade ago shared joy in seeing an increasing number of skating opportunities for youngsters — especially after the debut of skateboarding at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"Looking at the kids' smiling faces, I think everyone is really enjoying it and they will enjoy it for years to come," said Bonnette.

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Alter ego trusts are a tangible example of a revocable living trust. Such trusts are popular for ownership of assets that are needing protection as it reduces the likelihood your spouse would later transfer sole ownership to joint tenants with a new partner.

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