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 THE COMPASS

Campbellville area resident Charlie Barnes was one of the lucky individuals chosen to be a Water Relay Carrier for the Trans Canada Trail in August.

Five thousand official carriers have been shuttling precious bottles of water from Canada's oceans - the Arctic, the Pacific and the Atlantic - to our national capital region for the September 9 Official Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 ceremony.

The Water Relay began February 19 in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, and the water has been handed from person to person all along the way, whether delivered by dog sled, bike, or foot. The general route of the Trail winds through every province and territory, linking major cities, towns and communities. Land has come from existing trails wherever possible, abandoned and existing railway lines, federal and provin-

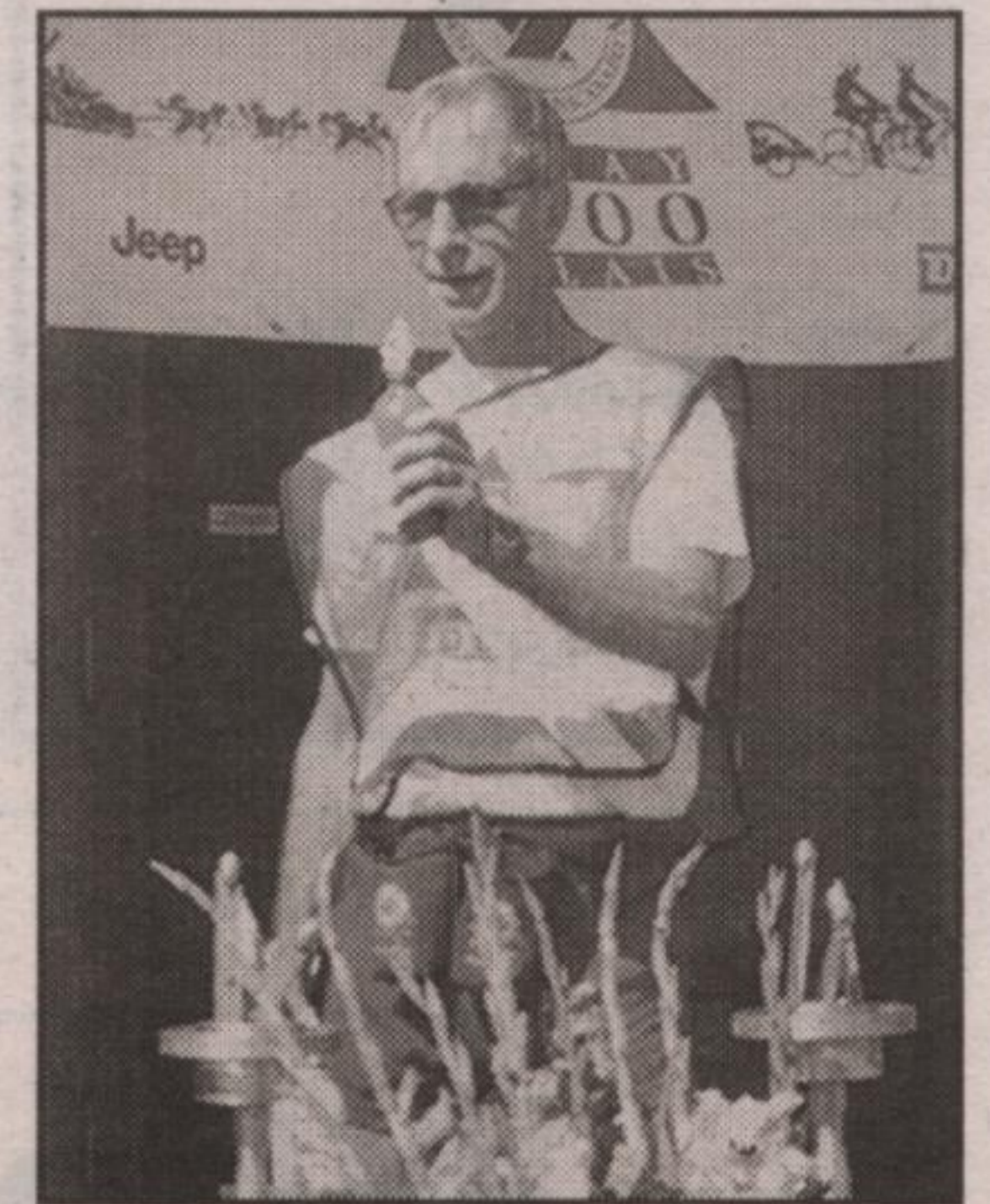
cial parks and private landowners.

The longest trail in the world (at 16,400 km) is being built by Canadians and managed by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, a registered charitable organization.

"I applied last March," Barnes commented, "along with 6,000 others. They chose 1,000 people through a random draw and I was one."

Barnes, who runs regularly, was supposed to run his section but at the last minute was asked to bike instead. Upon his arrival at the Guelph Municipal offices, he passed off two containers of water, one each from the Arctic and Pacific oceans, to two women from Guelph, Deb Lyle (Arctic) and Charlene Barrett (Pacific). After a welcome from Mayor David Adsett and refreshments for all attendants, runners and

volunteers continued on to Riverside Park in Guelph where special celebrations were set up for water carriers and their families, trail volunteers, Guelph citizens and local dignitaries.



CHARLIE BARNES
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The concerns of the CABA members regarding garbage pickup; public washroom facilities and the possibility of forming a BIA were discussed in detail with the guests from Town Council. Barry Lee agreed to approach Jennifer Reynolds (Director of Leisure Services) about having regular garbage pickup on Main St. for the existing garbage cans. This has become a necessity due to the extra traffic through the village by visitors travelling to the slots. We were informed that the public washroom problem might be resolved once the Cortese buildings are completed, as they have agreed to provide washrooms in their plans. The council

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members suggested that we should invite Mario Belvedere, the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Milton, to explain the technicalities of forming a BIA. Marilyn Goodale will contact Mario and ask him to attend our next meeting.

CABA was advised by the council members to select a group to attend a council meeting and present the issue that concern the village due to the extra traffic flow generated by the slots. Barry and Lievan have agreed to provide their assistance in putting together an objective case with facts to be presented at the meeting.

New business: Lorraine

Gibson, president of The Gibson Learning Corporation, gave an informative speech on Leadership Management. For more information about enrolling in one of their courses, call 905-693-1732.

Recap: Harvest Festival - Once again we will invite the cloggers, music and the clown. We are still looking for fresh ideas and suggestions. Do you have any input that you wish to contribute? The September meeting will be the last one before the festivities, so please plan to attend.

Garbage pickup - Barry Lee has spoken to Jennifer and the Town of Milton has agreed to commence with pickup starting immediately. Our thanks go out to you Barry!

Mario Belvedere - Marilyn has contacted Mario and he will be attending the next meeting.

Steve from the Railway Museum presented the CABA members with a complimentary admission to the *Ice Cream & Starlight* evening on August 12. Our thanks to Steve and the museum members.

SEPTEMBER MEETING to be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 7 p.m. (new time)** at the **Mohawk Inn**. Guest Mario Belvedere, CAO. Prepared by Anni Baynton of Country Hearts, CABA Secretary.

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