

Halton Region Museum renovations underway

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The Compass

The Halton Region Museum has started its long-awaited building renovations, celebrated with a kick-off on March 27, 2001.

The renovations include all three floors of the Alexander Barn to create exhibit, educational and rental space, and two floors of the Visitor Centre to provide archives, gift shop, and administration areas.

The Museum renovations have been under consideration since 1983 and can now begin with the recent approval of a construction tender in the amount of \$1.87 million to Struct-Con Construction Ltd. by Halton Regional Council. Work is targeted for completion by September 2001.

Enjoying the early spring weather were (back) Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, (front, left to right) Mayor Gord Krantz, Foundation Chair Tim Kingsbury, Walt Elliott, (back of ladder) Paul Attack, Kevin Flynn, and Clark Somerville.

Savoline commented, "It's almost like I have to pinch myself to believe this is really happening. It's been such a long time and it's a pleasure to be a part of the kick-off. Everyone on council realizes the importance of preserving the past."

"I'm really super excited," added Tim Kingsbury. "It's the culmination of years of effort. We're the custodians of the past for future generations. I look upon the Region as the first keystone donor to this project, and it has had some incredible political leadership with Joyce, Gord, Kevin Flynn and John Taylor."

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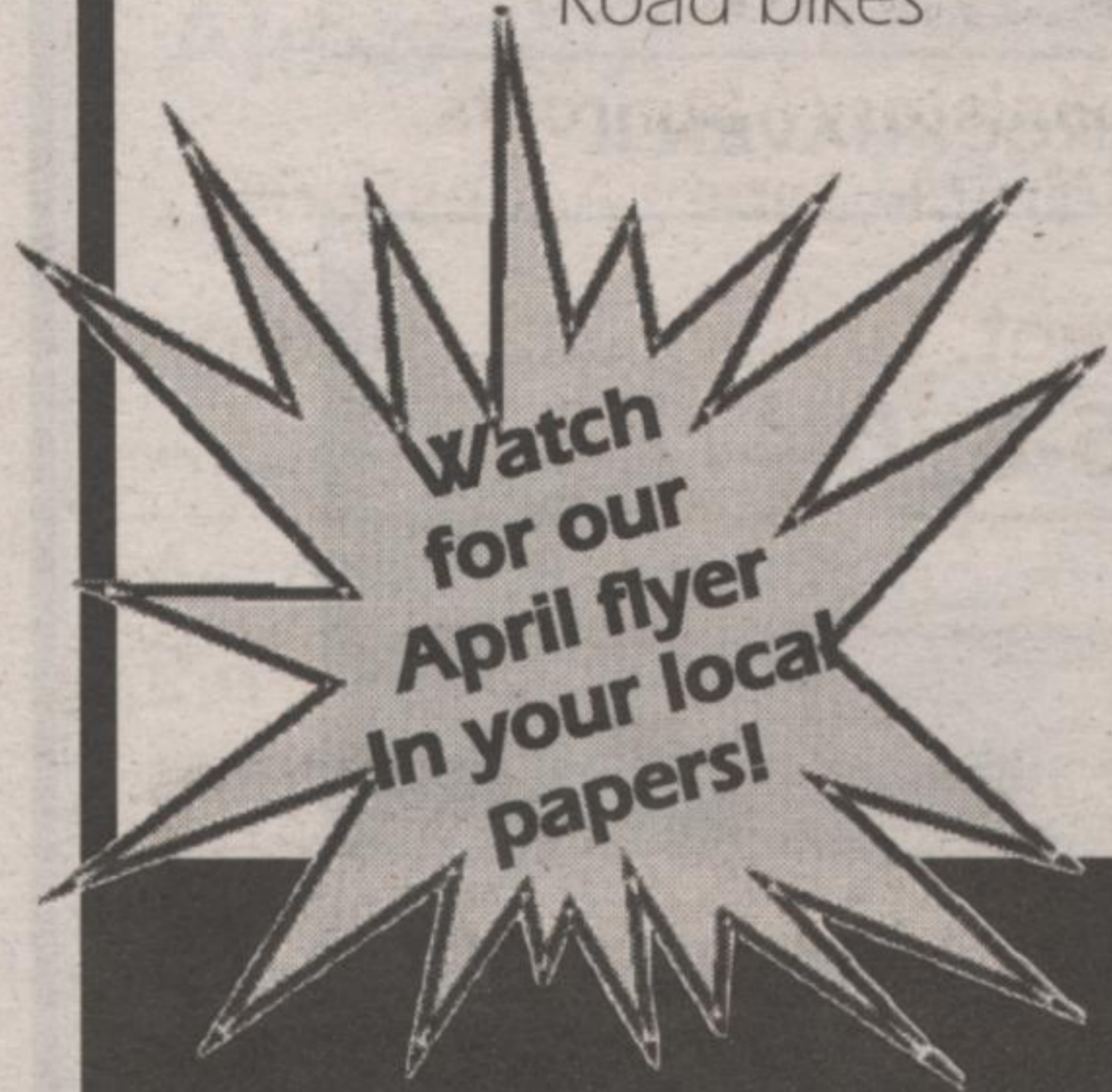
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