

Milton Celebrates Canada Day 2001

Milton celebrates Canada Day 2001 with a weekend full of family-oriented festivities at Rotary Park.

On the afternoon of Saturday, June 30th, children can enjoy a refreshing swim at Rotary Pool from 1:30 to 4:30 pm or visit the carnival rides and games in the park. From 4 to 10 pm, the entire family can drop by and experience "Vegas Comes to Milton" featuring a casino night (with licensed area) and a live show by Milton's own "Elvis," Steve Kabakos.

July 1st Canada Day festivities get an early start with the Optimist Club holding a pancake breakfast at 10 am. A "Thanks to Canadian Veterans/Citizens Walk" to the park starts from the Town Cenotaph at 11:30 am, followed by the official Opening Ceremonies at noon.

The Town of Milton is sponsoring a free swim from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Rotary Pool. Assorted games, dunk tank, carnival rides & pony rides will take place in the park all afternoon.

Local organizations interested in performing on the Canada Day stage can call Jamie Krane at 905-876-2955.

At 3:30 pm, the community is invited to attend the official opening of the Mill Pond and Mill Pond Millennium Gazebo at Centennial Park. To top off the Canada Day 2001 celebrations, evening entertainment in the park includes local band 3 MDM, carnival rides and games, to be followed by a spectacular fireworks display starting at dusk.

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Welcome back home Astronaut Chris Hadfield

The Town of Milton welcomes Colonel Chris Hadfield back home! On April 22, 2001 Colonel Chris Hadfield became the first Canadian Astronaut to perform a space walk while installing the Canadarm 2, needed to complete the space station.

Mayor Krantz has announced that the Milton community will have an opportunity to attend a presentation by Colonel Hadfield and share in his experiences of this historic space walk on

Saturday June 9, 2001
2 pm (first come, first seated)

E.C. Drury School for the Deaf Complex, south gym

Mayor Krantz noted that this informal gathering will provide an opportunity for Milton families and residents to personally congratulate Colonel Chris Hadfield on a very successful mission and historic space walk.

Also following the presentation will be a family sponsored fundraising concert featuring Colonel Hadfield and brothers Dave and Phillip Hadfield in support of the Chris Hadfield Bursary Fund. Tickets for the concert are now available at Northend Nissan, Mike's Barber Shop, Zellers Lottery Booth and Time Zone Travel Agency.

For further information, please contact the Mayor's office at 905-878-7211.

Chudleigh announces environmental property purchases in Halton

Special to The Compass

Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton announced today that this year the Ontario government has selected three parcels of land in Halton for purchase and protection.

The land purchases have been completed under Ontario's Living Legacy program, which is an ongoing commitment to buy property to protect and preserve significant natural areas. Funding for the acquisitions comes from the Ministry of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Protection Program.

"Buying these properties places them under protection so they can be enjoyed by our children and generations of Ontarians to come," said Mr. Chudleigh. "While I fully support fiscal and program reforms, I believe that our environmental record, particularly our commitment to property protection, will ultimately be the most significant legacy of our government."

Ontario purchased 11 properties totaling 242.5 hectares across the province in the past year. Three of those purchases are in Halton. The ecologically significant Terra Cotta Forest, a 39 hectare parcel will be added to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area in Halton. The area has already been designated an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest.

Purchases in Halton accounted for \$906,280 and include a 40-hectare addition to the Bruce Trail through the Town of Halton Hills. This parcel contains a provincially significant wetland known as the Halton Escarpment Wetland Complex. The third purchase in Halton this year secures an 800-meter section of the Bruce Trail.

Since the inception of this program almost \$10 million has been spent to acquire more than 1,186 hectares of ecologically significant lands. The program is a key component of Ontario's Living Legacy, which was launched in 1999 with the announcement by Premier Harris of 378 new provincial parks and protected areas.

Prior to 2001 four other Halton area properties were secured under this program. Two of the properties are in Milton and two in Halton Hills. The total cost of the four purchases was \$122,090 and they secured 1.5 kilometers of the Bruce Trail.

Ontario's Living Legacy Program has also contributed \$81,700 over the past three years to Milton's Mill Pond restoration project through its Protection and Enhancement Fund.

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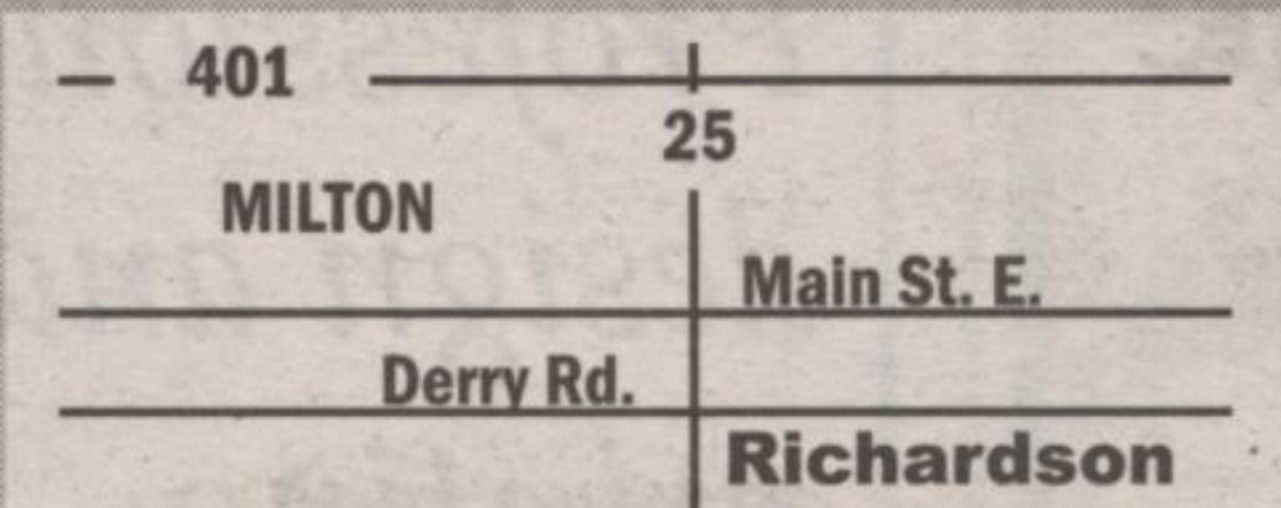
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