

'Breakfast on the Environment'

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planned to be given out next April. Young people who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment through their actions, policies and/or dialogue towards environmental preservation or protection will have the opportunity to win \$500 for their school as well as a personal trophy. The Environmental Scholarship Awards will be given to support Halton youth who have chosen to pursue post secondary studies in fields that relate to the environment. Each scholarship award will be for \$500.

On hand to launch the initiative was author and renowned deep sea explorer, Dr. Joe MacInnis. The first person to dive under the North Pole, and amongst the first five people to view the underwater remains of the Titanic, Dr. MacInnis captivated the audience with his speech "Leadership and the Environment - Lessons from inside the Ocean."

A witty and dynamic speaker, who interspersed his lecture with actual video footage from his dives, including footage from the filming of the Imax movie about the Titanic, Dr. MacInnis outlined three key components of leadership: courage, fierce innovation (thinking on your feet about an enormous problem that can sink you), and high empathy communication (communicating by getting inside an individual or cause). "Courage, honesty and communication, these are the compasses that you steer by," he exhorted. "These are the promises that you make to yourself."

Dr. MacInnis urged those in attendance to "take care of each other" even as they took care of the environment.

"In all of you I see explorers," he encouraged. "I see old and young people who are curious about the world, especially the natural world, and are looking for ways to protect it. The best and the brightest never stop learning, never stop exploring, no matter how old they get."

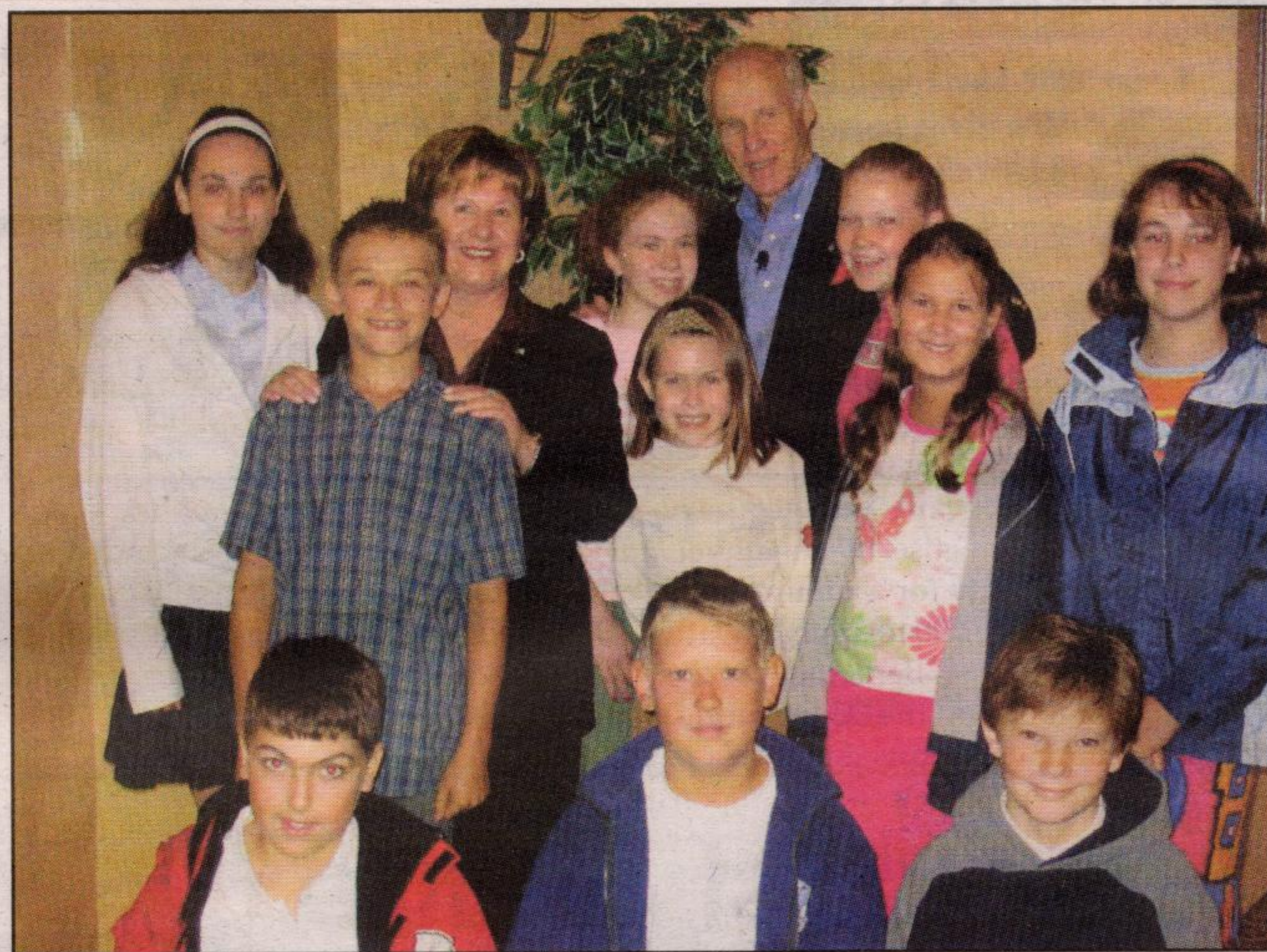


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Regional Chair Joyce Savoline and Dr. Joe MacInnis welcomed many Halton students who attended the Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment. Shown here are Silver Creek and Brookville Public School students. Back Row with Dr. MacInnis, left to right: Dayna Noltie, Rozalyn Lewis and Shannon Cook. Middle row with Chairman Savoline: Jack Fuller, Meghan Fielding, Alexandra Basso and Deanna Glasgow. Front row: Joshua Metler, Luke Kimmerer and Simon Hoffman. The students were on hand to help launch the Region's new Youth Awards for Environmental Excellence.

Halton Hills Open for Business Town seeks industries for Gateway Business Park

BY DONNA DANIELLI

Halton Hills is ready and open for business, according to the Town's recent launch of an aggressive campaign to attract business and investment to the Halton Hills 401-407 Gateway Business Park.

This 1,000 acre prestige industrial park is located on the north side of Highway 401, between Winston Churchill Blvd. and James Snow Parkway, at the intersection of Highways 401 and 407. The lands have been zoned, the development charges finalized and water mains and wastewater sewers are under construction with services to the westerly 300 acres of the business park to be available in November 2004. "Halton Hills must improve its ratio of industrial/commercial to residential assessment," explained Mayor Rick Bonnette. "With years of preparation in establishing the zoning and bringing services to the 401 - 407 Gateway Business Park, Halton Hills now has the opportunity to do just that."

"WE HAVE THE LOCATION AND THE RIGHT ATTITUDE"

Halton Hills has begun its campaign to attract new industries to the Gateway Business Park. It will send a direct mail out campaign to real estate professionals in the GTA; to developers and to "design-build" companies. It will also place targeted one-on-one calls to high profile real estate professionals and development company executives, and provide information seminars.

"With the strong support of Council, we will strive to increase industrial development in Halton Hills," stressed Mayor Bonnette. "We have aggressively put all the pieces in place to make the 401 - 407 Gateway Business Park an attractive place for industry to locate. Now we are going to market it just as aggressively. We want business to come here and believe with what we have to offer, it will. We have the location and the right attitude."

Taking a Second Bite

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regulations, alternative pet companions (such as sugar gliders and reptiles) needed changes to the draft. In fact the draft was worded such that it actually prohibited horses in Halton, except as a food source.

After receiving this feedback the Town Council prepared a second draft of the pending by-law. This is available on the Town of Milton's website. Those who expressed their concerns were contacted and were notified of the new draft. Changes made to the by-law simplified the definitions of terms used to describe animals and rural locations around Town and the controversial aspects of the first draft were dropped.

In the new draft, the Town staff has taken up the question of controlling biting dogs and the protocols governing them. If the by-law is approved, animal control officers will have the authority to serve the animal's owner with an interim muzzle order for an animal that has bitten or attacked a person or a

domesticated animal. Once this interim muzzle order is issued charges will be laid against the animal's owner.

Issues concerning tagging in the new drafted by-law require that every application for a dog tag should require ownership information as well as proof of microchip implanting (if applicable). Certification regarding immunization against rabies (signed by the veterinarian who preformed the immunization) would be required when applying for a tag. A late payment fine will be issued for a dog tag not purchased within seven days after acquiring a dog. Every owner of a cat would be required to place a collar on the cat with information regarding the owners address and name.

Every person who keeps an animal in the Town would be required to provide a clean and sanitary environment for the safety and well being for the animal.

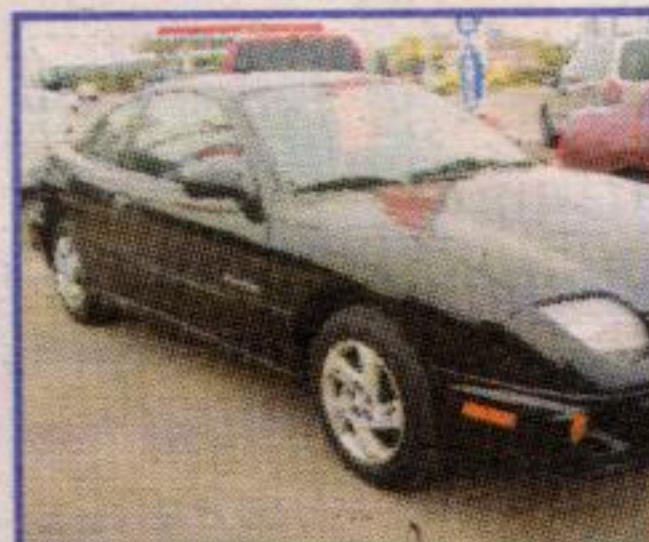
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