

Back to Grassroots... Growing IT in Halton schools

On May 31, several Halton schools, both elementary and secondary, celebrated another successful year as part of the

Halton Board's Grassroots program.

Over half of the schools participating in this year's Grassroots program were schools from North Halton. From Milton, E.W. Foster students developed a project focusing on "fostering literacy" while students at Martin Street focused on projects featuring their community. From Georgetown, Silver Creek showcased their skills as a "Math Learning Community" while George Kennedy students focused on the "Power of Tribes", a program in Halton schools which develops a process for social development and cooperative learning. In Acton, McKenzie Smith Bennett students investigated their "Community Roots" while Acton District High School showcased their learning about global connections through their project, "Local Roots; Global Wings."

The project in each school involved a minimum of 8 teachers who, with their students, developed a project around a central theme. Projects involved the use of information technology skills along with curricular expectations from the Ontario Curriculum.

Each participating school receives funding to support IT implementation, including professional development, release time, and the purchase of hardware.

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Milton's Jim McQueen honoured

James 'Jim' McQueen, Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer, for the Town of Milton, has been named the recipient of the 2005 Prestige Award by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) at its 67th Annual Meeting and Professional Development Institute.

Founded in 1938, AMCTO is the largest voluntary professional association in the municipal field in Ontario. AMCTO presents the Prestige Award annually to a member in recognition of a career of outstanding commitment to the ideals of the Association and exceptional contributions to the Association and the municipal profession.

In presenting the award, outgoing AMCTO President R. 'Jack' Watson praised Jim McQueen's "quiet leadership style." He hailed the recipient as an individual "who exemplifies the dedication and commitment, which enriches the image of the profession and the Association."

Jim was caught completely off guard by the announcement, including the surprise presence at the event of his wife and daughter. "Being recognized by my peers of this great Association is a tremendous feeling and something I will always cherish," said McQueen in his typically gracious manner.

"Jim is recognized within our own organization as a leader in municipal

finance", said Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz. "Jim has been involved in municipal finance and administration since 1965, and this award exemplifies his dedication and long-time commitment to the Association and the profession."

An active member of AMCTO since 1970, Jim served in 1993 as the Association's President. He has been an active member of the United Way and the Arthritis Society and was recognized as the outstanding United Way volunteer in Milton in 2003. Jim sings with the Milton Choristers and is training to complete a 1/2 marathon later this year.



Jim McQueen with his wife Helen and daughter Erin

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Job creation on the rise: May statistics double expectations

By GARY CARR M.P., HALTON

Job creation always has been and continues to be a major goal and priority for this government. This month, Statistics Canada reported that we are moving in the right direction and are exceeding our targets.

In the month of May, 35,000 new jobs were created in Canada, according to Statistics Canada's monthly labour market survey. This is more than double the monthly average of the four previous months, and more than double the number projected by most economists.

"This is great news! New jobs provide more opportunity and ensure an investment in our communities. Everyone benefits from job growth," exclaimed MP Carr.

Job creation has always been a priority for the Liberal government. Since 1993, over three million jobs have been created in this country. Unemployment is currently at

6.8%, its lowest level in over four years.

Canada has the best job creation record in the G-7, the fastest growth in living standards in the G-7, and the only balanced budget in the G-7.

In addition, this government's fiscal record - eight consecutive balanced budgets - is the best fiscal performance since Confederation.

These are accomplishments that make a real difference to the lives of Canadians: low interest rates, stable employment and more disposable income.

"Our government knows the importance of an empowered workforce," said M.P. Gary Carr. "By ensuring that jobs are created and that people who are willing and able to work are given that opportunity, we are investing in our economy, our communities and our country."



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