



## Kids & Kops Kamp

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Kids & Kops Kamp, organized by Halton Regional Police and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Halton, celebrated its fourth year of offering girls involved in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program an opportunity to socialize, pick-up some safety tips and have some fun all while getting a first hand look at some positive female role models. The week-long camp ran from July 11 through 15 and through the support of local merchants and organizations, Constables Wendy Moraghan, Susan Hatanaka and Pam Campobasso of the DARE unit were able to offer nine girls between the ages of 9 to 13, the chance to take part in the camp. Here, Jessica paints a bowl courtesy of the Cracked Pot.

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## NOTICE OF COMPLETION

**Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8)  
New Watermain, Wastewater Mains,  
Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain  
Town of Halton Hills**

### Class Environmental Assessment Study

In March 2005, the Regional Municipality of Halton initiated a Class Environmental Assessment for a new trunk watermain, trunk wastewater mains, sanitary sewage pumping station and forcemain on Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) between Fifth Line South and Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3) in the Town of Halton Hills. The need for these infrastructure components was identified in the Region's "Water & Wastewater Master Plan Review" adopted by Regional Council in March 2003.

The study has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule B project as detailed in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000) and has identified the preferred placement of the new watermain, wastewater mains, sewage pumping station and forcemain along Steeles Avenue and a preferred location for the new pumping station, on the south side of Steeles Avenue, approximately 300 m west of Sixth Line South.

Separate Project Files for the watermain, wastewater mains and forcemain evaluation and the sewage pumping station are available for viewing for thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this Notice until August 15, 2005 at the Regional Municipality of Halton, Citizen's Reference Library at the address below.

If concerns arise regarding this project during this 30-day review period, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Region of Halton, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice.

Minister of the Environment  
12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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A copy of the request must also be send to the Region of Halton's Project Manager.

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If there are no requests received by August 15, 2005, the Region will have therefore complied with the requirements of the EA Act and can proceed with the design and construction phases of the projects, subject to appropriate approvals and development of acceptable financial plans.

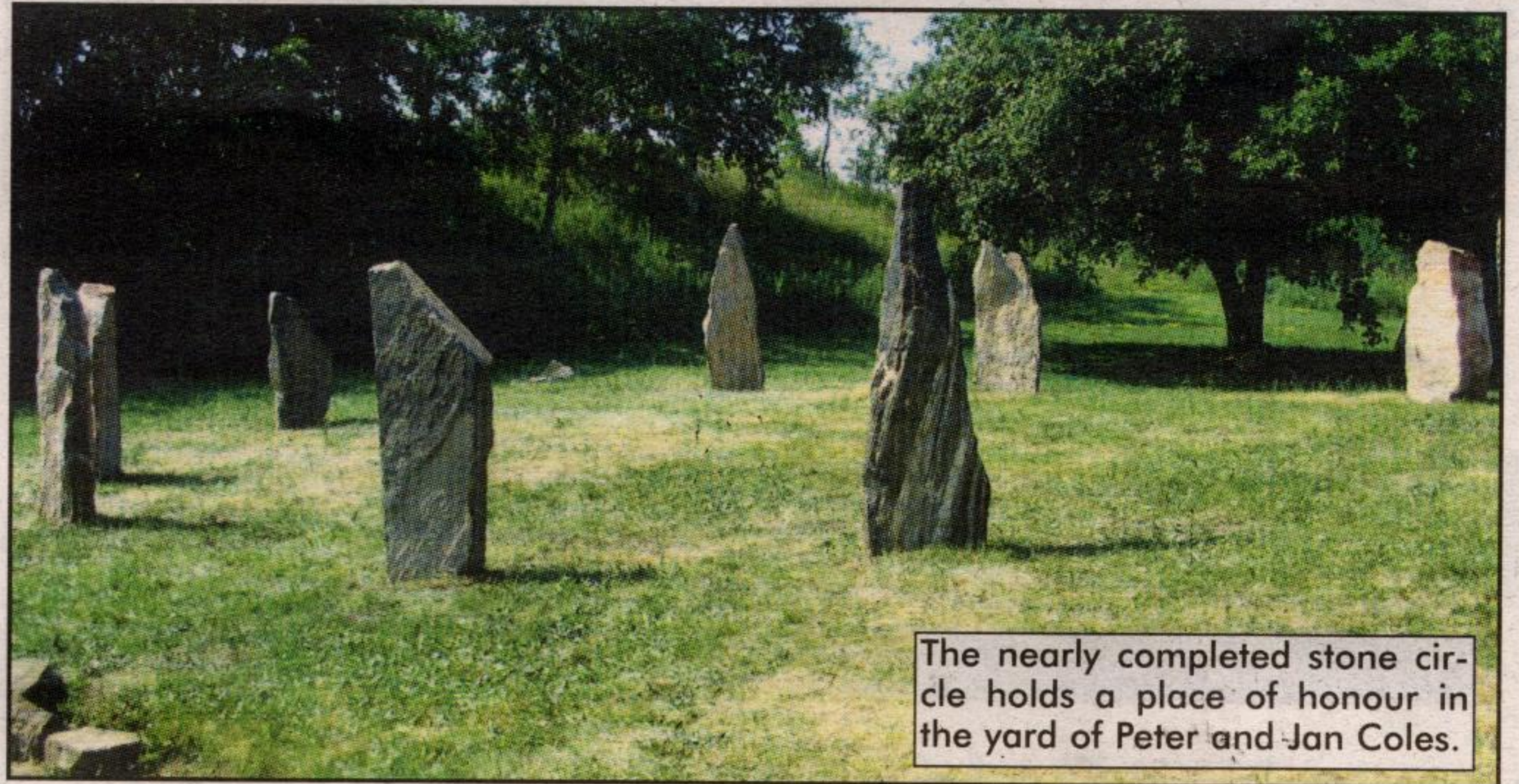
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# Circle of life

## Druid builds stone circle in Erin

BY DONNA DANIELLI



The nearly completed stone circle holds a place of honour in the yard of Peter and Jan Coles.

There's magic all around us, all we have to do is open ourselves up to it according to Ivan McBeth. This fascinating bear of a man with kindly eyes is a Druid, who makes his nomadic way around the world aiding people in the creation and construction of stone circles.

Perhaps the best-known stone circle is Stonehenge, but according to Ivan, stone circles come in all sizes for all sorts of landscapes. By definition they are a number of stones placed meaningfully in the ground in a circular form. Each stone is chosen and placed carefully, and with great ceremony, into the ground to suit an individual purpose within the circle. They help enhance intuition," explains Ivan of the ancient technology. "All you have to do is spend time in there and you'll get flashes of guidance and ideas of what to do."

When Ivan was the guest speaker at a Toronto Dowers meeting last year, he impressed Peter and Jan Coles so much, that they invited him to their rural home in Erin, to scout out a possible site for their own stone circle. "We honeymooned in Ireland and Scotland," explains Peter. "We truly loved the stone circles there. When you sit in a stone circle, there's a different feeling." Concurring with that belief, Ivan adds that "It's like you enter a new or different time and space. It's like a dreamland or a childhood fairy tale. This is a wonderful way of learning the true magic of manifesting your dreams." He relates this as having a similar effect on the body of Nature as acupuncture has on the human body. "When we build stone circles, we place stones, which are like mega needles, in specific places in the Earth's body to create healing. The Earth is a whole unified body just like a human body."

That communication with Nature and respect for the Earth is the foundation of Ivan's philosophy of life. Not only a Druid in the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids, he is also the founder of the Sacred Space School

of Shamanic Studies and the Oak Dragon Project. "A Druid is a person who is in service to the spirit of the land," he explains. "Druids are the caretakers of the Earth. We do what we can to communicate with the heart of Nature. As we are all truly one with Nature, the health of our environment is key to the nature of our health and our spirits."

He has been involved in the building of fourteen stone circles, since he took up the craft on the site of Glastonbury Music Festival in 1990. Some have involved the placement of 20 ton stones, while others, like the one nestled in the yard of Peter and Jan Coles, use a dozen stones, each about five to seven feet tall and weighing anywhere from 300 pounds to 1500 pounds each. "What I love is that I'm going to go out in a month's time and the ground is going to look untouched, as though it as always been there," says a delighted Peter. "As well, when you take on a project like this, you really step out of your comfort zone and grow."

If there is one single message that Ivan wishes to impart the importance of, it is this: "Put aside five minutes of your day to sit under a tree or in your backyard garden, in silence and allow the Nature around you to speak to you. Learn how to listen. It's simple but it is one of the most difficult things to do."

If you are looking to find out more about Ivan, his website at [www.ivanmcbeth.com](http://www.ivanmcbeth.com) is a fascinating and entertaining resource. His first book, *The Crystal Journey: Apprenticed to the Earth* is available for order at [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com). And when teased about the incongruity of the image of a man steeped in ancient technology creating his own website, he lets out a booming laugh, "I'm a modern cyber-Druid baby!"

He has spent much of his life travelling the world and meeting new people everywhere. A gentle giant of a man with a steady nature reminiscent of the stones he works with, Ivan McBeth changes each life he touches, however briefly.



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It took the work of a team of relatives, but the stone circle in Peter Coles' yard neared completion this week. "Everyone was included and it gives everyone the sense of purpose, that they've had a role in the creation of something beautiful," explains builder Ivan McBeth (Left), who is shown here with Peter.