

First Gulf Corp. moves into the neighbourhood

Sod-turning ceremony for First Halton Business Park

A sod-turning ceremony was held Thursday to mark the opening of an 80-acre industrial subdivision in the 401-407 Gateway Business Park. Owner of the lands, First Gulf Development Corporation hosted the celebration attended by staff and officials of Halton Region, Town of Halton Hills and the Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a historic moment for the Town of Halton Hills. It is the beginning of a major industrial boom," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "The new industries that are coming to Halton Hills will bring employment opportunities to our local residents. Over the coming months there will be many more projects announced both on the First Gulf Developments lands and other industrial projects that are currently in the works."

Bonnette said, "We have worked for many years to accomplish what has happened here today (Thursday). We greatly appreciate the hard work that has gone into making industrial development in the 401-407 Gateway Business Park a reality including the Region of Halton, the staff and elected officials in Halton Hills, and David Gibson (president) and his team at First Gulf Developments. I also acknowledge the co-operation and understanding of the area residents who live north of the industrial park."

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Services are now available to the western part of the 401-407 Gateway Business Park including the lands owned by First Gulf Development Corporation. Services will be extended to Trafalgar Rd. by the end of 2006.

The 80-acre First Gulf industrial subdivision, known as the First Halton Business Park, is located on the north side of Steeles Ave., on the east and west sides of Fifth Line North.

Fernbrook Springs, an 84,000 sq. ft. water bottling plant, will be the first project in the business park since the arrival of the services and is slated for completion by the end of this year.

Construction of a 50,000 sq. ft. building for Hayward Gordon Limited, a manufacturer of pumps, mixers and strainers will begin in December, with completion in August of 2006.

Both projects are design build with the land and building to be sold to the respective companies. Announcements regarding additional industrial buildings are anticipated in the coming weeks and months.

First Gulf Development Corporation is a private full-service real estate development company experienced in planning, marketing and leasing, design/build, construction, management and property management services for both its own account and third-party investors. First Gulf develops, constructs and manages retail, office, industrial and residential properties.

The 401-407 Gateway Business Park is a 1000-acre business park situated on the north side of Highway 401 where it meets Highway 407. The business park extends from James Snow Parkway to Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Other developers and manufacturers are proceeding with proposals in the 401-407 Gateway Business Park including Hopewell Developments' 75-acre industrial subdivision located at southwest corner of Steeles Ave. and Sixth Line South. Services will be available to the Hopewell site in late 2006 with projects anticipated to proceed shortly thereafter.

Mold-Masters Limited, presently one of Halton Hills' leading employers, will be establishing a new corporate headquarters, a research facility and a manufacturing plant in the 401-407 Gateway Business Park with occupancy slated for early 2007. For further information about the Park, contact Allan O'Neill, Economic Development Officer 905-873-2601 ext 2343.



A groundbreaking ceremony of the First Gulf Development Corporation's First Halton Business Park project was held Thursday morning. Those taking part were (from left) Ward 2 Councillor Joan Robson, Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, First Gulf President David Gibson, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Wards 3/4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce president Norm Paget and Ward 1 Councillor Jon Hurst. In back, Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis and Ward 3 Councillor Mike Davis.

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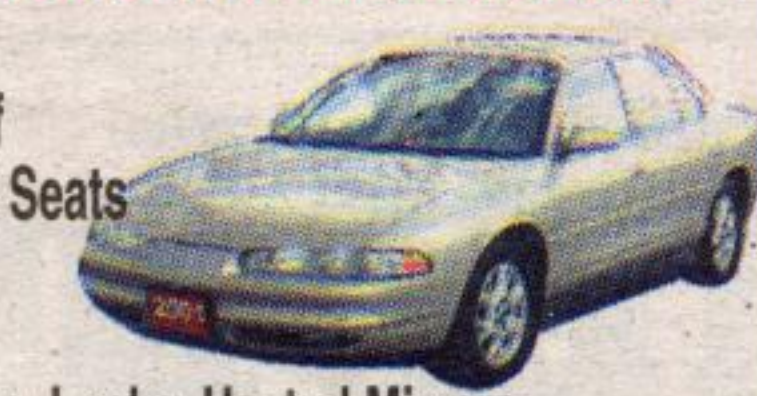
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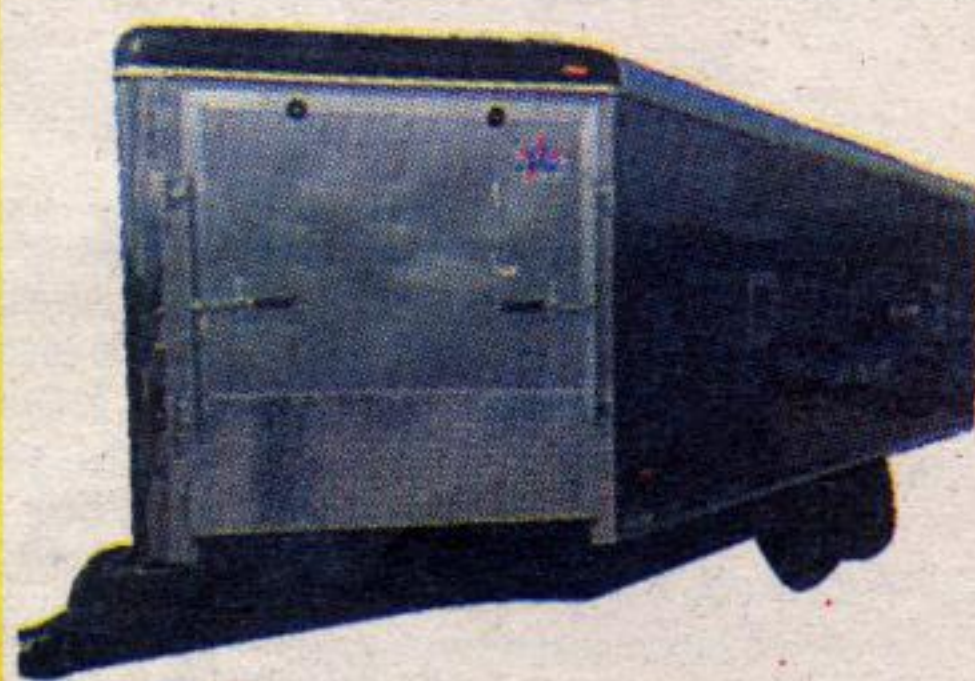
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