

Christian School marks 40th anniversary with gala

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Four decades of education will be the focal point of a birthday party at a local school this Saturday.

Georgetown District Christian School (GDCS) on Trafalgar Rd. will host an Anniversary Gala 40 years after it commemorated its first graduation.

The school's gym will be filled to its capacity as 300 people have confirmed their attendance for the gala, which organizers say will include tributes to the school's modest beginning.

"We'll be celebrating as what we see as God's hand evident in the planning that took place to build the school," said Dawn Kalsbeek, one of the event's organizers. "We'll bring the school's founders together with graduates of the last 40 years."

Georgetown resident George Miehm managed the local Royal Bank from 1966 to 1971 and remembers working with GDCS board members during the school's infancy.

"I guess you have confidence in the borrowers," said Miehm, who had previously loaned money to some of the school's founders to build the church next door. "(They) had all kinds of loans and they all took care of them."

GDCS opened its doors with 90 students from Grades



Georgetown District Christian School: Then and now

The anniversary has special importance to 1989 graduate Andrea Kamminga, who is part of a three generation family at the school. Kamminga's mother was one of the school's first students, and her daughter will soon finish Grade one.

"I just have a real love and passion for that school,"

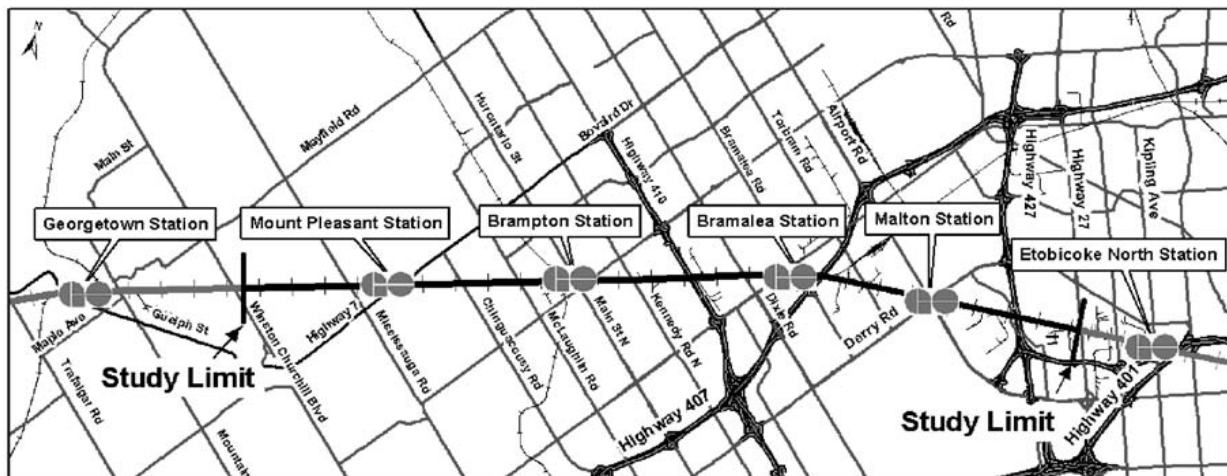
1 to 8 in just three classrooms. Today the school has 12 classrooms and educates 190 students beginning with its Harmony Preschool program.

said Kamminga. "I can attach a lot of my childhood memories to that school and I hope for the same for my kids."

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION GEORGETOWN NORTH CORRIDOR RAIL EXPANSION FROM WINSTON CHURCHILL BLVD. TO EAST OF THE MALTON GO STATION

THE STUDY:

GO Transit, the Province of Ontario's inter-regional public transit service for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas, has completed the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for improvements, including additional tracks to the Georgetown Corridor to accommodate increasing demands for service. The study also identified a location for a GO Train storage facility near the Mount Pleasant GO Station. The study limits are from Winston Churchill Blvd. to east of the Malton GO Station.



The project classified as a Group "B" project according to GO Transit's Class EA Document (2003) will require approval under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The Environmental Study Report (ESR), documenting the planning and design process for the EA will be filed on the Public Record for a 45-day comment period from April 24 to June 8, 2006.

The Environmental Study Report may be viewed at the following locations:

Ministry of the Environment
Central Region Office
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
North York, ON M2M 4J1

Ministry of the Environment
Halton-Peel District Office
4145 North Service Road, Suite 300
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City of Brampton
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65 Queen Street East
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Please forward comments about the ESR to either contact before Thursday, June 8, 2006. If you feel that serious environmental concerns exist, you may write to the Minister of Environment, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5, copy to GO Transit and Earth Tech, to request that the project be subject to a Part II Order requiring an Individual Environmental Assessment. This may result in a formal government review process being undertaken.

The Governments of Canada and Ontario have jointly committed \$770 million under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund to improve and expand the GO Transit rail and bus transit system in the Greater Toronto Area.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le (416) 869-3200 ou le 1 888 GET ON GO (438-6646).



Three generations have attended GDCS: mom Andrea Kamminga, Georgia Kamminga (currently in Grade 1), and grandmother Diane Leferink.

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