

OFFICIAL SNIP: Members of the Rotary Club of Acton each grabbed a pair of scissors to help cut the ribbon to officially open the Rotary bandshell in Prospect Park at a Canada Day ceremony. – *Frances Niblock photo*

Bandshell officially opens

By Frances Niblock

With just the right touch of pomp and lots of music, the new Rotary bandshell opened in Prospect Park on Canada Day in a ceremony that began with a rousing rendition of O Canada by Acton's Bev Boisvenue.

Although local church officials held a rainy, cold Pentecost service at the bandshell in June, Sunday's ribbon-cutting ceremony was the official opening of the facility that Rotary Club of Acton members gave to Acton as a gift, marking Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005.

Rotarian Bill Beaton said the project would not have come to fruition without the hard work of the approximately 20 Acton Rotarians and a very generous community that gave its time, talents, supplies and services.



ACTON ANTHEM: Acton's Bev Boisvenue helped officially open the new Rotary bandshell in Prospect Park by leading the crowd in a rousing rendition of O Canada to help celebrate Canada's 140th birthday on Sunday. – Frances Niblock photo

"Our community stepped up to the plate – our citizens are here for Acton Rotary every time we have a fundraiser," Beaton said, adding the bandshell is unique, just like Acton.

Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong said Rotarians worked long and hard to make the project happen.

This is the result of their discussions about what they can do for public service," Chong said as he asked all Rotarians in the crowd to stand up and take a much-deserved bow.

"These people do this, week in and week out, with no recognition from the community often. They work hard to raise this money – it's relentless work," Chong said that benefits the entire Town.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette noted they were celebrating history – Canada's 140th birthday – and making history.

"There will be a lot of memories made here at the this bandshell – it's a lot more than just wood and nails – it is the opportunities for people to come here and perform and make memories –we have Rotary to thank for that," Bonnette said, before he and MP Chong cut up two huge birthday cakes – courtesy of Sobeys – for the crowd.

Following the ribbon cutting, the stage came to life with a lively demonstration by the Everybody Dance Club from Robert Little School, followed by sets by a new local band, Trees, a performances by Cain and Abel, and the Bluesers.



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Earlier ride for Halton comuters

Halton Region officials are praising the province's plan to invest \$17.5 billion in public transit.

"This is an encouraging announcement as it will address some of our infrastructure needs that regional council raised during our Fairness for Halton campaign," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "I applaud the Ontario government for listening to Halton residents and the people of Ontario." The plan includes:

- Expanding service and capacity on existing GO train corridors:
- Increasing transportation on highway 407 through Halton, Peel and York;
- A Pearson Airport to Union Station rail link;
- A detailed implementation plan by the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority.
- An expectation that municipalities will not contribute capital funding for the projects identified in the

\$17.5 billion plan.

Carr said the province has laid the groundwork for growth in the region.

"Because of this, we will need more services to move our residents throughout the GTA."

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Halton Region helps youth develop their entrepreneurial skills with two programs delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Summer Company provides financial awards, training and mentoring to help students ages 15 to 29 start their own businesses. The Halton Region RBC Business Plan Competition lets secondary school students showcase their entrepreneurial talents and written business skills.

Congratulations to the following entrepreneurial students who successfully applied for the 2007 Summer Company program, and have started their own summer businesses. Contact us if you would like to hire one of these enterprising students!

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- Fred Malinski, Lively Lawn, Oakville
- Dan Mandic, Up 'N' Running Pool Service, Oakville
- Adam Willhoeft, Blast IT Clean Power Washing, Oakville
- Mike Zhang, Lawn Sharks, Burlington

Congratulations to the following students, teachers and schools on their awards from the 2007 Halton Region RBC Business Plan Competition:

- 1st place: "The Par Pal" by Amanda Secor from Abbey Park High School, Oakville, submitted by teacher Ms. Krista LoCicero
- 2nd place: "Canine Kingdom Dog Kennel" by Miriam Dall from Nelson High School, Burlington, submitted by teacher Mr. Kyle Pope
- 3rd place: "Supreme Painting Service" by Maris Chutumstid and Paul Lee from Abbey Park High School, Oakville, submitted by teacher Ms. Krista LoCicero.
- 4th place: "Hall Importing & Distributing Ltd." by Jack Hall from Abbey Park High School, Oakville, submitted by teacher Ms. Krista LoCicero
- 5th place: "Burns Lacrosse" by David Burns from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville, submitted by teacher Ms. Suzanne Rolland

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