

## Gift of flowers made my day

Miltonians are awesome! I'm the lucky recipient of a beautiful bouquet of flowers from one of them.

On July 7 we had a garage sale and we decided that at 1 p.m., whatever was left would be free. Normally, we give everything to Goodwill, but we decided to have a garage sale as they are fun and it gave us a reason to clean out the garage and other areas of the house.

Anyway, at 1 p.m. a few people showed up and we told them everything was free. They couldn't believe it! And one woman was very happy to have some of my gently-used clothes. I made her day and she made mine by delivering some flowers.

I don't know your name but I'm glad you're as happy as I am. The flowers smell divine! Thank you.

Lori Robinson

## Picnic helps unite Miltonians of all walks of life

An old-fashioned picnic is still an event which brings folks together for some food, fun and conversation.

On Saturday, June 19, under sunny skies, members of Faith United Milton held its sixth annual picnic for the Salvation Army at a perfect location, Victoria Park.

The approximately 70 folks who attended reflected the very diverse community of Milton, including Canadians, new Miltonians, longtime residents and folks representing various faiths.

Food, lawn games, face painting and a therapy dog named Scout all contributed to a welcoming and com-

munal spirit which is typical of our wonderful community.

We would like to express our appreciation to Cheryl Miller and The Lunch Box Café, (CLNH) for catering the sandwiches. Generous donations were given by No Frills and Superstore for which we are so grateful.

Thanks also goes to members of Faith United Milton for setting up tents, baking cookies, preparing and serving salad and watermelon, providing music, games and the inevitable tidying of the area.

This expression of your faith in action created an enjoyable event for everyone. Thank you to all for another successful picnic.

**Mavis O'Neil and Kathy Sellers,**  
Picnic Co-ordinators and  
Members of Faith United  
Milton

## SNAPSHOT



Sebastian Barath photo

Champion reader Sebastian Barath snapped this photo of the sun setting at Kelso Conservation Area. Do you have a cute, fun, unique or interesting photo taken in Milton? Send your Snapshot submission for consideration to [cohara@metroland.com](mailto:cohara@metroland.com). Please include a short description and the photographer's name for publication.

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## Outlining key priorities for shared economic prosperity

### Cabinet has role in making Ontario open for business: McCammon



**SCOTT MCCAMMON**  
Column

With the Ontario legislature back in session, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and the Milton Chamber of Commerce wrote to each provincial cabinet minister, outlining a blueprint to execute over the next four years that will help make Ontario open for business.

The OCC's blueprint in-

cludes both policy asks where immediate action is required to support business and foundational recommendations for long-term prosperity.

A key tool to making this province competitive is reducing red tape.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce and the OCC believe Premier Doug Ford's step to create a separate Deputy Minister for Red Tape and Regulatory Burden Reduction is an excellent start in lowering the administrative burden felt by Ontario businesses.

We are providing all ministers with a blueprint for steps that can be taken to ensure we are growing Ontario's economy and building shared prosperity for all.

Each ministry has a fundamental role to play in making Ontario open for business and the Milton

chamber looks forward to working with the premier as well as his cabinet in achieving the policy commitments that support businesses across the province.

The themes that emerged in the OCC and the Milton Chamber of Commerce blueprint for making Ontario open for business include:

- Fiscal balance: fundamental to economic growth is ensuring that the government of Ontario's own fiscal house is in order;
- Business competitiveness: the most powerful tool in making this province

competitive is reducing red tape; we ask that the government prioritize lowering the administrative burden on business and ensure that regulation is streamlined and effective;

- Investment growth: investing in Ontario through strategic spending is essential to fostering job creation and building healthy and productive communities across the province;


- Government accountability: Poor implementation of government initiatives in the past has led to resource waste, mismanagement, and disruption for both businesses and resi-

dents.

To ensure Ontario's economy has a strong foundation, business and government must work together to support evidence-based policies.

As Ontario's business advocate, the OCC is committed to working with the Ontario government to ensure the public policies introduced contribute to a competitive business environment, as well as the economic and social well-being of our province.

— Scott McCammon is the president and CEO of the Milton Chamber of Commerce.



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