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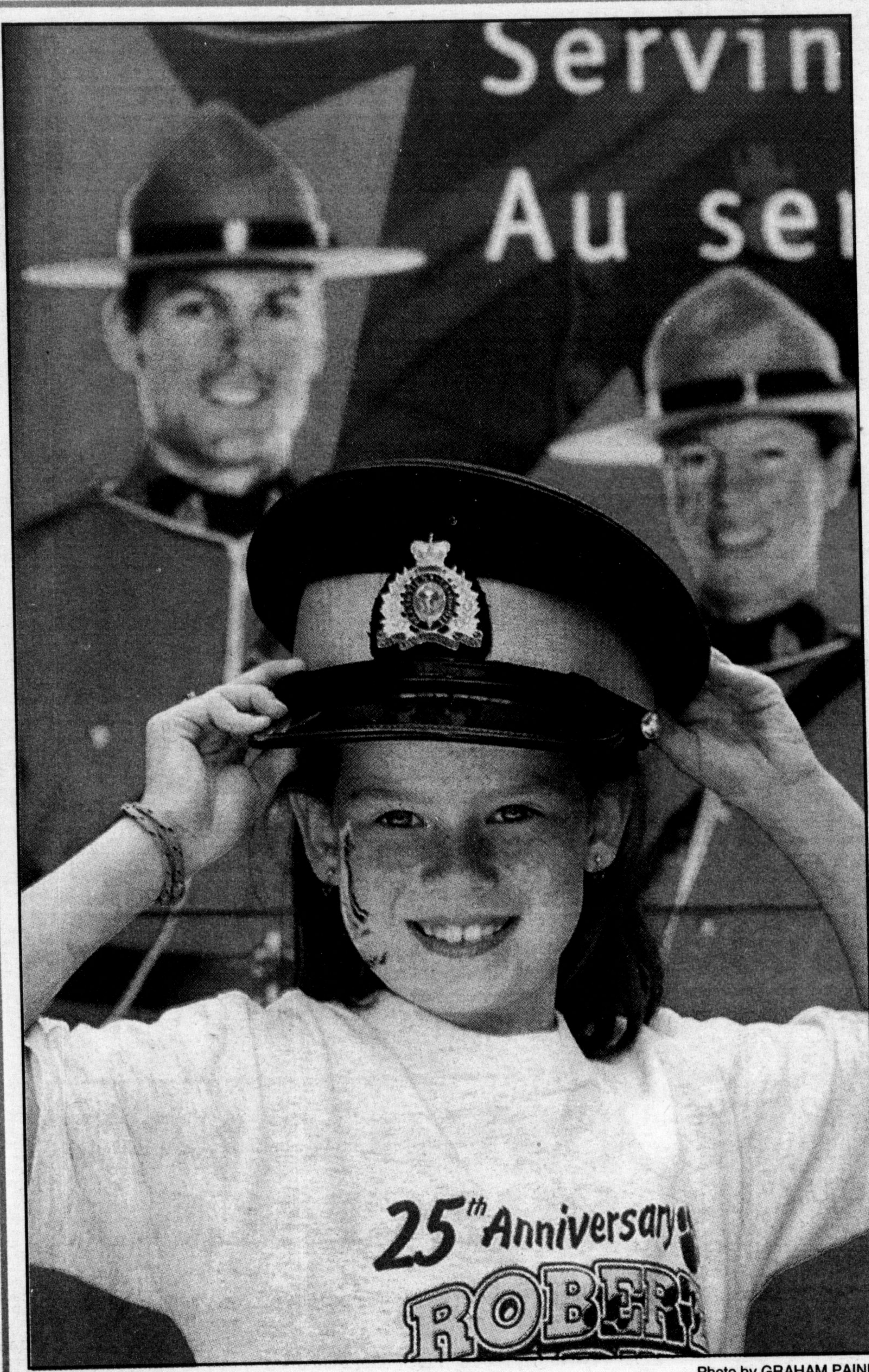


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✓ Hat's off for Police Week

Eight-year-old Nicole Cassivi tries on this RCMP hat for size as a display of two scarlet uniformed officers look on. Nicole was one of many area residents to visit the Police Week display at Milton Mall Saturday. This was one of several events the RCMP will be part of this year as the law enforcement agency celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Suspension for student scrawling threat in washroom

A student has been suspended for writing an alarming message in a high school washroom — one that reportedly prompted some parents to keep kids home Friday. Words to the effect of 'May 14 Equals Death' were written in the stall of a bathroom at E.C. Drury High School, said Halton District School Board director Dusty Papke. The message prompted a police investigation, and the school sent home letters informing parents of the situation. "At a time when this issue is sensitive, we aren't taking any chances," Mr. Papke said.

He said despite satisfaction among police and board officials that the school was safe, attendance was significantly lower than usual on Friday. Halton Regional Police confirmed they launched a mischief investigation into the incident, but didn't release any further details at press time. In light of recent high school shootings, Mr. Papke said principals have been instructed to deal with any threats immediately. And steps are being taken to address problems with the student in question, he said.

Dig will move ahead, but with conditions

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A museum's application for a zoning variance to allow a student-assisted archaeological dig at a Campbellville residence was given thumbs-up Thursday night despite opposition by a group of neighbours. The committee of adjustment voted 4-2 to approve the London Museum of Archaeology's bid for a Second Line archaeological excavation in conjunction with the current zoning that allows a school. Committee members who supported the project said museum director-general Dr. Bill Finlayson has addressed many of the neighbour's concerns by downgrading his original plan to build cabins and a classroom on the site. And the residents' environmental concerns will be addressed through plant and water studies required as part of the variance approval. However, the neighbours — who say they're not against the 15-year dig, but want to ensure it's done without environmental damage and disruptions in the quiet, rural area — have 20 days to appeal the decision. Cecilia Moffat, who led approximately 10 residents in expressing concerns, said after the meeting that neighbours would regroup to determine their next move.

"There's still so many unanswered questions," she told the committee. "It's somewhat confusing at this point. Every time we turn around there's something different given to us." Dr. Finlayson originally planned to build overnight accommodations to house workers and field expedition participants on the site, but then asked that a variance for

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