

Mayor being put to test in Ontario trivia challenge

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The Champion

Ontario residents now have a board game to call their own. The Great Ontario Trivia Challenge, a trivia board game focusing exclusively on the province, is being presented to Mayor Gord Krantz today during a press conference at Town Hall.

"(Visiting Milton) is part of our provincial launch (of the game)," said Sue Cogar, one of three creators of the board game.

"I'll be talking about the game and maybe sit down and ask a couple of questions to the mayor for fun."

The inventors travel across the province to meet with mayors from different cities and towns in hopes of promoting the game.

"We still have a few places left to visit," she said.

The Great Ontario Trivia Challenge has been the brainchild of Phil Biggerstaff of Barrie for the past 10 years.

He and his team spent 16 months compiling 2,000 thought-provoking questions with multiple-choice answers that he says will "inform, intrigue and challenge your mind."

In the seven months the game has been on the market, more than 10,000 copies have been sold.

"We have 250 retailers (selling the game)," Ms Cogar said. "If someone wants to find out where retailers are they can visit our website at www.ontariotrivia.com and view our listing or they can order on-line."

The Great Ontario Trivia Challenge board game contains a book of 2,000 questions, a board game, game pawns, dice

and collectable loons as game pieces. The board depicts a map of Ontario that provides pictures of attractions, natural resources, lakes, parks, wildlife and points of interest to give a great overview of Ontario as a whole.

Four categories of questions are used. Cottage Life and Recreation covers places of interest, attractions, outdoor sports, athletes, cottage areas and their history, parks, lakes, wildlife, fishing, professional sports teams and associations.

As It Was is the historical category showcasing Ontario's historical achievements and events and also the stories of towns, cities, communities, famous inventors, doctors, singers and artists.

Lay of the Land is the geographical category explaining how towns attained their name, where you would find points of interest, natural resources and the make up of the land.

People and Industry highlights Ontario's famous people and their achievements and Industry covers the stories behind the companies that have made their beginnings in the province.

"We want the public to know just how much Ontario has to offer," Ms Cogar said, adding she spent a full year reading more than 300 books about the province and visiting numerous websites for research.

"We want them to know the achievements and accolades Ontario has to offer the world. You get the idea it's not just a regular board game. You realize what Ontario's all about and it's a way to find out what's in your own backyard."

PAM petition goes missing

A petition lobbying for a town-wide ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides has mysteriously disappeared from Milton Public Library.

So citizens' group Pesticide Alternatives for Milton (PAM), which started the petition, is asking residents to sign another one.

Petition forms are available at health food stores in town and also at the Inner Sanctum Yoga Studio at Carriage Square.

PAM is a local group that promotes natural alternatives to chemical pesticides.

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