## Clean Up Hornby Day coming up April 24

An opportunity is fast approaching for rural Milton residents to pull together as a community and do some much-needed clean-up.

The Hornby Association of Rate Payers (HARP) will hold its fourth annual Clean Up Hornby Day April 24.

Participants are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the Hornby Park parking lot for the event. A free barbecue will begin at noon, and all participants are invited to attend.

Participants are reminded to wear old clothes and waterproof footwear. Gloves, safety vests and collection bags will be provided.

Students helping with the clean-up will qualify for the required community service hours.

HARP will assign participants a section

to clean or, if preferred, they can pick their areas.

A supervised recreation area for children might be available. For details, call the below numbers.

If residents can't or don't want to participate in the organized clean-up, they can simply clean up the area in front of where they live. Call Erik Kowal at the below number, and HARP will supply the bags and arrange for garbage collection. These participants are still invited to join in for the barbecue.

In case of hard rain, the event will be postponed until the following Saturday, May 1.

To confirm participation or for more information, call Erik Kowal at (905) 876-1582 or Ken Lawday at (905) 876-2527.

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Another attendee was Gary Ellis, who's a founding member of the two-month-old Milton Rural Residents' Association.

"We have a lot of interests in common," he said, explaining why he wanted to attend the forum.

He added the issues being discussed at the forum aren't just for farmers.

"It's important that all rural residents get involved, not just farmers."

He said he becomes angry when he hears about restrictive land bylaws being enacted in other communities.

"But what makes me angrier is that we're paying them (enforcers)," said Mr. Ellis,

who lives in the north end of Nassagaweya.

Mr. Hillier said rural landowners shouldn't think it's pointless to discuss their concerns with their government representatives.

In his experience, councillors want to hear different perspectives and encourage landowners to speak up, he said.

In the end, attendees were left with one message summed up by Mr. Fowler: "We need to get together. Unity and knowledge — that's strength."

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