

Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame to induct Col. Hadfield tomorrow

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The Champion

Milton native and renowned astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield is set to fly into another prestigious fraternity — Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

He'll be officially inducted at a formal ceremony and dinner tomorrow in Edmonton, along with an aircraft developer, innovative navigator and a naval aviator.

"It's a tremendous honour. I'm extremely thrilled," he told *The Champion* in a phone interview Wednesday.

"I owe a tremendous amount to the people that taught me to fly," he added, crediting his father Roger — a former pilot — and the Milton Air Cadets. "They (the Air Cadets) gave me the opportunity to learn to fly."

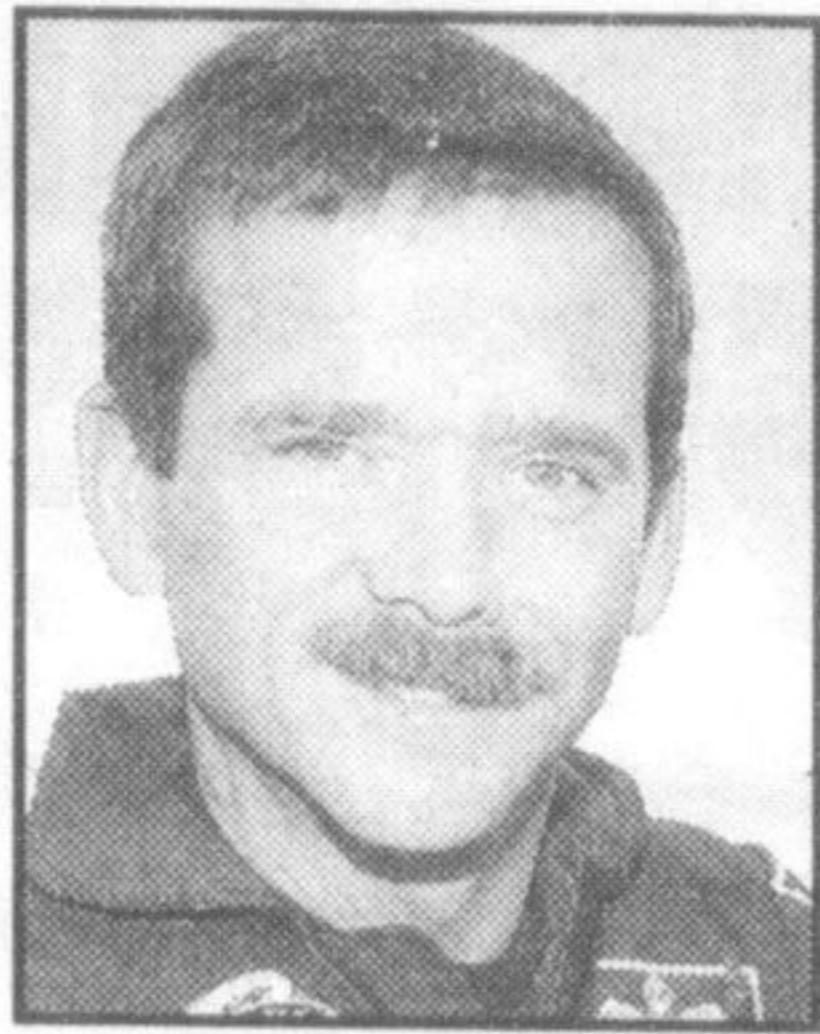
The Hall of Fame is reserved for those

whose aviation or aerospace contributions have been of major benefit to Canada.

And Col. Hadfield definitely meets that criteria.

The current chief of robotics at NASA's Astronaut Office in Houston, Tex. has made his mark in the country's space history, being the first Canadian to walk in space and first Canadian mission specialist. He was also the first Canadian to operate the Canadarm in orbit after installing it on the International Space Station.

Out of all the things Col. Hadfield has done, he said the most memorable for him



Col. Chris Hadfield

was when he walked in space.

"That is the most surreal and overpoweringly invocative experience I've had in my life," he said, noting he spent a total of 15 hours outside the ship on two separate trips into space.

Col. Hadfield grew up in Milton, deciding he wanted to become an astronaut at age nine on the day men first walked on the moon. The Milton District High School alumnus comes from an aviation-oriented family, with both of his brothers being pilots. While he may be in Texas now, his ties to Milton remain strong — as his parents still reside locally.

He'll join approximately 200 others who've been named to the Hall of Fame in the past.

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East end development gets green light

A development of multiple industrial buildings in Milton's east end was given the go-ahead by Town council last week.

The buildings are slated for land on the Lawson Road extension, just east of Boston Church Road.

Council passed an amendment to a zoning bylaw to remove a holding symbol that was placed on the property. The symbol was to be lifted upon submission and approval of a noise study, a functional servicing report and plan, a stormwater management report

and plan and a traffic study.

"Sufficient information has been provided on a preliminary basis to satisfy staff that noise, servicing, stormwater management and traffic issues can be appropriately addressed through the site plan review process," a report from Town Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio said.

The land, which is currently vacant, is zoned as general industrial and business park.



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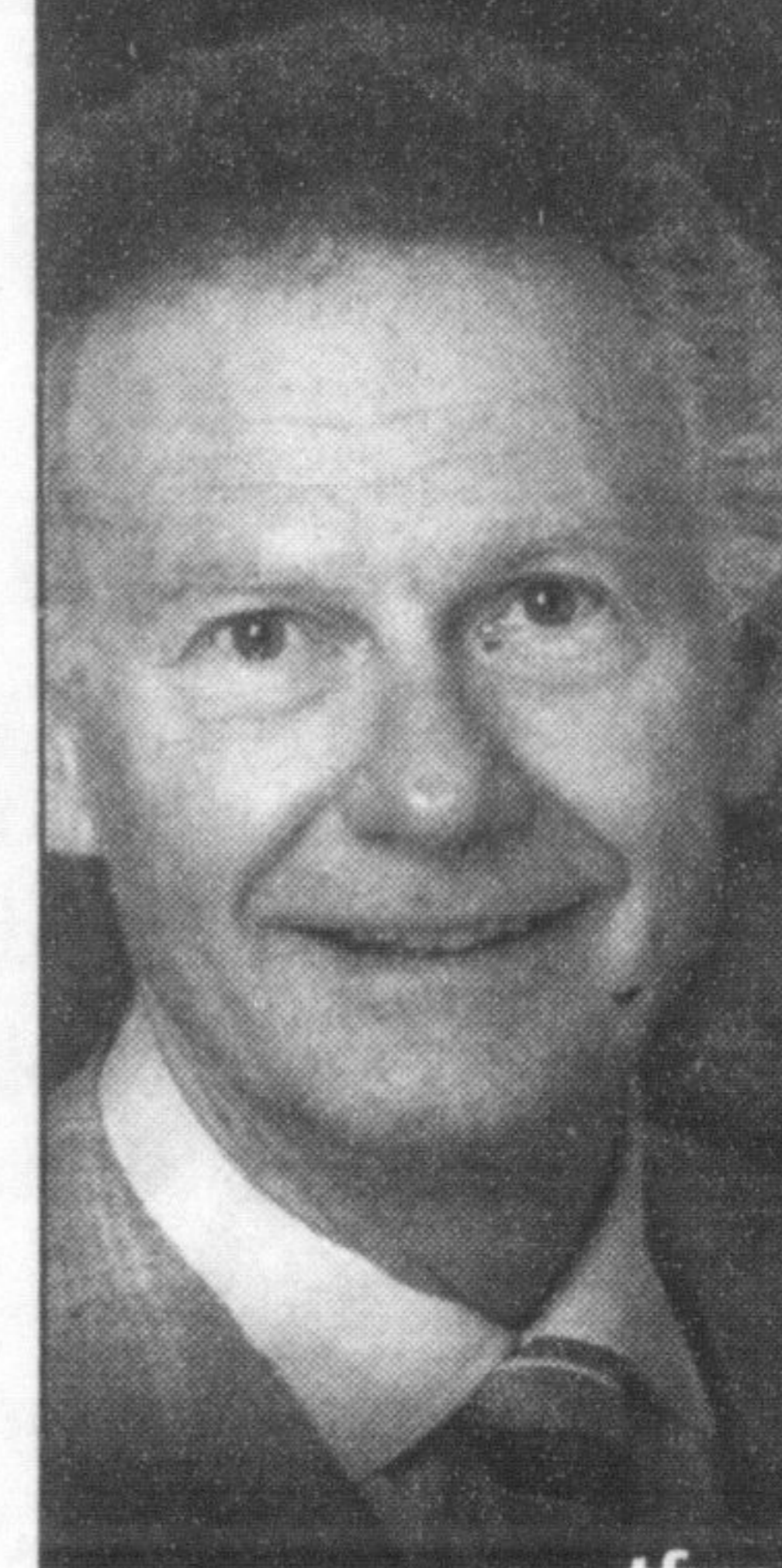


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