Canada Day celebration expected to be best yet

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A day filled with activities, entertainment and food from sun up to sun down — and beyond — is what residents can look forward to at tomorrow's Canada Day festivities at the fairgrounds.

"I think it's going to be a great day — it's really going to be the best yet," said Canada Day committee chair Paul Scherer, who said he's hoping residents new and established will turn out.

The day will start with the second annual Veterans Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. in Victoria Park in front of Town Hall.

"We tried, but we couldn't think of a better way to kick off Milton's Canada Day Celebrations than by taking the time to honour our veterans, who contributed so much to making Canada the great country it is," Scherer said.

For \$3, Miltonians will be able to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and back bacon cooked by the Optimist Club of Milton and the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus.

The breakfast will be followed by a brief ceremony at the cenotaph. The veterans will then lead a short parade to the fairgrounds, and the opening ceremonies will be held at about noon complete with the cutting of a big birthday cake.

The afternoon will be filled with activities for both young and old.

Scherer said the goal has always been to make the event completely free, and this year they've 99 per cent succeeded, although a donation at the gate will be appreciated.

Activities for kids will include pony rides, a petting zoo, a live reptile display, inflatable activities and face painting.

Mountsberg Conservation Area will also bring along some feathered friends for a birds of prey demonstration.

For the teens, the Milton Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will host the Teen Zone, which will include a rock-climbing wall, inflatable activities like 'gladiator' and henna tattoos. Various contests and demonstrations will also take place throughout the afternoon.

Scherer said he's particularly excited about a trampoline demonstration that everyone will enjoy by Jason Burnett and Marty Myers, gymnasts who are hoping to qualify to represent Canada at the next Olympics.

This show is made possible thanks to the donation of \$2,000 from Milton Royal LePage agents, Scherer said.

An evening concert at the main stage will feature a local group, the Bobcats.

When it gets dark, at about 10 p.m., the evening will end with a bang with the largest display of fireworks yet.

"The show this year is amazing," Scherer said. "We have all sorts of new and wonderful fireworks."

For the first time this year, the show will also be set to music.

The Milton Fair Grounds are located off Hugh Street.

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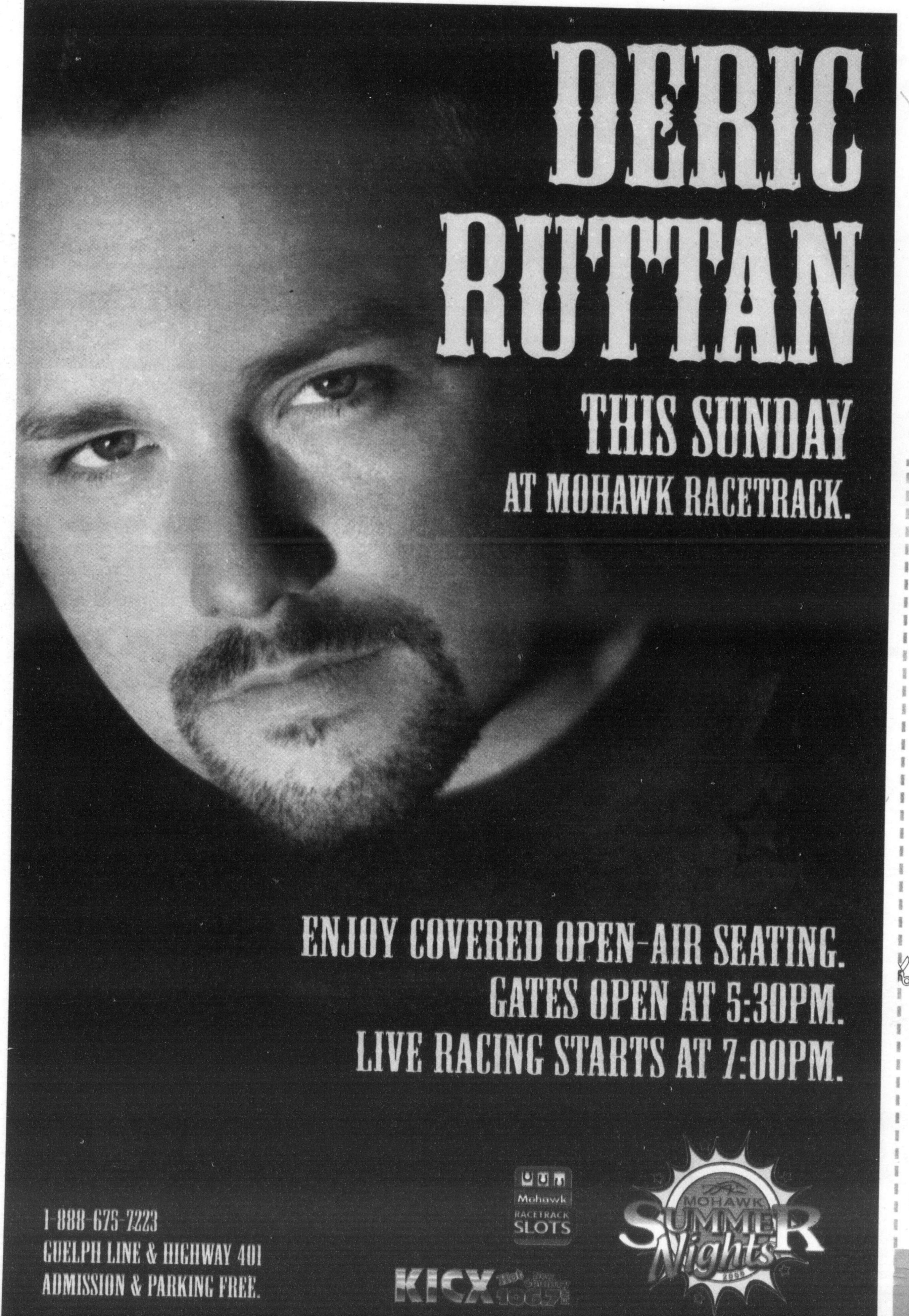
Council approves car dealership relocation

North End Nissan's plans to move its Martin Street dealership to Steeles Avenue were given the go ahead by town council Monday night.

The local business intends to build a 12,000-square-foot dealership on lands just west of Harrop Drive.

A second building will also be constructed on the same property that'll be leased to another automobile dealership that's not known at this time.

Council approved a zoning bylaw amendment to change the Steeles Avenue property from a business park zone to a site-specific business park special zone to allow for the dealerships.





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