

Milton Community Fund cash awarded to local groups

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A vintage railway and museum and competitive swimmers were two of the big winners among recipients of a total of \$150,000 in municipal grants approved by town council recently.

The grants were given through the Milton Community Fund, which disperses about \$350,000 annually to community groups and individuals. Money for the fund comes

from the approximately \$5 million given to the Town by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation each year — revenues generated from slot machines at Mohawk Racetrack.

The Halton County Radial Railway (HCRR) on Guelph Line in Nassagaweya received \$35,000 to assist in construction of its Sir Adam Beck Centre, a new car barn used to store vintage electric railcars. Owned and operated by the non-profit educational organization, the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association, the HCRR had previously received \$20,000 in municipal funding

from the Town last fall. The operation runs historic railcars over 2 km of track.

Among other beneficiaries, the Milton Marlins Swim Team received about \$8,000 for new equipment. The Town also gave 13 youths about \$7,500 in total to compete in swimming championships in Montreal and London, Ont.

Individual grants are given to Milton residents who need to travel to compete in provincial, national or international amateur sports or leisure events. The funding isn't given to individuals based on family income.

"We've never geared it (funding) to income level," said Del Oxford, the outgoing citizen chair of the Town's community serv-

ices advisory committee, which reviews fund applications. "I think that would be a nightmare to even assess."

Other big recipients of the spring/summer round of MCF grants included the:

- Lorne Scots Milton Army Cadet Corps (\$8,989)
- Milton & District Horticultural Society (\$7,800)
- Milton Youth Soccer Club (\$16,251)
- Stags Basketball Club (\$7,598)
- Milton Speed Skating (\$7,974)
- North Halton Girls Hockey Association (\$4,770).

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Milton Community Fund Spring/Summer 2009 Recipients

Organization	Received	Purpose
2990 Lorne Scots Milton Army Cadet Corps	\$8,989	To buy sports equipment, accounting software and an LCD projector and screen
Combined Probus Club of Milton #174	\$961	To buy an LCD projector
Fine Arts Society of Milton	\$5,300 tentatively	For expenses associated with the Heart to Hand Art Show, the Studio Tour, an artist workshop and to assist in purchase of laptop computer
Hornby Cooperative Nursery School	\$1,833	To buy shed, basketball net, play tunnel, and a rocking boat
Milton Lions Club	\$4,252 tentatively	To buy a propane fryer, three chest freezers and a fridge
Milton & District Horticultural Society	\$7,800	Majority of expenses associated with the Carolinian District 6 Spring Training Workshop and Flower Show
Milton Concert Band	\$9,896 tentatively	To stage the Summer Series, Spring and Christmas concerts
Milton Marlins Swim Team	\$7,856	To assist in purchase of two lounge chairs, timing equipment upgrades, touchpad holders and assistance for coaches training
Milton Santa Claus Parade Committee Inc.	\$2,500	To buy donation boxes and security jackets for new volunteers
Milton Soccer Academy	\$13,281 tentatively	To assist with fees for coaching clinics and to buy goal posts and nets
Milton Speed Skating	\$7,974	To buy track markers, mats, timers, skate sharpening jig and coaches manuals
Milton Youth Soccer Club	\$16,251	To assist in purchase of laptop computers and projectors and to provide coaches training, referee clinics, goalie and academy training
North Halton Girls Hockey Association	\$4,770	To assist in trainer certification, coaching development, referee training and Speak Out training
Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association	\$35,051	To install concrete walkways and track construction at the Sir Adam Beck Centre
Ontario Steam & Antique Preservers Association	\$6,700	To assist with trucking fees and sound system rental for Steam Era Show
Stags Basketball Club	\$7,598	To buy two electronic scoreboards and basketballs and to provide coaches NCCP training
Individuals		
Alex Davis	\$544	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Andrew Scarffe	\$430	To attend swim competition in Montreal
Brent Burke	\$710	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Chris Leeder	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Colin Scarffe	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Colm Whitford	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Connor Lewis	\$194	To attend swim competition in London, ON
Emily Morris	\$202	To attend swim competition in London, ON
Heather Sadler	\$750	To attend gymnastics competition as member of Team Ontario in St. John's, Newfoundland
John Swan	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Paul Zichinski	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Sarah Gillard	\$694	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Scott Davis	\$661	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Quincy Tyler Brozo	\$641	To attend swim competitions in Montreal and London, ON
Kevin Wassa-Madge*	\$1,000	To compete at wrestling championships in Saskatchewan
Bobby Filman*	\$750	To compete at wrestling championships in New Brunswick

* Money to these individuals was previously approved by town council March 30

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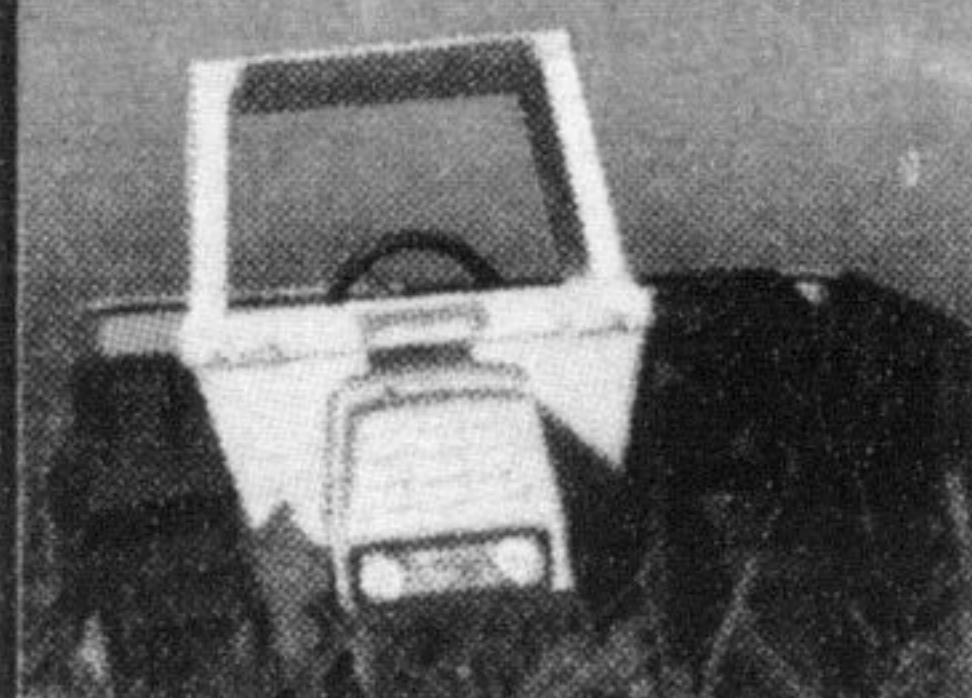


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