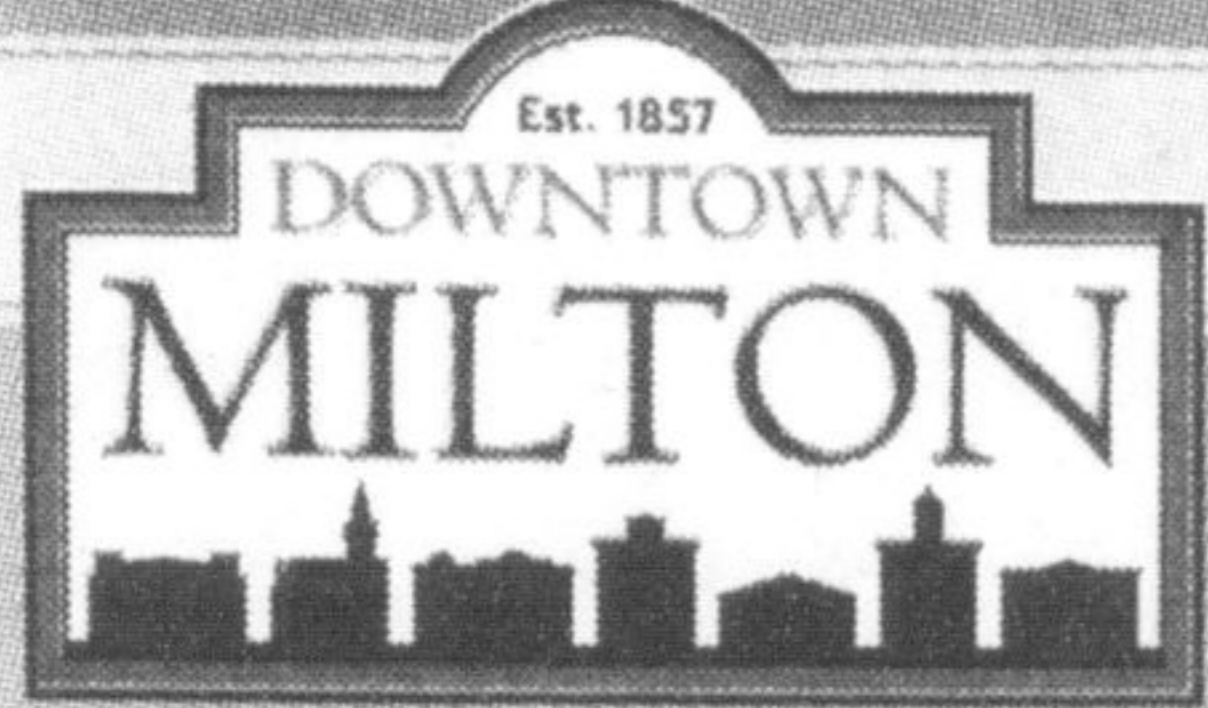


DISCOVER DOWNTOWN MILTON



The Heart of Our Community



This **Labour Day weekend** the Steam Era celebrates its 50th Anniversary! The Steam Era will be taking place at the Milton Fairgrounds. Join us on Main Street **Saturday September 4**, immediately following the Farmers' Market for the annual Steam Era Parade. Look for period costumes in some of the businesses downtown! The parade will start at the intersection of Main and Commercial Streets slowly making its way back to the fairgrounds. Go to www.steam-era.com for all the details.

Thank you to those who attended our **FREE** concert series "**Eat to the Beat Downtown**" with wonderful performances by Urban Faria, Key Morse, Mainstreet, Rick Imus and Scott Freer. The Mill Pond Gazebo is the perfect venue for events such as this. The combination of sunshine, music, a summer breeze, and the graceful sway of the trees around the pond helped to break up an otherwise long workday in August! The Milton DBIA would like to thank A Country Mile for donating the flowers for this event and Century 21 for allowing us the use of their sign frames. We are also grateful to the Town of Milton for supplying picnic tables for those of us that might not get back up if we ever got down on a picnic blanket!

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Parade set for Saturday at 1 p.m. on Main St.

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 ularly Rumely tractors, of which he'll display eight in the upcoming event, including one from the inaugural show.

The 50th anniversary of the Steam-Era is one that has the members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association — which puts on the show — excited.

"It's a milestone for sure," said past president David Stirk.

As usual, the Steam-Era will take place at the Milton Fair Grounds, with the grounds opening at 8 a.m. each day and closing after the evening's featured entertainment, except Monday, when activities will wrap up in the late afternoon.

Saturday's ever-popular Steam-Era parade, starting at about 1 p.m., will see machines big and small lumber along downtown Main Street from Commercial Street to Bell Street and then to the fairgrounds.

Opening ceremonies will take place at 2 p.m., with a handful of the original association members on hand.

The show will feature a wide array of operating steam traction engines — a type of agricultural tractor powered by steam in the late 1800s and early 1900s — and stationary steam engines, all painstakingly restored to their original glory. Also featured will be vintage operating gas tractors and stationary engines, along with antique cars.

There will be demonstrations (sawmill, threshing, etc.), tractor pulls, steam-powered corn roasts, steam engine spark shows, daily grand parades of equipment and more. There will also be toys, crafts, music, a flea market and

food vendors.

In recognition of the event's anniversary, a tent will feature items and machines from the first 10 years of the Steam-Era.

Something new this year is an exhibit by the Ontario Beekeepers' Association featuring a live observation hive.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the 33rd annual Country and Western Talent Contest will take place, while Sunday at 7 p.m. will feature music by Digger and the Campfire Country Music Band.

There'll be something for everyone, Stirk said, adding this might be the best steam show in all of North America. People come from far away to attend.

Steam engines have fascinated Stirk for a long time.

"It's that proverbial bug — almost like catching the flu," he said of his fascination. "You get that steam bug and you're stuck with it."

Much has changed since the first Steam-Era, when admission cost 75 cents. These days, many people don't come to remember, but to learn something new, said Stirk, who hopes new residents will give it a try.

"I can't urge them enough. It's a whole different form of entertainment. It's not an amusement park, it's not a fair, it's a festival," he said.

Admission costs \$8 for adults and is free for kids under 12 with an adult. Weekend passes are available for \$17. Admission fees include each night's entertainment.

For more information, including a schedule of each day's events, visit www.steam-era.com.

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Open Houses
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2-4PM
 ★ 1-3pm ★ 36 Dairy Dr., Acton, \$339,900, Domenic Manchisi
 Prudential Town Centre Realty, 905-878-9100
 1236 Field Dr, \$454,900, Sean Mahoney
 Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty, 905-878-8101
 918 Ambrose Cr, \$284,900, Jeff Webber
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 Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty, 905-878-8101
 ★★ 1-3pm ★★ 37 Emslie St., \$323,900, Domenic Manchisi
 Prudential Town Centre Realty, 905-878-9100
 918 Ambrose Cr, \$284,900, Jeff Webber
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