

\$5 million facility

Construction begins at Canada Wire site

By ROB KELLY

Canada Wire has plugged into Milton with a \$5-million investment and a 150,000 sq. ft. plant. And the Canadian company president likes the area so much he's planning to move here.

"I'm going to be passing the place every day," said Peter Green. With a smile he added, "and I'll be saying, 'why isn't our head office here?'"

While that may happen some future day, for the present Mr. Green is putting down company roots with a warehousing and distributor facility which will ship wire across North America. The ground breaking ceremony was held Friday.

"It's really a pretty big asset for us," Mr. Green said. "It's not a peripheral thing. It's

really very important. Canada Wire is coming to Milton in a fairly significant fashion."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz welcomed the new corporate citizen and the tax dollars the company will bring. "It certainly will contribute greatly," Mr. Krantz said he had met with Canada Wire representatives "for the better part of a year" to convince them to locate in Milton.

Brian Tinkler, director of company commercial operations, said "the whole package just came together. He said dealings with both Halton Region and Milton were "handled very, very smoothly," by municipal staff and politicians.

The facility will initially employ approximately 40 people and will replace the company's current operation in Malton.

"Our new location in Milton is ideal for serving our local customers, and easy access to Highway 401 facilitates shipments across Canada and to the United States," Mr. Tinkler said.

The plant is located on Steeles Ave. adjacent to James Snow Parkway in land developed by Milton Business Parks. Inducon is handling the designing and building of the metal-sheathed and stone-fronted structure. The 10-acre site will be landscaped.

The plant is scheduled to be in operation by Dec. 1.

"We're just so glad to be here," Mr. Green said after he and Mr. Krantz had broken ground with a ceremonial shovel. "I really hope this is the beginning of a very fine relationship."



Mayor Gord Krantz (centre) receives a plaque from Canada Wire president Peter Green (right) during official ground breaking ceremonies for a Canada Wire warehouse on Friday.



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