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Excitement, momentum for Pan Am Games has already begun in Milton

and give a similar presentation about the Games.

Milton, in particular, will be hosting cycling events at the indoor velodrome it's currently building near Tremaine Road and Louis Saint Laurent Boulevard. Momentum for the games has already begun in town with more than 200 Miltonians recently taking part in the Town of Milton's version of the Toronto 2015 Mascot Creation Challenge. The workshop was held on Family Day at the Milton Centre for the Arts.

Troop says this is only the beginning of what's to come.

Describing how the Games will be an affordable experience for families, he added the GTA locations will allow for a more intimate setting that brings fans closer to the action.

"Along with new world class athletic centres built in our communities, these games impact our youth and the games impact on our youth will be our greatest legacy indeed," said Troop.

He continued Milton will be among a handful of cities with a world-class facility.

"These cities are where top athletes flock to train, where world records are broken, med-

als are won and dreams come true," he said. "The state-of-the-art Milton Pan Am and Para Pan Am velodrome will put you on the map nationally and internationally."

Troop explained that it will not only be a place that Canadian cyclists can call home, but it will be a community recreation centre for residents in Halton.

He encouraged the Town to start thinking about how it can maximize tourism and motivate the community to take pride in the Games.

An upcoming event includes an Art Activation event held this summer in conjunction with the Downtown Milton Street Festival. David Arrigio has been commissioned by Toronto 2015 to create murals for each host community. The mural for Milton will capture the spirit of the town and will eventually be hung in the velodrome.

The Pan Am Games runs at various GTA facilities between July 10 to 26, 2015 while the Parapan Am Games will be held August 7 to 14, 2015.

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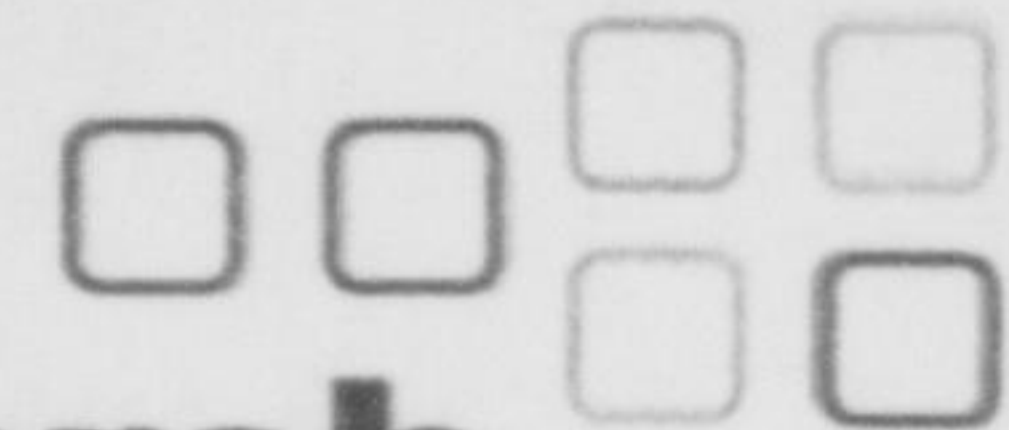
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