

Community

Knox restoration recognized with award

Downtown church among the latest properties honoured by Heritage Milton

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For two years, Knox Presbyterian Church underwent a massive \$1.9-million restoration project.

The congregation met in the basement of the Main Street church every Sunday for service while above them, a major transformation was taking place. The roof underwent major structural changes, using steel reinforcements to make it last another hundred years, original masonry work was restored and the interior walls of the 123-year-old church were refinished in plaster.

Now the church stands repaired and restored in the heart of downtown Milton.

For church members' contribution to conserving one of Milton's most prominent buildings within Milton's downtown core, Knox Presbyterian Church was recently honoured with a Heritage Milton Award in Milton Council Chambers.

The award, shaped, coloured and weighing similar to a large stone, recognizes architectural restoration and is given out by Heritage Milton, an advisory committee to town council that maintains an inventory of historic properties and features.

In accepting the award on behalf of the church, Pastor Howard Sullivan,

church historian/archivist Marsha Waldie and senior lay leader Karl Reichert thanked the Town for recognizing the fruits of the community's labour.

Sullivan said the church is where it belongs, embedded into the fabric of the town.

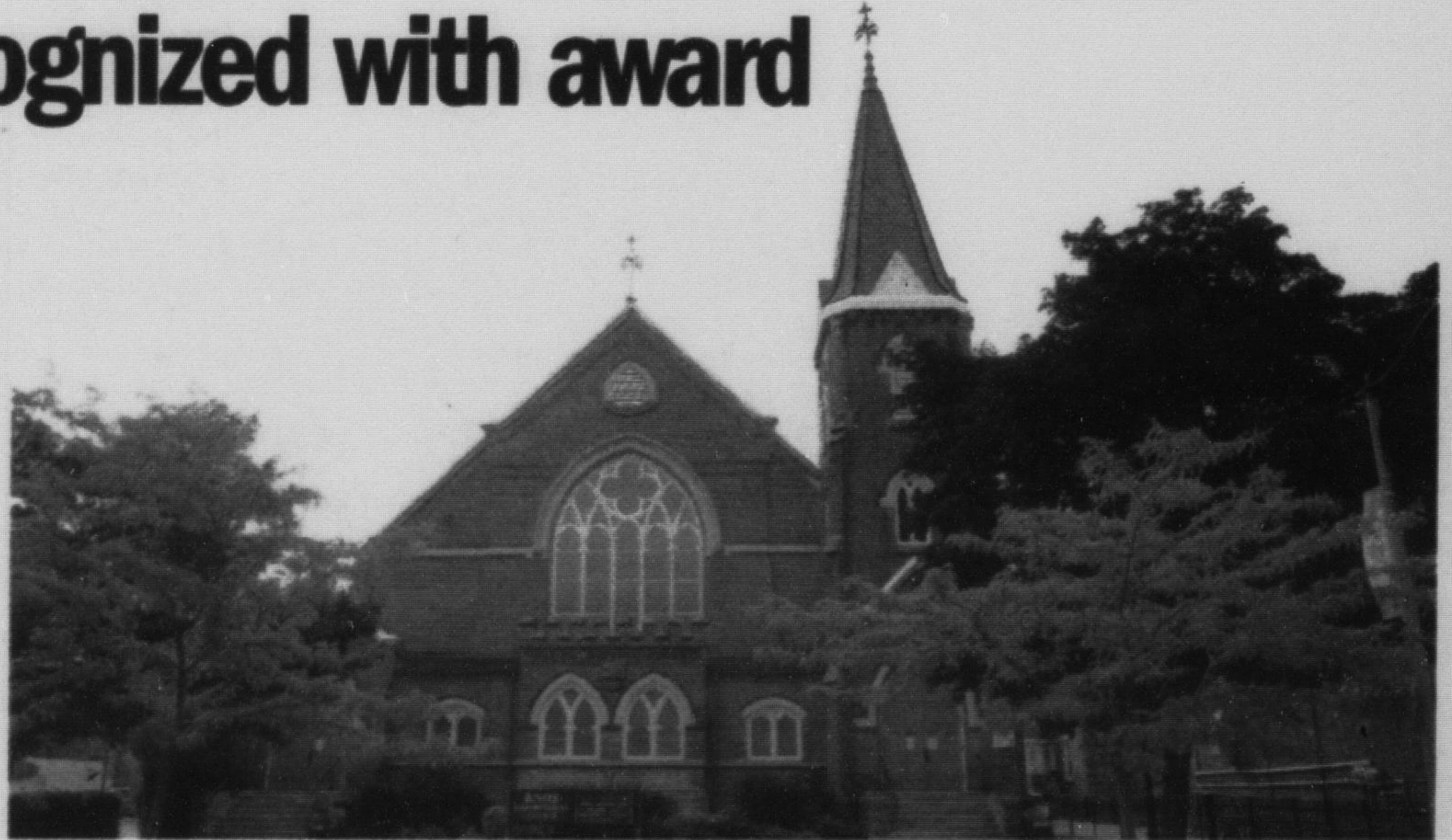
"To continue being a presence on Main Street is very rewarding," he said, adding that the community really came together to help fund the restoration project. "We hope and pray we will be here for many years to come and that this relationship with the town of Milton will continue to be one of blessing and that the history of Knox Presbyterian Church and the town of Milton prospering together will continue."

Three other properties were also recognized with Heritage Milton awards.

James and Mirella Marshall's work on restoring a heritage home at 121 Mill St., which was built in 1879, was recognized, as well as Matt Jessup's repairs and renovations to a home at 11032 First Line in Moffat.

Richard Balaz also received the award for breathing new life into a barn at 8206 Appleby Line.

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Knox Presbyterian Church underwent a two-year, \$1.9-million restoration that has been recognized by Heritage Milton. File photo by Graham Paine / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

Fairgrounds set to host annual Mutt Strutt

The Milton Fair Grounds will have a lot to see and do on Sunday, May 26 — for two and four-legged visitors alike.

Sponsored by the TD Bank Group, the Oakville and Milton Humane Society (OMHS) will be holding its fourth annual Milton Mutt Strutt.

Residents and their canine companions can take part in either a five kilometre strut or half-kilometre stroll at noon, with the event also featuring a spring fair with a variety of activities planned once the walkers are finished.

An expanded Kids Zone, with a giant 'Beagle Belly Bouncer', games and crafts, will be sponsored by Milton



Milton CFLer Yannick Carter joins OMHS officer Amanda Barrett in showing Chance some love at last year's Mutt Strutt. File photo by Graham Paine / Canadian Champion

Mall.

A dog agility demonstration, a pet show, silent auction and vendor marketplace will round out the event.

Leading the walk once again will be local CFLer Yannick Carter, who has adopted a few animals from the humane society and is one of its strong supporters.

Pledge forms are available at the OMHS, as well as at a number veterinary clinics, pet stores and TD branches.

The OMHS is aiming to raise about

\$30,000 this year.

For more information, visit www.omhs.ca.

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