

Children's safety course coming up

A new safety course designed to prepare children to stay home alone will soon be introduced in Milton.

Home Alone Safety for Kids — developed by Oakville's SOS 4 Kids, a sister company of SOS First Aid and Safety Training — will be offered in partnership with the Town of Milton and will be held at the Milton Sports Centre on Saturday, Apr. 26 and Saturday, May 3.

Both sessions will run from 9 to 12:30 p.m.

The course, which costs \$95, uses digital technology and interactive tools to teach children aged nine to 12 about people safety, street smarts, house rules, injury prevention, online safety, fire safety and first aid.

"There are fewer stay-at-home parents, so

there comes a point where independence becomes part of development. Some kids are fearful staying home on their own and some parents are fearful of making that first step," said SOS 4 Kids co-founder Velma Gannassini. "There's a planning process the entire family needs to be committed to, to ensure the child's safety."

She said the program began after a number of parents approached her and co-founder Sue Perry to offer a safety course for their children who weren't interested in taking a babysitting class.

Registration can be done at www.milton.ca. For more information about the course, visit www.sosfirstaid.ca.

School to hold Spring MacFling Apr. 26

A bouncy castle, cake walk, duck pond and face painting.

All this and more will be part of Anne J. MacArthur's inaugural Spring MacFling Saturday, Apr. 26.

The new school — which opened in February at 870 Farmstead Dr. after operating out of the old E.C. Drury High School building — will hold its spring festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is asking visitors to bring a non-perishable food or baby supply donation in

support of the Salvation Army Food Bank.

A photo contest will offer students the chance to guess which teacher matches which elementary-school photo, while a caricature artist, variety of kids' games and a presentation by the school choir will round out the festivities. Troy's Diner will cater the event.

High school students wishing to help out and acquire volunteer hours for graduation can do so by contacting Debbie Bruce at Debbiebruce@rogers.com.



Support for youth development centre

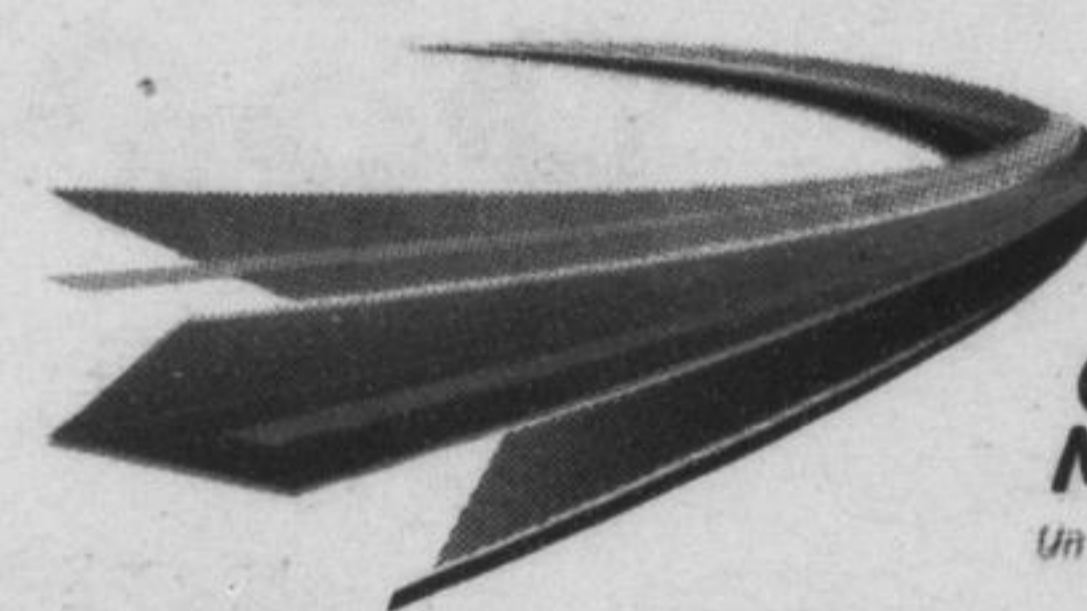
On behalf of the Positive Space Network of Halton, the Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) recently received a \$850,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Youth Opportunity Fund toward the establishment of a centre for LGBTQ+ youth and their families in Halton. The centre will provide support and foster positive youth development. Here (from left), Positive Space Network of Halton Co-ordinator Marcus Logan joins MPP and Minister of Children and Youth Services Teresa Piruzza and Andrea Cohen Barrack of the Ontario Trillium Foundation at the announcement of the grant.

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Community Fundraising Campaign Now Open!

The Mattamy National Cycling Centre* will provide a variety of track programming opportunities for cycling enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. Thanks to the generosity of private fundraising campaign donors, 89% of the \$14 million goal has been achieved! Help complete the last lap of the goal with the following campaign opportunities:

- Name a spectator seat: \$250 (limited availability)
- Dedicate your own track plank: \$25

More Information/pledge forms:

In-person: Town facilities

Online: www.make-it-happen.ca | makeithappen@milton.ca

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Bring Canadian Cycling to the World

Gear up for the Games: Saturday, July 12

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the one-year countdown to the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games at Community Park, featuring family-friendly fun.

During the Games, track cycling will be held at the Cisco Milton Pan Am/Parapan Am Velodrome.*

Milton Cycling News

Milton Cycling Participation Strategy Update

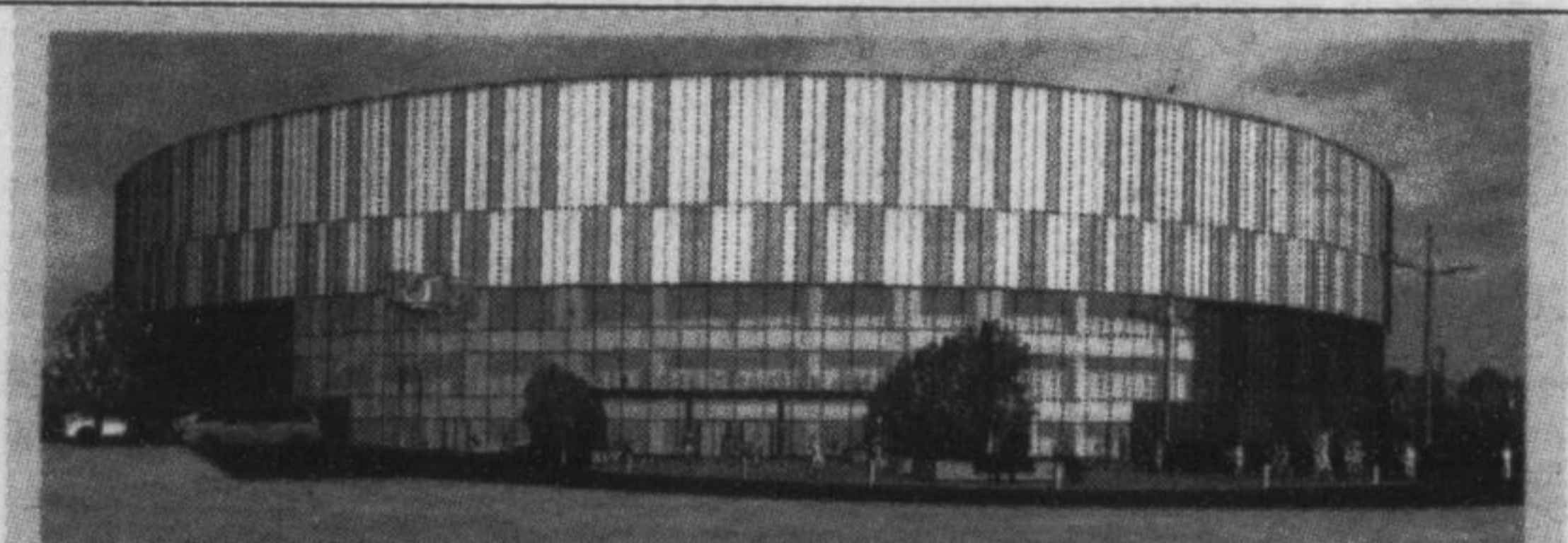
A steering committee has been formed to provide input into creating the strategy, including local organizations and residents from the cycling community.

Cycling Canada's "Let's Ride!" program is the industry standard, and will be used to teach the FUNDamentals of cycling to the community. Look for more information about this exciting initiative, coming soon through community partners and Town of Milton programming.

Get Involved as a Volunteer

The launch of the TORONTO 2015 Volunteer Program presented by Chevrolet is April 7. There are many ways to get involved as a volunteer for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. For details and postings, visit: www.toronto2015.org/volunteer-now

*During the Games, the Mattamy National Cycling Centre will be known as the Cisco Milton Pan Am/Parapan Am Velodrome.



Construction Updates

- Containers of wood for the cycling track have reached the site.
- Ongoing electrical, heating/ventilation, roof, concrete slab, infield wall and track slab works are continuing.

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Look for construction/facility details, events, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games updates, and more (links listed below):

- Town's velodrome web page and social media
- In the Loop e-newsletter and blog
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